

# News from Stormy the Sidewinder



February 2022

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Dear Families,

We hope your New Year is off to fantastic start!

## Upcoming Events:

1. Online enrollment for 2022/2023 is currently underway – please visit <https://www.gilbertschools.net/> for more information
2. 1:55 Release – February 2, 9, 16, 23
3. Running Club – February 2, 9, 16, 23
4. PTSO KISS Campaign – February 14-March 4
5. School Council – February 14
6. PTSO – February 17
7. Spring Picture Day – February 17
8. Kona Ice Treat Sale/STUCO Spirit Day (Crazy Hair Day) – February 18
9. Presidents Day (no school) – February 21
10. Spring Book Fair – February 28-March 3

## Infinite Campus Emergency Contacts & ‘Annual Update’ Instructions for 2021/22 School Year

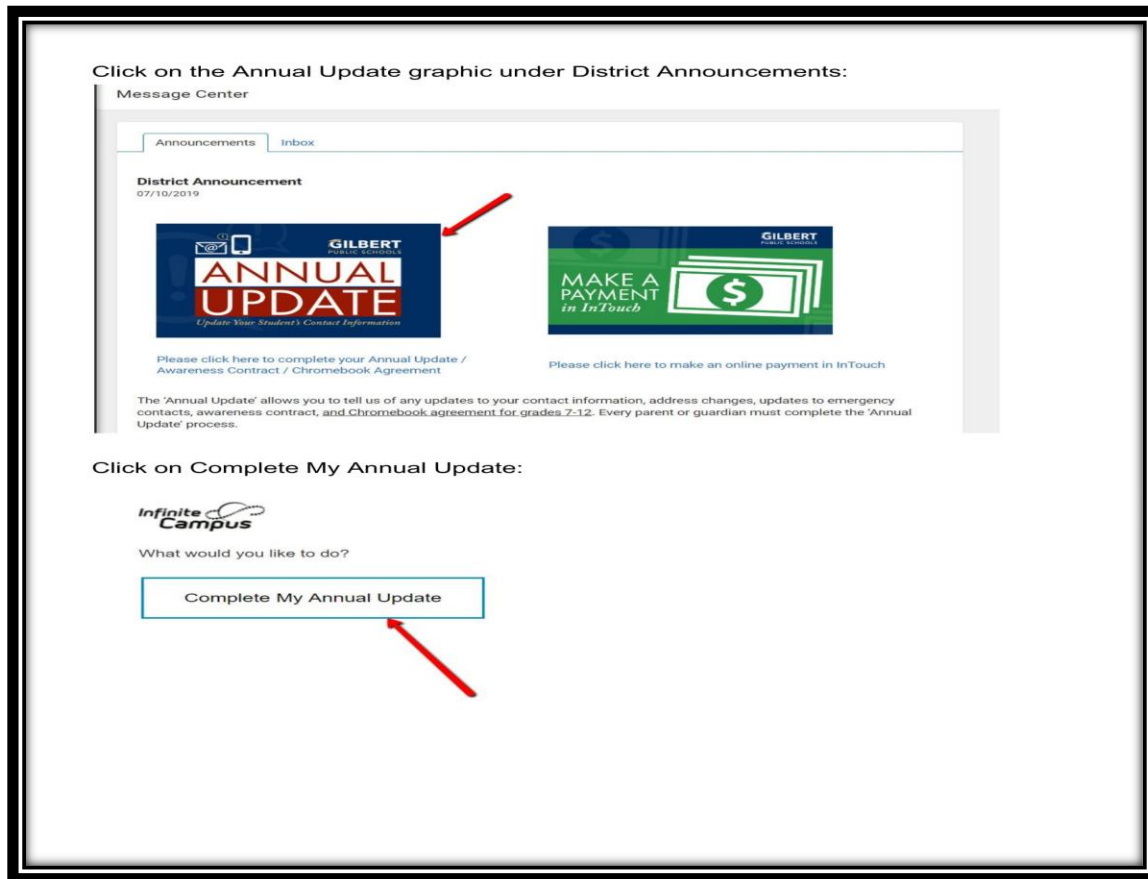
It's time for ALL SSE families to do their Annual Update in Infinite Campus. Please log into your parent portal and select Annual Update. This is a great way to make sure the information we have for your student such as street address, parent email address, phone numbers, emergency contacts are up to date so communication between school and home is accurate. Thank you SSE Families for your time and attention to this important update.

