

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Important Information That Was Discussed

Attendance Policies

- Absent** When a student is absent, you must send a note with the student on the day they return to school indicating why they were absent. The student is to turn the note into the school office. The student will need to make up all the work they missed during their absences. Students will be allowed one day for each day they are absent to make up their work. If the student is absent two or more days, the parent can request their work from the office. The work can be picked up at the office within 24 hours of the request.
- Tardy** All students that arrive to school after 7:35 am **must** check in at the front desk with Mrs. Vogelsong.

Bus Transportation

If a student needs to ride a bus home with another student from SLA, parents of both students must send a letter to the school approving the request. Please indicate on the note the names of both students and the bus number that the students will be riding.

Volunteer Hours

As a reminder students must complete 5 hours of volunteer service in the community or at school each month and parents are required to complete two hours each month at the school. Please fill out a volunteer hours form and turn it into the school at the end of each month so that your hours are officially recorded. Volunteer forms are on the school website or in the information wall rack next to the office.

Due to a number of parents that have contributed goods or services to the school we have decided to credit parents with one hour of service for every \$15 in goods or services that they provide to the school. If you are interested in utilizing this option for your volunteer hours, please inquire at the school office for more details. All goods and services must be approved by the Principal prior to donation.

Parents that volunteer at school while students are present must be PALS approved. If you were PALS approved at another school, please come to the school to update your information on the PALS computer. If you need an application to become PALS approved, please come to the school office.

Parent Council

The first meeting will be announced shortly. Parents can earn 2 hours per month by attending a Parent Council meeting or working on school sponsored committees. Currently there are opportunities available for the following:

- Community Programs – this committee will organize community events for students and parents to participate in to earn their volunteer hours. Days, evenings, weekends.
- Building Construction/Repair/Landscape – this committee will work on construction projects at the school and work with improving the school grounds. Days, evenings, weekends.
- Library – this committee will organize and run the library. Work will include searching for and writing grants. Days
- School Store – this committee will run the school store to include purchasing inventory, accounting, and sales. Days
- School Marketing – this committee will be responsible for providing information to the community about the school. Activities include writing articles about the school and school activities for local publications, designing marketing material, organizing and staffing open houses and other events for the recruitment of new students, coordinating the school's participation in the Venice Christmas Parade. Days, evenings, weekends.
- Teacher Aides – this will involve assisting teachers in their classrooms. Days
- Staff Appreciation – this committee will be responsible for staff appreciation activities. Days
- Fundraising – this committee will be responsible for coordinating fundraising activities at the school. Currently there are three fundraising events for the school year – Red Wheel Oct/Nov; Principal/Student Run Jan/Feb; Family Fun Night Mar/Apr. Days, evening, weekends
- Extreme Eagles – this committee will coordinate programs for the Extreme Eagle program such as quarterly awards parties, year end awards and the Eagles Nest. Days
- Athletics – this committee will assist in the after school athletics programs. Days, evening, weekends
- School Daytime Events – this committee will coordinate day time events at the school such as FCAT breakfast and special assemblies. Days

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please call the school office to sign up – we still need lots of help!

Parent Council Board – we have openings on the Parent Council Board for the following: 6th grade representatives (2), 7th grade representative (1), 8th grade representative (1) and Board Secretary, which can be from any grade.

Website

The school website is www.studentleadershipacademy.org Please visit the website weekly for information on school activities, letters from the principal, lunch menus, homework assignments, volunteer opportunities, Parent Council, etc. You can also use the website to communicate with teachers and staff through email.

Parent Email

The school has developed a list-serve to notify parents of school information. If you have not received an email from the school check the following:

Make sure you didn't delete the email – all email from the school will start as "SLA" in the topic line.

That you don't have your email set to exclude emails from addresses not on your list – the email address that will come to you from the school is sla_mass@sarasota.k12.fl.us. Please add this to your list.

If you still have not received an email from the school after September 2, 2006, please notify the school office with your correct email address.

Emergency Card

Please make sure that you have filled out a ivory-colored emergency card for you student for this school year.

Concerns/Comments/Questions

Please contact Principal Vickie Marble if you have any concerns or questions about the school and school policy.