

## Principal's Message for March 2018 Newsletter

This past month we have participated in some outstanding activities that have provided our students memories to last a lifetime. From Val-O-Grams to the S.T.E.M. Conference for some of our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade girls, our students are being provided incredible opportunities to add to the great academics we provide here. Thank you to each of you who had a hand in any of these great activities. This is just another example of how Saratoga Shores is “Building a Community of Learners – One Student at a Time!”

**We also are gearing up for our first ever “S.T.E.A.Ming with the Sharks” Night!! This is an interactive engineering night where our students and teachers will have dozens of incredible hands-on activities for you to participate in. THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27 FROM 5-7PM HERE IN THE SCHOOL. We will have food trucks, a photo booth, and more activities than you can shake a shark at ☺! PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!**

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Our ONLY school sponsored fundraiser, the annual Shark Walk, will be on April 12.** This is a pledge drive for the number of laps your students can walk. There will be materials coming home the week on March 12 with more information! There are also other opportunities to get involved with a donation as well (see the letter in the Shark News)! WE HOPE YOU EACH PARTICIPATE as this is to raise \$10,000 to install new technology into the school and support our student recognition efforts!

STATE TESTING – Each year we test our students to assess their overall learning for the year. These are important measures for us a school and for your students so that we can continue to move their progress forward. Those will begin in March 20, with Writing. Teachers will be letting you know exactly what dates they will administrate those assessments.

This month, Dr. T's Readers books will be the following: **Grades 1-2 *Clementine* By Sara Pennypacker; Grades 3-4 *One & Only Ivan* By Katherine Applegate; Grades 5-6 *Masterminds* By Gordon Korman.** My monthly reminder is, as always, to please keep encouraging your students to read – not only the Dr. T books, but also any good book they can get their hands on.

Thank you for choosing and supporting Saratoga Shores Elementary, as we continue to “Build a Community of Learners – One Student at a Time!”

Dr. Thomas