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## Message from your School Social Worker

Hello SSE Families!! I hope everyone is doing well and have a great year so far. An update on SEL (social and emotional lessons) classes during week B. In kindergarten and 1st grade we will be starting a new unit called how to calm down. In this unit we will discuss ways to help ourselves calm down when we have big emotions at school. We go over counting, belly breathing and positive self talk. In this unit we will learn through practice, songs and books. In 2nd, and 3rd grade we will continue our discussion on being respectful and being a good friend. We use SSE's 3 to Be during this unit to help in the discussion. Other items we use are video clips, stories and songs. We will also continue our Mind Yeti and Headspace practice. In 4th, 5th, and 6th grade we are working on our being respectful unit and will be completing a class project. We will continue to use Headspace during this time to practice our breathing exercises. I hope your student enjoys these lessons as I enjoy coming to the classroom to see them.

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GPS Wellness Resources for Families: <https://www.gilbertschools.net/wellness>

## PTSO

The **K.I.S.S. (Keeping It Super Simple) Campaign** was so successful last year that we decided to bring it back this year!! It will run from February 14th - March 4th. The K.I.S.S. Campaign is simply a donation drive aimed at raising money to support SSE while eliminating the need for "door-to-door" catalog sales. Why give a company 60% of the money raised?!? With the K.I.S.S. Campaign, 100% of your contribution stays with our school. Best of all? You don't have to sell a thing!! Our goal this year will be to raise enough money to pay for the AR (Accelerated Reading) Program that teachers use in their classrooms. This program will cost \$7,000. Keep an eye out for a flyer coming home soon with your student.

**PTSO Meetings:** The remaining meeting dates for the year have changed! Please make note of the new day and dates, so you can join us! We'd love to have you on our team!! We meet in the library after school (3:15pm), and your kids are welcome to join us.  
**NEW DATES:** Thursday, February 17th; Thursday, March 24; Thursday, April 21st; Thursday, May 12th

**Dinner Night Fundraisers:** We have had an amazing year with dinner nights, so THANK YOU so much for your continued support! Dinner nights are an easy way to bring money into SSE!!  
Thursday, February 17th: Kneaders on Higley/Baseline from 5:00pm-8:00pm

The money that has been raised so far this year has gone to many different places within SSE. We increased our teacher/classroom reimbursements, so teachers are able to purchase updated books and other necessary classroom items. We were also able to show our teachers some love with an appreciation lunch and gift card. We are working on saving money for the AR Program and other much needed programs for our school.

**Upcoming Kona Ice Dates:** February 18th, March 18th, April 22nd, and May 20th

## Oratorical Winners

Congratulations to SSE's 2022 Oratorical Contest winners!  
First Place – Ruby Webb  
Second Place – Oliver Chilton

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Third Place – Maia Gerardo and Katherine Chilton



## A Message from Student Council

A huge thank you to everyone who help support this year's SSE food drive! SSE raised over 3700 lbs. of food! Way to go!

## Character Counts Golden Ticket Winners

Sophia Taylor  
Levi Anderson  
Dylan Wantink  
Nora Dronseiko  
David Tennison

Kaitlyn Sanchez  
August Hope  
Liam Johnson  
Corbin Hunter

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## Character Counts Winners

Kenzlie Staggs  
Brooklyn McClard  
Thalia Rodriguez  
Bella Gudino  
Noelia Lopez  
Katy Eisenbeis  
Arthur Lott  
Asunna Torres  
Raya Stratford  
Rylee Vaughn  
Sofia Nenadovic  
Stella Rogers  
Ellany Rosser  
Jacob Bury  
Noelia Lopez  
Jacob Bowen  
Shiloh Campbell  
Thalia Rodriguez  
Miah Trout  
Zayden Clapper  
Dalton Hebner  
Tara Todd  
Savanna Kruse  
Kiana Hartman  
Sophia Hughes

Molly Randall  
Saoirse Allen  
Jordan Briggs  
Aryanna Shell  
Sophia Porter  
Lucy Skilles  
Michael Bullard  
Brianna Bray  
Jori Comerford  
Axton Sterling  
Sophia Grahm  
Mateo Lobatos  
Averie Bendezu  
Aubry Craig  
Carter Gale  
Talen Spicer  
Levi Roberts  
Mia Stenberg  
Leiloni Rose  
Waylon Castaneda  
Brianna Bray  
Hailey Claxton  
Kal Eversman  
Harper Durant  
Sophia Grahm

Alex Campbell  
Billie Jean Schuster  
Mikayla Knight  
Navy Bell  
Brooklyn Williams  
Noelia Lopez  
Elwood Wilson  
Alyssa Fitz  
Bella Gudino  
Leiloni Rose  
Seth Quintero  
Beckham Rogers  
Tucker Tidwell  
John Andreas  
Phoenix Centennera  
Parker Ostermeyer  
Sophia Porter  
Logan Hirsch  
Emerie Rojas  
Noah Jefferies  
Ayden Alvarez  
Anthony Gutierrez  
Sam Soutiere  
Isaac Bishop  
Nathan Thornton



