



## SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2021

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Monthly newsletter for Salt River Elementary School students, families, and our Community.

## I WILL ACHIEVE

**UP** SRES  
coming  
EVENTS

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**1 & 16:** Education Board  
Mtg via Skype, 5:15 p.m.

**3:** World Read Aloud Day celebration  
@Meal Distribution, 10-11:30 a.m.

**3 & 24:** Early Release

**4, 5, 8:** SRES Desk & Chair Giveaway

**5:** First Friday Chats with Higher Ed,  
10 a.m. to Noon

**10:** Virtual Sunflower Fun Run in  
honor of Eliza Smith

**12:** Valentine's Day celebration  
@Meal Distribution, 10-11:30 a.m.

**15:** Presidents Day (SRS Closed)

**23:** SRS Community Forum



**O'odham/  
Piipaash  
Word of the  
Month**

**komkjed**  
O'odham

**kapet**  
Piipaash

**turtle**  
English

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**ATTENDANCE LINE**  
**480-362-2430**

## SRES Principal Letter: Addressing Grief

It has been over a month since our school and Community suffered the devastating loss of first grade student, Bella Leon. Our deepest condolences to her family and those close to her. Losing someone so young and so suddenly is difficult for many to process.

The National Association of School Psychologists provides these suggestions for elementary-age students experiencing grief (learn more at [bit.ly/2YDe4V4](http://bit.ly/2YDe4V4)):

- These students may ask questions and seek to try to understand what happened. Be patient and refer them to adults that can answer their questions.
- Students below the age of eight may engage in magical thinking and believe they could have prevented the death.
- Recognize these feelings and fears but do not validate them.
- Students ages nine through twelve may feel less comfortable showing feelings and seeing expressions of grief in others.
- Make sure to provide these students with a variety of ways to express grief.

**Reactions to grief  
may include:**  
Behavioral difficulties  
Decreased concentration  
Poor school performance  
Depression  
Irritability  
Withdrawal  
Somatic complaints  
(headaches & stomachaches)

**We have two school counselors at Salt River Elementary ready and willing to help students and families with this or any other issues that may arise. They can be reached at 480-362-2400 to communicate with your child, as needed.**

SRES Librarian Nancy Yurek also wrote a heartfelt message about Bella and has reading suggestions based on Bella's favorite books for students and families posted on the SRES website at [bit.ly/3p130BS](http://bit.ly/3p130BS).

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“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.” —*Martin Luther King*

Great customer service and communication are SRES priorities. Since our stakeholders interact the most with our front office staff, we want your feedback on your experiences calling into our school and being directed to the services you need. **We will email families a link with short, six-question survey.** Your answers will help us create new skills and procedures for the most effective and efficient front line communication. We will redistribute the survey in a few weeks to measure the effectiveness of these new systems and make changes as necessary. Please note: If you ever have a negative experience with our staff, please contact SRES Principal Dr. Amanda Guerrero, at 480-577-4370 (call or text).

**CUSTOMER  
SERVICE  
SURVEY**

## We Care About You

### Celebrate Love & Care

**Feb. 12 at Meal Distribution**

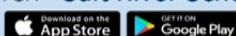
Youth and families are invited to join Salt River Schools at Meal Distribution (located at the ECEC) to celebrate Valentine's Day and Arizona's birthday! The Arizona Cardinals donated masks and hand sanitizer for youth, plus our Community partners will join us, including SRPD, SRPMIC Injury & Prevention (with free car seat installations!), and others! This will be a drive-up celebration; face masks are required and buckle-up!



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World Read Aloud Day  
**WEDNESDAY  
FEB. 3**  
Meal Distribution 10-11:30AM

Join us for a fun celebration of reading, books & literacy at the Salt River Schools Meal Distribution site (located at the Early Childhood Education Center)! Featuring several partners, including the Salt River Tribal Library, NYCP Literacy for All & Miss Salt River!



## STUDENT DESK & CHAIR GIVEAWAY

### DRIVE-UP DISTRIBUTION AT SALT RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Help your student create a beneficial learning environment at home with a desk & chair similar to what they would use at school.

SRES entrance along  
Center Street.

**Thu 2/4 | 8AM-4PM**

**Fri 2/5 | 8AM-Noon**

**Mon 2/8 | 8AM-3PM**



QUESTIONS? CALL SRES AT  
**480-362-2400**  
PLEASE WEAR A MASK.



Desks are adjustable to fit students in grades K-6. Each desk weighs about 18 pounds; both the desk & chair should easily fit in the backseat of an average car.

## FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH MEALS FOR ALL YOUTH (0-18)!

Take advantage of the amazing breakfast and lunch meals prepared fresh daily by our Food Services team for ALL students age 18 & under, regardless of where they attend school. **Pick up your meals weekdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the ECEC along Center Street OR have your student meals delivered.** Learn more at [https://saltriverschools.org/departments/food\\_services](https://saltriverschools.org/departments/food_services).



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**VIRTUAL**

# **LITTLE READERS, BIG LEADERS BOOK CLUB**

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Eagles Club: The Afterschool Program



Parents! Encourage your little one(s) to join a book club. Experts recommend 20 minutes of daily reading to improve vocabulary, reading strategies, and reading skills. We want to help kids grow their love of reading and challenge students to use 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.



Book clubs are for any SRES student in grade K-3. They will meet 1-2 times a week on MS Teams at 4:30-5:30pm. Supplies provided. All book clubs must be accessed with an SRS-issued device.  
Email Devin.Hardin@saltriversschools.org if you have any questions.



Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SRESbookclub>

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