



ALA NEWS

October 2023

4827 N. Country Club Dr.
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
480-362-2130

Monthly Newsletter to Accelerated Learning Academy Students, Parents, Families, and Community

I WILL ACHIEVE

OCT
2023



2: Lou Coopey School Picture Day

2 & 16: Salt River Schools Education Board meeting, 5:15PM

4: ALA Field Trip to Scottsdale Community College

4, 18 & 25: Early Release at 12:30 p.m.

5: College Wear Day

6: Higher Education First Friday Chat, 10AM

9-13: Fall Break/No School

12: Parenting a Child with Autism workshop, Child Find office, 12-2PM

17: ALA school-wide writing assignment

17: Young Child Health Celebration, ALA Gym, 4-6PM

19: RISE Grant Community Meeting, Education Board Room, 5:30-7PM

20: SRPMIC Fall Overhaul project

25: ALA College & Vocational Fair

25: Vaccine Clinic at the ECEC, 12-5PM

26: SPOOKTACULAR, ALA Gym, 5-8PM

30: Big Kids BOOster Bash, ECEC Bus Loop, 2-5PM

O'odham/Piipaash
Phrase of the Month

SEPIJIG MAŞAD | O'odham

XLY'A SHAXUKK | Piipaash

OCTOBER | English

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL WILKINSON

In October, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community will come together as a community for Fall Overhaul, a labor of love. The advice I share to both students and staff is to keep your eye on the prize and continue to find the motivation deep inside of you. Hard work pays off and in the end, allows you to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

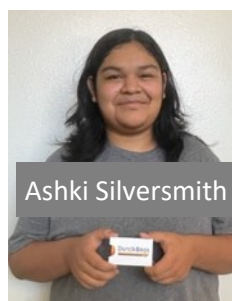
Our **mail merge** is live! Students and guardians will now receive weekly emails from the ALA Communications email address for weekly student progress updates. Email Brian.Flanigan-Arthurs@saltriverschools.org to verify whether or not you're on the list.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ALA students have weekly attendance incentives this school year; perfect attendance gets the student's name entered into a drawing. Congratulations to these students: Brandy Hayes, Ashki Silversmith, Elijah Saba, and Natalie Belvado.



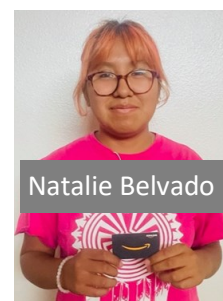
Brandy
Hayes



Ashki Silversmith



Elijah Saba



Natalie Belvado

SRMG DONATES BACKPACKS TO ALA STUDENTS

ALA students were honored with special backpacks recently for their hard work and dedication to academics. The embroidered bags were generously donated by Salt River Materials Group. CEO Ruben Guerrero helped to distribute the bags. Thank you, SRMG!



“ Education is the key that unlocks the golden door to freedom. — *George Washington Carver*

REMINDERS & RESOURCES

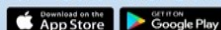
Attendance

Adult students & parents:
Please call our attendance
line at 480-362-2130 for all
absences.

Follow, Like & Share!
@SaltRiverSchools



Check out our NEW APP free!
Search "Salt River Schools"



The Early Childhood
Education Center is
teaming up with SRPMIC
Public Health to offer a free
**vaccine clinic for all
SRPMIC-enrolled families
on Wednesday, Oct. 25,
from noon to 5 p.m.** Flu
and COVID vaccines will be
available for those 6
months or older. Walk-ins
are welcome, as are
SRPMIC employees and
their families. Questions?
Call the ECEC at
480-362-2200.

COVID-19 vaccine clinics
are also available by
appointment and open to
SRPMIC-enrolled children
and Community resident
children. Call the COVID-19
Hotline at 480-362-2603.

2023-2024SY

8:30-11:30AM

ALA Library & Remote
Dates/Location subject to change.

Aug. 12	Jan. 20
Aug. 26	Feb. 3
Sept. 9	Feb. 10
Sept. 16	Feb. 24
Oct. 21	Mar. 9
Nov. 4	Apr. 6
Nov. 18	Apr. 20
Dec. 2	May 4
Dec. 16	May 11



The ALA Saturday School is a FREE opportunity led by certified teachers from diverse content areas at every session, which are held in person in the ALA Library. Saturday School is a great opportunity for students to catch up and/or move ahead in their courses. Students are encouraged to attend every session that works for their schedule.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

CIVICS DAY RECAP: SKOVOTEDEN!

