

Good morning Sarasota Middle School

Today is Friday, February 1, 2019



A few words of wisdom to start your day-

Every human being has challenges in his or her life-no exceptions. Challenges are something we all have in common, regardless of our differences. The question is: How do we deal with the challenges of life? Do we just lie down and give up or do we accept challenges as an opportunity to learn and to grow?

Stephen Hawking was a man who faced a major challenge for most of his adult life. He had an incurable disease of the nervous system. Most of his body was paralyzed and he had to use a wheelchair to get around. He couldn't speak without special computer equipment. But, guess what-some believe that he was the world's greatest scientific genius since Albert Einstein.

Mr. Hawking once said:

It matters if you don't just give up.

If you are faced with a challenge, remember Stephen Hawking. Remember his challenges, his courage, and his determination, and then don't give up!

Teachers-

We have started our 2nd Attendance Survey window of the school year and it will last until February 8th. **It is imperative that attendance be recorded in Gradebook during the first 10 minutes of class (PE classes – as soon as possible).** This survey helps determine our funding for the school year, so attendance must be accurate. Thank you all for your help!

"Crisis text line signage is posted throughout our campus. The crisis text line can be accessed by anyone in need of help for any reason. By texting HERE4U to 741741, you can connect with a crisis counselor 24 hours a day/ 7 days per week. Your text remains confidential and provides you with someone to listen. If you or a friend needs help at any time, please text HERE4U to 741741."

Students, as a reminder, The Builders Club is hosting a sock drive and will be accepting donations until February 15th. The Builders Club will be presenting the socks along with a monetary donation in March when we volunteer at the Salvation Army Food Kitchen. Please help us in supporting those less fortunate in our community.

Sarasota Middle School Encore Course Descriptions

Emerging Technology for Business - Earn high school credit as you explore careers in Information Technology (IT), internet connection methods, cloud computing, mobile devices, software development, databases, internet security, and effective communication using social networking tools. You'll also prepare for the adult level Internet Business Associate industry certification. This credential demonstrates your understanding of web technology job roles and the skills necessary to perform them. In this class you will develop e-books, video tutorials, websites, and blogs. You will explore coding, programming, AI (artificial intelligence), VR (virtual reality), and more! **A high school credit is earned.**

Spanish – Learn basic language skills including listening, reading, writing, and speaking. The culture and history of Spanish speaking countries will be introduced. No prior Spanish Language experience required. Sixth graders take beginning, seventh takes intermediate, and 8th grade takes **Spanish 1 for high school credit**. FSA Levels are considered for placement.

Speech – This course will help students become effective public speakers. Students will play games, participate in cooperative learning activities, and engage in coaching sessions as they learn the techniques of public speaking, speech writing, and analyzing presentations. **Speech is for a high school credit**. FSA Levels are considered for placement.

All busses have arrived on time and all students should be in their 1st period class at this time.

***Students, remember our Panther Pact: be Polite, Prepared, Productive and Safe!
Have a fantastic Friday!***