



Parent Update February 21, 2012

With yet another month passing, by we are now in the third quarter of the school year. Progress Reports will be going home with the students on Monday, February 27th. Please be on the look-out for your child's reports.

February starts the beginning of the 2011 – 2012 school year's **FCAT Testing**. The dates are:

February 28th - 8th and 10th Grade **FCAT Writing**
April 16th through the 27th - Grades 6th – 8th FCAT Math
Grades 6-10 Reading
Grade 8 FCAT Science
Retakes and students new to Florida

Please be sure your children get a good night sleep and a nutritional breakfast so they can be at their best when testing.

MSA will be hosting our High School Open House for prospective students on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, starting at 6:30 PM. If there are any siblings, other family members or friends, have them come out and see why MSA is the place to get a GREAT education!! The Open House is for Prospective Student ONLY. Applications can be printed from our website and returned to the school with all the necessary paper work if someone cannot make the open house.

Don't miss the next exciting production at MSA - *West Side Story* on February 23, 24, and 25 as well as March 2 and 3. All shows start at 7:00.

Manatee School For the Arts
Presents
WEST SIDE STORY
BOOK by ARTHUR LAURENTS
MUSIC by LEONARD BERNSTEIN
LYRICS by STEPHEN SONDHEIM
Based on a conception by JEROME ROBBINS
MANATEE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
700 HABEN BLVD
PALMETTO, FL
LARGE THEATER
February 23, 24, 25
March 2, 3
7:00pm
General Admission \$10
Student Tickets \$5 at the door
Entire original production directed and choreographed by JEROME ROBBINS
Originally Produced on Broadway by Robert E. Griffith and Harold S. Prince By Arrangement with Roger L. Stevens
WEST SIDE STORY is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019. Phone 212-541-4684
Photo by Walter Dendinger

The Department of Education released their grades for High Schools and Combined schools on January 4, 2012. We are proud to announce that Manatee School For the Arts has earned an “A” for the 2010-2011 school year. School grades are based on FCAT Scores, graduation rates, and performance in advanced classes such as dual enrollment, as well as other areas. We are proud of our students' accomplishments, and continue to work at improve student work in all areas of their education. Additionally, on January 31, 2012, MSA was awarded **'High Performing' Charter School Status!!**

It is that time of year again when we begin the process of signing-up for the next school year’s (2012-2013) electives and academic classes. Over the next two weeks, beginning February 21, 2012 we will be meeting with all students to complete the paper work for their choices. We are asking all parents/guardians to discuss with their children the selections they would like to choose in order to minimize schedule changes in the new school year. We try very hard to give everyone their number one pick and in many case their first four choices. Sometimes due to conflicts in other classes this is not possible. If a student scores a one or two on the FCAT Reading or Math test it is mandated by law for them to be enrolled in a remedial reading and/or math class in addition to the other four academics they are required to take. For this reason, students may only have a few elective courses.

Over the weekend of February 11th and 12th we are proud to say some of our students went to Melbourne, Florida to compete at the state level in the Thespians Theatre competition. They are quite a committed group. Several of them had bronchitis and still managed to perform and receive **Superior** and **Excellent** Awards. With the coaching and supervision of Mr. Toomer, Ms. Wright, Ms. Vega and Ms. Ross the following students received these awards:

<u>Andrew Kent</u>	<u>Solo Musical</u>	<u>Superior/ runner up for Showcase</u>
Andrew Kent(soloist)	Sm. Group Musical	Superior
Cali Jones		
Gracie Wasoski		
Surayya Taha		
Maylee Mallette		
<u>William Williams</u>		
Sandra Jackson	Ensemble Acting	Superior
Cali Jones		
Rachel Sebourn		
William Williams		
Amy Padelford		
<u>Cali Jones</u>		
<u>Sandra Jackson</u>	<u>Solo Musical</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Fiona Tighe	Sm. Group Musical	Excellent
Sadie Elbert		
Felicia Bopp		
Paige Southwick		
Rachel Sebourn		
<u>Gabby Rodney (Soloist)</u>		
Gabby Rodney	Duet Musical	Excellent
Andrew Kent		

We also would like to thank all the parents who attended the competition and helped.

Math really does count at MSA... The eight students that made up the 2012 MSA MathCounts team competed on Friday, February 10 at the Goldie Feldman Academy in Sarasota. There were 16 total schools at the competition from Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto counties. The MSA team solved math problems all day and ended up finishing in 10th place out of the 16 teams. MSA's top two scorers, Jessica Rath and Brandon Reid, finished 50th and 51st, respectively, out of the field of 128 students. The six other students who represented MSA were Faith Keyser, Antonio Plancarte, Aaron Keyser, Wilfredo Reyes, Derek Milanese, and Max Lieberman. Congratulations are deserved by all eight students for a job well done.

On another note, we had over 40 people participate in the Major Adams restoration project on Saturday. It was a great success and we got a lot accomplished. We cleaned all the headstones and began the transcription process. The students were outstanding and the USF grad students and city of Bradenton workers were very helpful. A special thanks to Ms. McDonald, Mr. Oliva, Mrs. Arango, Mr. Charnell, Mr. Wallin and, of course, Ms. Mulrine for their outstanding work and support.

