

WHAT A YEAR: It has been a lively, active school year and we are not done yet!

FCAT is at the forefront of everyone's minds. As parents or guardians, we are eager to see our student do the best he or she can on the FCAT but are often left feeling unprepared and anxious about the test. It is important to remember the teachers, the students, and the entire school has been diligently working toward this moment. For *our* part, here are a few things we may do to ensure optimal success:

- Remember to remain calm around your student to alleviate their anxiety. If you are calm, the student may remain calm.
- Be conscientious about adequate sleep the night before a test. A well-rested student is also an alert and well-prepared student.
- Provide a healthy, filling breakfast so the student will be focused on the test, not on what is for lunch. If breakfast at home is not an option, remember breakfast is offered at school. Arranging for the student to arrive at school on time not only means your child is ready for the school day but also means he or she will be able to eat breakfast.

For further test taking tips you may visit: testtakingtips.com

After FCAT, it will be time to Sharpen the Saw by celebrating the talents of South Seminole Students. A talent show will be held May 10 at Lyman High School. Admission will be nominal (\$4 student/staff/10 & under, \$5 general, 3 & under free) and a supply drive for the School Clinic will also take place; bring an item for the Clinic and receive a \$1 admission discount. We look forward to seeing you there, introducing the PTA board for the next school year, and showcasing talented SSMS students! Of course, being proactive South Seminole families means thinking about the 2013-2014 school year. PTA is excited to announce school supply kits will be made available for the approaching school year. The supply kits will be approximately \$25, will contain a generic student planner, and will be available during schedule pick-up next year.

Many exciting things are happening around South Seminole Middle School and we would like to thank the remarkable families for continued support of the SSMS PTSA!