

SUGARLOAF TIMES

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ELEMENTARY END OF THE DAY CHANGES

October 8, Volleyball
 PKS @ SLS 4:30PM

October 10, Picture
 Day

October 14, NO
 SCHOOL, Columbus
 Day

October 15, Band/
 Choir concert 7pm

October 16, Volleyball
 Mary Immaculate @
 SLS 4:00pm

October 17, Early
 Release

October 18, End of 1st
 Nine Weeks

October 25, Report
 Cards sent home

October 30, SLS @
 Mary immaculate

If there are changes on how a student needs to go home, then send a note with the student or call at the end of the day; telephone at 745-3282 extension, 50415 prior to 1:30 PM.



THE LITTLE MERMAID

BY: ALBERTO AGUIRRE

There will be auditions for Keys Kids production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. The auditions will take place at the Key West High School Auditorium in October for all students in grades 1-8 in the Lower Keys. *The Little Mermaid* will be presented December 5th-8th.

5:00 Tuesday, October 15th - Grades 1-2-3

5:00 Wednesday, October 16th - Grades 4-5

5:00 Thursday, October 17th - Grades 6-7-8

RESOURCE PAGE FOR PARENTS

BY: ALLYSON NOVAK AND HARRISON SIMMONS

Dear Parents and Guardians, we would like to share a website that allows you to check on your child's progress on all of the Renaissance Programs, including Accelerated Math, Accelerated Reader, Math Facts in a Flash, STAR Assessments, and Successful Readers. The website has helpful Parent Guides that answer frequently asked questions, offers tips on how to build successful readers early, and allows parents to take sample AR quizzes. Parents and guardians can visit this website at <http://www.renlearn.com/parentspage/>

CUBAN CHUGS

BY: HARRISON SIMMONS

Four weeks ago, just less than a mile away from the Sugarloaf “jumping bridge,” a Cuban chug was wedged into the mangroves. A chug is a Cuban refugee boat, and it is called a chug because it has no muffler on the engine. It makes a very loud chugging sound created by the oil. A chug is not an actual boat, it is made with day to day materials like wood and foam. It was found in very shallow, muddy water and was almost impossible to get to with a 17 foot long flats boat. The Cubans aboard were not caught because their shoes were left in the boat, indicating that they had to walk through the water to reach land. There were many bottles of water, diesel fuel and even an empty jug of fruit punch, telling us that they had arrived within a day or two of leaving. A local chug expert salvaged clothing because he is collecting artifacts from chugs that have been found all over the Keys. My dad and I helped him get to the chug through Tarpon Creek. Whoever built it must have been very, very smart to make the voyage all the way from Cuba.



We were able to get this photo before it was towed away by the Coast Guard.

MRS. ASKMENOW!

Dear Mrs. Askmenow,

I really want to join cheerleading but I really need to know where some of the games are going to be taken place. Can you help me? Sincerely, Cheerleading Games

Dear Cheerleading Games,

Of course I can help you and you should definitely join cheerleading. I have learned from my sources that the games are at our school. Cheerleading practice has already begun, and is held each week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The last day to try out is Wednesday, October 9. If you need more information go to Mrs. Vazquez the Athletic Director, or Mrs. Smoot the Cheerleading Director. Hope I helped. Sincerely, Mrs. Askmenow

LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL RUSSELL

As the principal of Sugarloaf School, I am pleased to announce a new learning opportunity for our parents and stakeholders called “Shark Time.” Have you ever wondered what it takes for a school to be successful? Have you ever wondered what the behind the scenes work looks like in a school? Have you ever wanted to spend meaningful time with the school principal to discuss, receive and give input about your child’s school? If you answered yes to any of those questions then I invite you to join me on any Monday, from 8:00AM to 10:00AM to learn about Sugarloaf School. The first hour will consist of a presentation covering information, initiatives, Common Core Standards and school programs. The second hour consists of a few classroom visits so you can see first hand what takes place in our classes. During the two hours you will be able to ask questions and provide feedback about Sugarloaf School. It is my hope that this opportunity for parents and our community members will help to improve communication and clearly articulate the many great things happening at Sugarloaf School each and every day.

If you would like to be a participant on a Monday, please call Patti Nicholas at 745-3282 extension 50303. We will keep the groups between 3-5 people with a personal goal of meeting with 100 different stakeholders during the 2013-2014 school year. I hope you will consider joining me and becoming a member of the Shark Time 100 Club!



NEW FACE OF THE WEEK

BY: ALBERTO AGUIRRE

Welcome to Ms. Turso! Ms. Turso teaches Second grade. She went to college at USF where she earned a BS Degree in Elementary Education. This is her first year teaching. She used to be an ELL tutor here at Sugarloaf. Ms. Turso loves boating on Sundays. She loves to read, bake, and cook in her spare time.