MSA is dedicated to helping our students make quality choices when it comes to food and educating our students about nutrition. We will be hosting a day filled with facts and fiction:

MSA Nutrition Education Day - Friday, March 9th (day before Spring break!)

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with an event during this informational day from 12:45-3:45pm. This is a great opportunity to work on your annual 10 volunteer hours, if you have not completed them yet. If you can help out during this time, please contact Rosa Whiting: rwhiting@msfta.org or extension 1068.

Thank you!



MSA's Band Classes are very proud of the following news:

On Saturday, February 11th, Braden River High School hosted the Florida Bandmasters' Association Solo and Ensemble Festival. Manatee School For the Arts sent 32 events to this festival. I am pleased to report that 19 of these performances were rated "SUPERIOR", while another 11 were rated "EXCELLENT."

Each performer or performing group was rated in three categories: Performance Fundamentals, Technical Technique and Musical Effect.

Of the 19 "SUPERIOR" ratings, four soloists will be offered the chance to perform their solo again at the STATE LEVEL. This event will happen on March 30th.

The four students are all SENIORS here at MSA.

Leighbra Wilkinson on Flute

Kasidy Petrosino on Clarinet

Matt Coleman on Trumpet

John Busch on Trombone

Congratulations to ALL of the participants from our fine school. This is truly something to be proud of at Manatee School For the Arts.

Congratulations go out as well to Dr. Marshal, Mr. Bailey, and the Debate Team who went to their annual Mock Trial competition and did a GREAT job this weekend. The team finished in the top 2, and will be competing in the finals on Tuesday night against St. Steven's. MSA is the prosecuting team for the finals – Good Luck!!

This past Saturday also saw our first Tae Kwon Do testing under Master Thompson. Students did a wonderful job!!



MSA RECYCLES!



Saturday, April 14, 2012

9am-noon

Manatee School For the Arts

*** HUGE RUMMAGE SALE**

*** FORMAL ATTIRE SALE**

- Great clothes for prom/other events: females & males

*** WILDLIFE, INC. Raptor exhibition**

- Rehabilitation center for injured/orphaned animals

Help us to earn money for plastic recycling at our school!

We will be collecting the following items for the Recycle Rummage Sale:

1.FORMAL ATTIRE – please drop off any clean, undamaged, and current formal attire dresses to Ms.Edwards in Student Support before school from 9:00-9:45am (starting now!).

2.Clothing value will be assessed and student given coupon for purchase of other items at the sale on April 14th.

2. Please start cleaning out your closets, attic, garage for items which may be resold at our **RECYCLING RUMMAGE SALE. These items may be brought to school between APRIL 2-13, but not before.**

We would like to share the following information with all of our parents who may be interested in having more tools to help improve behavior: (click on the link below)



Behavior Tools flyer
for parents.docx

One final note for this week's news, we would like to inform parents of Juniors and Seniors of an "important message" - There has been difficulty sending/receiving transcripts online, Guidance is advising that ALL students send ALL transcripts through the mail. They can pick up a transcript request form at the front desk. They need to fill it out completely and give to Ms.Quick. The first one is free and any after that are \$3.00. They are printed/sent on Wednesdays only. MAKE SURE TO REQUEST AHEAD OF TIME! Instructions are on our website under guidance as to how to order a transcript.

Upcoming Events:

February	23-25 28	<i>West Side Story</i> Florida Writes – Grades 8 and 10	7:00
March	2,3 2 3 8 12-16 23-25 23 26	<i>West Side Story</i> Band Ensemble Competition HEAT Competes at National Competition Thespians Induction Ceremony Spring Break Seacamp Graphics Department Trip to Hollywood Studios ASVAB Testing	7:00 7:00
April	4, 5 6 9 10-13 16-20 19 20-21 20	Strike up the HEAT Performance No School – Good Friday No School – Records Day FCAT Retakes FCAT Testing Week Vivace Cabaret (Show Choir) Senior Trip (Grad Night) MS Spring Fling Dance	7:00 7:00

For more information, please check out the school calendar at www.msfta.org



Greetings from the USF Sarasota-Manatee Math Club, USF (SM)²!

We are pleased to announce that on March 3rd, 2012 from 9:30-12:30, we will host our first ever USF (SM)²ART Fair (USF Sarasota-Manatee's Sensational Mathematical Art), a free event for area 5th and 6th graders. Students who attend the fair will have the opportunity to engage hands-on in over 25 mathematical art projects. Although there is no charge to attend, space is limited, and pre-registration through our online registration system is required. Additional information is provided within the online registration form.

WHAT: USF (SM)²ART Fair

WHEN: Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

WHERE: USF Sarasota-Manatee's Selby Auditorium, 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243 [Location](#)

WHO: 5th and 6th Grade Students

WHY: To engage in hands-on mathematical art!