Our annual Civics Day celebration was held on Monday, September 25th. The ALA hosted the Office of the General Council and SRPMIC Veteran's Affairs. Students learned the importance of their role as member of their Community and as a citizen. SRPMIC Veterans Amanda White and Troy Truax visited with students to share their experiences. Council Member Deanna Scabby talked about her work and role within the Community and partnered with Angela Willeford to discuss the importance of citizens' voices being heard, particularly in their role of elections (picture attached). Fifteen adult students registered to vote during the event! (See picture of Ross Martinez and Sabrina Kavoka filling out their voter registration packets)! The ALA would like to recognize the following individuals for their time in meeting with our students and staff this year: Council Member Deanna Scabby, Salt River Schools Education Board Member Heaven Sepulveda, Intergovernmental Relations Project Manager Angela Willeford, SRPMIC Veteran's Representatives Amanda White and Troy Truax.



8 Facts About School Attendance


- Absenteeism in the 1st month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.
- Chronic absence appears to have doubled by the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- Absenteeism and its ill effects start early.
- Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade or be held back.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
- Research shows that missing 10% of school, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month.
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.
- Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways.

Young Child Health Celebration

RAFFLE • GIFTS • TALKING CIRCLE • FOOD FOR THE FIRST 100 PEOPLE!


TUESDAY, OCT. 17 | 4-6PM | ALA GYMNASIUM






4827 N. COUNTRY CLUB DR., SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256 | PARK IN THE LOT ALONG HIGHLAND AVENUE






**JOIN THE FUN, KID-FRIENDLY
ACTIVITIES THAT HELP CAREGIVERS
RAISE HEALTHY CHILDREN.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 480-362-7300,
TEXT 888-365-1338 OR EMAIL WIC@SRPMIC-NSN.GOV



THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER



SPOOKTACULAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 26 | 5-8PM

ACCELERATED LEARNING ACADEMY GYMNASIUM

Park in the lot south of the football field along Highland Ave.

www.SaltRiverSchools.org

Join the Safe Schools & Security team at our premier annual event: SPOOKTACULAR! All manner of costumed creatures are welcome to our free, public event. There will be lots of treats, prizes, and spooky fun for all ages! This is a school event; please do not wear violence-themed costumes (no weapons of any kind).

QUESTIONS? CALL 480-362-2010 OR EMAIL ESTEBAN.LOPEZ@SALTRIVERSCHOOLS.ORG.



#AIMHIGHER

MOCK INTERVIEW MONDAYS

WITH HIGHER EDUCATION

- Test your answers to tough questions
- Enhance your communication skills and delivery of responses

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE | VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
9 AM - 4 PM

CONTACT JOYLA GATES TO REGISTER

480-362-2542 | Joyla.Gates@saltriverschools.org



Ask questions, get advice, learn from the experts & feel confident about your higher education goals.

Email HigherEd@saltriverschools.org to register!

Friday, Nov. 3 | 10-11AM
via Microsoft Teams

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINES



the journey begins here.

Higher Education is there to uplift you every step of the way.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

- APR 30: School start date in May, June & July
- JUL 30: School start date in Aug., Sept. & Oct.
- OCT 30: School start date in Nov., Dec. & Jan.
- JAN 30: School start date in Feb., March & April

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

- Fall Semester: JUN 30
- Spring Semester: NOV 30
- Summer Semester: APR 30

If deadlines fall on a weekend, applications will be accepted on the following business day.

480-362-2500 | HE.SaltRiverSchools.org



ATTENTION SENIORS
GET HELP WITH:
Completing your FAFSA
College applications
Scholarships
Picking your major

ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

Higher Ed is offering advising appointments for SRPMIC-enrolled high school seniors.

Virtual appointments are also available for students who live out of state.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DAVINA LEON

☎ 480-362-2551 ✉ Davina.leon@saltriverschools.org

Appointments Available
Monday - Friday
8AM - 5PM

RISE GRANT

Community Meeting



480-362-2500
www.SaltRiverSchools.org

Thursday, Oct. 19
5:30-7PM

Education Board Room
4836 N. Center St.

- ☀ All Salt River Schools students, staff, families, and Community members are invited to help us with the planning of this grant.
- ☀ A light dinner will be served.
- ☀ Arts and crafts activities for kids.

ALA.SaltRiverSchools.org