



SCHOOL NEWS

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Monthly newsletter to Salt River Elementary School families and our Community.

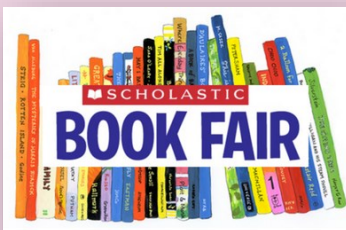
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UPCOMING EVENTS



October

- 2: Family Language Night, 5:45PM
- 3: Soda w/ Security, 6PM, SRHS
- 4: Donuts w/ Dads, 8AM
- 4: Teacher vs. Student, 9:30AM
- 7: Ed Board Mtg, 5:15PM
- 7-11: Fall Break—No School (SRES office open)
- 14-19: No FACE home-based visits
- 17: Family Math Night, 5:30-7PM
- 18: Kindergarten field trip to Schnepf Farms, 8:30AM-2:15PM
- 21: Ed Board Mtg, 5:15PM
- 22: Flu Shots, 9AM-1PM
- 23: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30-5:30PM (Book Fair open!)
- 24: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-7PM (Book Fair open!)
- 25: Early Release @Noon
- 25: FACE Family Circle, 8:15-11AM, The Farm
- 29: Reading Night, TBD
- 29: SPOOTAKULAR, 6-8PM, SRHS



Oct. 23 to Nov. 1
SRES Library

Word of the Month

Fall / Autumn

O'odham: I heubki / Heubkam
Piipaash: Nyaa yuush

FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place October 23 & 24. Every teacher is directed to schedule a time to meet with you **that works for your schedule**. If you cannot make a conference on one of these days, please let your teacher(s) know a better day.

Children do better in school when parents get involved. Attending parent-teacher conferences is one way to be involved and help your child succeed.

Remember: If any school-related problems arise, contact the teacher or other school staff by phone or email anytime. You don't have to wait until parent-teacher conferences to handle your concerns.

What is a Parent-Teacher Conference?

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled twice per year. They're brief meetings, lasting about 10-30 minutes. Conferences focus on learning, although behavior and social concerns might be discussed. The teacher will review your child's progress, including strengths and areas for improvement. You also might talk about NWEA standardized test results.

It helps to come to the conference prepared. Know ahead of time how your child (homework, grades, behavior, etc.) is doing and plan what exactly you want to discuss. Even if you know all is well, attending conferences shows your student that you're interested in how they do in school.

Conference Tips

- Check in with your child about how they are doing on homework and in each subject. Review homework and any recent projects, tests, quizzes, or progress reports.
- Ask if there are questions or issues your child wants you to discuss with the teacher.
- Be on time for your meeting. Conferences are scheduled back-to-back most often.
- Share a few things about your child with the teacher (interests, strengths, favorite subjects) to help the teacher know your child better.
- Depending on your situation, you may want to ask about:
 - ⇒ whether or not your child is meeting grade-level expectations
 - ⇒ educational testing if your child is struggling
 - ⇒ your child's peer-to-peer interactions and socializing
 - ⇒ your child's strengths and challenges and how these are addressed in school
 - ⇒ other services to help your child grow as a learner
- Ask to see classwork and homework samples, tests and quizzes, and standardized testing.
- Get contact information for the teacher and ask what the best form of contact is (letter, email, phone call, message via student-teacher-parent web portal, etc.)

Adapted from <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/parent-teacher-conferences.html?WT.ac=p-rq>.

SRES Parent-Teacher Conferences

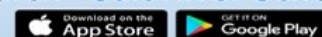
Wed., Oct. 23, 3:30-5:30PM
Thurs., Oct. 24, 4-7PM

Talk to your child's teacher
for more information!

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I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.

- L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

Students who attend SRES Reading Night on Tuesday, Oct. 29, will be given a special ticket to exchange for a prize at Spooktacular!

STUDENT DROP-OFF REQUEST

We are experiencing some significant delays in the morning Drop-Off area behind Building A. We need your help!

The Problem: When you pull-up and still have to comb your student's hair, adjust their clothing, or tie their shoes, etc., this creates a delay for the cars behind you and we have observed unsafe conditions for other students exiting the cars behind you.

The Solution: If you are dropping off your child and are not immediately ready to have them get out of the car, please park your vehicle and walk them safely to the sidewalk once they are prepared to walk into the school building.

Student safety is our No 1 priority. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

ASU COLLEGE & CAREER CONNECTIONS

SRES Counselor Todd Ziehm has created a powerful partnership with Arizona State University to teach our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students about college and career opportunities for them in the future. ASU has scheduled special events with us throughout the school year, including the following dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, and Nov. 15.

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MRS. STANT UP FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR



SRES teacher Lynette Stant is a top-five finalist for the **2020 Arizona Educational Foundation Teacher of the Year!** Stant teaches 3rd grade and has 16 years of teaching experience.

The five finalists are known as "Ambassadors for Excellence," and one will be named AZ Teacher of the Year on **October 24**. Ten finalists were announced earlier this year before five of them were selected to move on to the final round. If Stant wins, she'll be the first Salt River teacher to do so. A

citizen of the Navajo Nation, Stant is also the first Native American teacher to make it this far in the Foundation's 37-year history.

The Arizona Teacher of the Year receives \$15,000, is the state's candidate for National Teacher of the Year, and wins program memberships and a variety of other prizes. The four runners-up each receive \$5,000. For more information about the award and to watch a video featuring the five finalists, visit www.azedfoundation.org.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Students have been flocking to the library before school and during their lunch recess. The library offers a warm, friendly space for reading alone or with a buddy.

Some students will come in to finish homework or exchange books. There is often a MakerSpace cart out, so student can create crafts. Students have been demonstrating so much responsibility with the items they borrow from the library!

There are no due dates until all books are due back in May. However, if a student has 2-3 items checked out, they are encouraged to return them before being allowed to check out another item.

If you have any library materials in your home, please send them back to school. Families will be required to pay for any lost or damaged items, so please take care of them!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Congratulations to the following elected Student Council officials:

- President Ella McGilbary
- Vice President Elliyah Schurz
- Secretary Mason Baptisto
- Treasurer Trista Burke
- Historian Dani Enos



Student Council members will begin classroom Buddy Reading to grades K-2 after Fall Break. The goal is to have this take place once a week during free choice or at the end of the day.

Student Council leaders are currently working on a schedule for this wonderful mentoring activity.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE A HUGE HIT!

Has your student mentioned the morning announcements? Ask them about the daily videos we watch to start our school day. Announcements each morning aren't new to our school, but having them announced via video is new this year and has been an eagerly-anticipated part of our day!

Announcements include the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence, upcoming events, and daily lunch menu. Sometimes there's a riddle or contest, and we usually share updates about our "Accelerated Reader" word count and the current whereabouts of Luna the Fairy, who looks for acts of kindness.

Second-grade teacher Mrs. Enriquez initiated the project and hosts an after-school club for video/media, during which 6th grade students are in front of and behind the camera reporting and recording. Other school staff and teachers also share video snippets and news. It's pretty neat to watch our school family grow thanks to these cool daily announcement videos! We are deeply appreciative of Mrs. Enriquez for launching this valuable program.



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