



## SCR NEWS

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4836 N. Center Street  
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480-362-2534

*SCR Monthly Newsletter  
to SRPMIC Students,  
Families & Community*

## I WILL ACHIEVE

### School & Community Relations

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## We've Moved!

School & Community Relations is now located inside the Education Administration building at 4836 N. Center St., Scottsdale AZ 85256. Stop by our new location and say hello!

The Student Success Zone, SCR's student incentive program, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 18, and Thursday, Oct. 19, from noon to 5 p.m. each day. Contact our office if your student meets the Student Success Zone Eligibility Criteria:

- Student is an SRPMIC-enrolled member
- Student is in K-12 grade and attends a public or charter school
- Student has 3 or fewer excused full-day absences elementary
- 3 or fewer excused period absence for secondary
- 4 or fewer tardies

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Events listed below are free and open to SRPMIC families!*

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

**6:** Higher Education First Friday Chat, virtual, 10AM

**9-13:** Fall Break (Salt River Schools & Mesa Public Schools)

**12:** Autism Workshop, Child Find offices, noon-2PM

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

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

**25:** Flu and COVID Vaccine Clinic, ECEC Gathering Place, noon-5PM

**26:** SPOOKTACULAR, ALA Gym, 5-8PM

**30:** BOOster Bash (Car Seat Safety Event), ECEC Bus Loop, 2-5PM

**30:** Salt River Higher Education scholarship deadline

## LOOKING AHEAD

SCR will host two **Parent Information Night** events this school year where we'll share important resources and information with SRPMIC parents/guardians. The first event Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 5:30-7:30PM in the ALA Cafeteria. More to come!

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### O'odham/Piipaash Phrase of the Month

SEPIJIG MAŞAD | O'odham

XLY'A SHAXUKK | Piipaash

OCTOBER | English

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

## 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.

### SCR offers

**transportation 3X/**  
semester for students  
who reside within  
SRPMIC. Give us a call  
before 9:30 a.m.  
weekdays: 480-362-2555.



### School & Community Relations

# ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

## 480-362-2052

*It's easy. It's confidential.  
Get support from  
a trusted source.*



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.

## Support Services

**SCR offers  
supportive  
services to  
SRPMIC-enrolled  
students and  
their families.  
We are here to  
help students  
succeed!**

### We can help!

- Counseling Services: Individual, Group, Academic
- Referrals (e.g. tutoring, behavioral health)
- Attendance Monitoring
- Assist with School Placement & Supplies
- Family & Student Advocacy
- Schedule & Attend School Meetings
- Education Financial Assistance

**Student Transportation:** 480-362-2555  
3 times per semester for students residing  
within SRPMIC. Call before 9:30 a.m.

**Attendance Hotline:** 480-362-2052  
It's confidential. Get support!

#### Student Success Zone!

- Attendance/Academic Rewards
- SRPMIC-Enrolled Students in K-12 Grade
- Attend Public or Charter School
- No more than 3 excused absences  
and/or 4 tardies

*\*Students attending outside MPS must provide  
their own attendance report to staff.*



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#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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:Davina.leon@saltriverschools.org)

Appointments Available  
Monday - Friday  
8AM - 5PM

# RISE GRANT

*Community Meeting*

**Thursday, Oct. 19  
5:30-7PM**

Education Board Room  
4836 N. Center St.



480-362-2500  
[www.SaltRiverSchools.org](http://www.SaltRiverSchools.org)

- ☀ 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.

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# 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](http://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](mailto:ESTEBAN.LOPEZ@SALTRIVERSCHOOLS.ORG).



## WHAT IS AUTISM WORKSHOP

The Salt River Schools Child Find program is teaming up with the SRPMIC Special Needs Resource Program to offer a free workshop centered on helping families who have children with autism. The workshop is open to all SRPMIC families. Please RSVP by calling 480-362-2257.

"What is Autism?" will be held **Thursday, Oct. 12, from noon to 2 p.m.** at Child Find (located in the ECEC campus at 4636 N. Center St., Scottsdale, AZ 85296). Lunch will be provided! Participants will learn: (1) Strengths and challenges; (2) How environment and community affect children; and (3) Strategies to support learning.



## READ TO GROW A Family Literacy Program

The NYCP Literacy For All team invites you to join this fun and **FREE program for parents and their children ages 3-5**. You'll have a blast reading, writing, singing, dancing, and making hands-on projects during the 1-hour! All books and lessons are culturally-based and inspired by Indigenous authors to enhance your child's reading growth. All materials are provided. **Space is limited - register today!**



WEDNESDAY  
NOV. 15

5:30-7PM  
In the Education  
Board Room

Register by  
Thurs., Nov. 9

Call/text  
480-878-8604  
or email  
Wendy.Jefferson  
@saltriverschools.org

Facilitated by  
**Deon Mitchell**  
of K'aalógii Kisses  
[kaalogiikisses.com](http://kaalogiikisses.com)



## YOUNG CHILD HEALTH CELEBRATION

The Young Child Health Celebration is open to all and features fun, kid-friendly activities that can help caregivers raise healthy children. **The event is Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 4-6 p.m. in the ALA gymnasium.** There will be raffle prizes, giveaways, a talking circle, and food for the first 100 people. For more information, call 480-362-7300, text 888-365-1338, or email [WIC@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:WIC@srpmic-nsn.gov).

Salt River Schools is proud that several of our departments are helping with the event, including the Early Childhood Education Center, Child Find, and NYCP Literacy for All. They'll join WIC and other Community departments at the event, which is also WellPath-approved for 15 points. We hope you can join us!

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