

SIGSBEE
CHARTER
SCHOOL
CATCH THE WAVE

Saturday, February 4
Work Party 9-1
Middle School Science Fair

Sunday, February 5
SuperBowl Sunday

**Monday,
February 6
No School—
Professional
Day**

Tuesday, February 7

Wed, February 8
Early Out

Thursday, February 9
*District Administrators
Tour Building*

Friday, February 10

Sigsbee
Charter
School

An “A”
Rated
School

Sigsbee Scoop

January 24, 2012

CONGRATULATIONS SIGSBEE STUDENTS AND STAFF

This week, the Department of Education released a school ranking based on FCAT scores and the performance of students scoring in the lowest quartile.

FCAT scores are not a barometer for success at Sigsbee Charter. We consider them a snapshot of what your child can do and like any photo, sometimes you get a blurred result. With that in mind, we are very pleased with the way our students performed in their first year, especially given that we do not sacrifice significant instructional time to review for standardized tests.

Sigsbee was ranked in the top 25% of all elementary schools, third in the District behind Big Pine Charter and Montessori Charter School. Most notable about our school is that we made the greatest gains of all the District schools in the category that focuses on students who perform in the lowest quartile (78% of our students in this category made gains in reading and 73% made gains in math). We are also proud that our diverse population is able to do so well even with so many students in transition and the school operating in its first year.

We believe this success comes from the differentiated curriculum that our teachers provide, our parent volunteers who serve as mentors, the commitment our families make to their child's education and our research based instructional practices. We appreciate everyone's support in keeping our children learning and growing and the time we have to invest in professional development

SATURDAY WORK PARTY

Please join us this Saturday from 9:00 AM– 1:00 PM to help spruce up our grounds and buildings. Dress for mess! We will be:

- Repainting peeling posts
- Watering/weeding our grounds
- Leaf blowing and sweeping walkways
- Setting up the cafeteria for our professional day
- Decorating bulletin boards

This is a great way to get 4 hours of volunteer service in one Saturday!

Next Week's Menu

Monday No school
Tuesday Ham Sub, Carrot Sticks, Graham Crackers
Wednesday Early-Out, No Lunch
Thursday Chicken & Broccoli, White Rice, Fortune Cookie
Friday Chicken Tenders, Fresh Fruit, Sun Chips



We're Famous! (Again)

Read the nationally recognized Florida Department of Environmental Protection's newsletter, which recognized Sigsbee Charter School for our day at Fort Zachary Taylor. Students' service projects are gaining national recognition. Click on: http://www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/indepth/2012/0203_2.htm#5 to see the article.

The *National Charter Resource Center* also recognized Sigsbee Charter in its monthly newsletter. Our efforts for retrieving all of the Federal Impact Aid cards were highlighted with a link to our own Sigsbee Scoop. To subscribe to this newsletter, please visit: Charterschoolcenter.org.

SIGSBEE'S 3rd ANNUAL RUN....SATURDAY, MAY 5th START TRAINING

Sigsbee's own Couch to 5K Running Club will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays starting February 7th at 8:05 AM. Parents can drop off their kids and lace up with their running shoes for a run or walk around Sigsbee. This is a great way to get in shape, meet new people, and prepare yourself for our Sailfish Shuffle in May. Contact Jennifer Nelson for any further details about the Running Club: Fashionabletrash@gmail.com

Save the Date for the Sigsbee Silent Auction

THURSDAY, APRIL 12th

Undies anyone?

Our "Oops, I had an accident" closet needs some new underwear. If you are willing to donate **NEW** boys or girls undies in small sizes (sizes 6-10), please bring them to the main office.

We are working on a very important mascot project and are in need of colorful magazines that we can cut. Please send any magazines to Mrs. Kirk in the art room. Thank you!

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Please help us say, "Thank You!" to our wonderful Sigsbee Staff. Click on the link below to sign-up to bring goodies for the breakfast.

[http://sigsbeestaff.pleasebringit.com/public/AK\\$dAW5QWew](http://sigsbeestaff.pleasebringit.com/public/AK$dAW5QWew)

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

We've had a number of military transfers lately and I've been touring some new potential families around our school quite a bit. These families are impressed with the positive, calm tone of our classrooms and our students' respectful behavior. The people, not the building or its stuff, is what draws families to our school.

This climate does not come easily. Our staff, students and our parents take every opportunity to encourage students to be respectful and responsible. We address concerns with possible solutions and we don't embarrass or degrade one another. Our "wheel of choice" give students strategies for how to deal with conflict and our routines reinforce positive behavior.

Everyday (really, not just once in a while), students start recess by reciting: "Be Safe, Be Kind, Don't leave the area without telling and adult". These comments become rote but we revisit our policies over and over again.

Some key concepts that you can reinforce at home are listed below. Please remind your children that:

1. Words can be as powerful as fists, and kindness is important.
2. Showing respect begets respect. Treat others the way you want to be treated.
3. Physical aggression is NOT an option, whether it is intended to hurt someone or not.
4. We care about our Sigsbee students and are working with them to learn how to make good choices. Sometimes, it takes longer than anticipated to see those changes but we have high standards for behavior to keep everyone safe and secure.

We have found that asking children to give examples of respectful and responsible behavior helps them to understand the goals we have to achieve. Point out examples of adults being respectful and/or responsible. Consider limiting your child's exposure to media or children who are not good role models. Model respectful and responsible behavior with your child.

We appreciate everyone's efforts in helping our school thrive. We look forward acknowledging many positive behaviors.

CAREER DAY: THOSE WHO SERVE

Today our students met some wonderful adults who described their careers and the education they needed to pursue their dreams. The theme was "Those Who Serve", highlighting careers focused on helping others.





Come Join the *TRACK CLUB*

**Monday – Friday 7:40am-7:55am on the track
3rd-6th grade**

Receive a water bottle when you join and an exclusive track t-shirt after your first 10 workouts.

Look for....

- Runner of the week (male and female for each grade level)**
- Grade level competitions**
- 25, 50, 75, and 100 mile clubs**

You do not have to be fast or able to run a long way.... You just have to want to improve yourself and have a great attitude.

Please check in with Coach Giusti or Mrs.Hazzard by the track

“Be strong when you are weak, brave when you are scared, and humble when you are victorious.”