

Good morning Sarasota Middle School Today is Friday, April 5, 2019



A few words of wisdom to start your day-

In West Africa, there's an old proverb that goes

Not to know is bad, but not to wish to know is worse.

Let's think about that. Many children on the planet who want to learn never have the privilege of going to school. And then there are children in the world who have the opportunity to get an education but don't wish to learn. Which do you think is worse?

Francis Bacon, great English philosopher, says:

Knowledge is power.

Today, think about this. If you love to learn, share the power of your knowledge with others. Serve as an example...tutor others...encourage others with kind words of support. If, on the other hand, you think that school is a waste of time, remember the words of Francis Bacon and ask yourself this: What kind of person do I want to be – power-full or power-less? It's your choice.

The next SMS Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10, at 8:15 AM, in Room 601. We are having a Spring theme, complete with refreshments, book raffles, games, and book discussions. Our monthly book read for April is *Squirm* by Carl Hiaasen. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our SMS Odyssey of the Mind team heads to the University of Central Florida today to compete in the state competition. Please wish Nolan Welch, Emily Lepow, Alex Pongo, Peter Centeno, Austin Dunn good luck when you see them this morning. Go Panthers!

Attention Students: Today during lunch, we will have our Renaissance celebration for those students who achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher during 3rd quarter. Congratulations to all students who have achieved this goal! Your hard work will be rewarded with a sweet treat at lunch today!

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 fabulous Friday!