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Samantha Martinez  
Carter Hanson  
Aria Hutchins  
Melini Tukuafu  
Jackson Leichtman  
Angie Solis-Porras  
Emma Stadler  
Catherine Tracy  
David Tennison  
Jacob Bury  
Izac Russel  
Aaron Millet  
Siyao Lin  
Braeden Mann  
Arianna Garcia  
Kai Eversman  
Molly Randall

Parsa Hayati  
Grace Real  
Joseph Martin  
Rowan Lott  
Isabella Mercado  
Hunter Eischen  
Lucy Skilles  
Samantha Martinez  
Mikayla Knight  
Brooklyn Roberts  
Liam Post  
Steven Chase  
Rux Tucker  
Tyler Hughes  
Aynselee Pacific  
Ellie Mahiya  
Angel Nino  
Stella Rogers

Mia Stenberg  
Bradley Kostura  
Isaac Bishop  
Isaac Laguna  
Cayden Allen  
Cian Beard  
Kayson Jacob  
Miguel Maynez  
Delilah Arias  
Rodney Andreas  
Liam Post  
Noelia Lope  
Anthony Guitierrez  
Emma Cornejo  
Andrew Clarke  
Richie Camacho  
Sage Goodwin  
Gavin Potter

## Nurses Notes

### CHANGES TO COVID GENERAL EXPOSURE NOTIFICATION PROCESS

- General Covid notifications will no longer be sent home. We are now using a Notification Dashboard.
- You can view exposure information on the district website daily using the following link  
<https://www.gilbertschools.net/healthservices>
- Teacher and date of exposure will be listed. It will be updated after 3pm every day.
- **Please note, if your student is required to quarantine you will receive communication directly from your campus**
- Bus route notifications will also be posted on the website on a "Transportation Notification Dashboard"

Reminder: PLEASE keep your child home if they are pending test results.

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## GPS Run for Fun

### 5th Annual Gilbert Public Schools "Run for Fun"

WHAT: 5K or 1 Mile Run/Walk

WHEN: Saturday, February 26, 2022 ~ 7:30 AM

WHERE: Campo Verde High - 3870 S. Quartz St., Gilbert

WHO: Open to the Public - All Ages

COST: 5k - \$30 Adult/ \$20 Students (3-18)

1M - \$25 Adult/\$15 Students(3-18)



**GPS RUN FOR FUN**

5K OR 1 MILE RUN/WALK

### REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Custom Event Dri-Fit Tech T-Shirt\* (Option to select "no shirt" and receive \$5 off your registration.)
- Custom Event Finisher's Medal (all participants)
- Age Group Awards for Top Three in all Age Groups (5K participants only)
- Age Groups:
  - 8 & Under | 9 & 10 | 11-13 | 14-17
  - 18-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49
  - 50-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65-69 | 70-74 | 75 & over
- Pre- and Post-Race "Runner's Brunch" (granola bars, fruit, water, Gatorade, etc.)
- Real Time Results and Photos on our Website or Mobile App (Apple/Android) (5K Race Participants only)

Team  
Registrations are  
Available! Get  
Your Group  
Together!

HELP YOUR SCHOOL WIN BIG!!!  
The school that has the most  
participants wins \$500  
From playground equipment to  
technology to books, your  
school can use this money to  
help teachers and students  
get the supplies they need.

### EVENT/RACE SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 26, 2022

7:30 AM Race Day Packet Pick Up / On-Site Registration Opens  
8:30 AM 5K Race Begins  
8:35 AM 1 Mile Run/Walk Begins  
9:30 AM Awards

**\*USE CODE: GPSRC receive  
20% off and secure  
t-shirt by 2/7/22**



Gilbert Public Schools (GPS) believe that healthy students learn better and have more chances to develop to their full potential. The proceeds from the 4th Annual Gilbert Public Schools "Run for Fun" 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk will benefit the promotion of healthy eating and physical activity and other health programs in the Gilbert Public Schools.

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## Library Link

### THE MEDIA HUB

Volume 1, Issue 1

#### SUPERSTITION SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

### Welcome to the SSE Media Center January, 2022

Happy New Year's and welcome to 3rd Quarter. Wow! It's hard to believe that our first semester is over, and here we are moving into the new year. Students have been busy in the Media Center too. Our kindergarten students will be bringing their library books home for the first time this month. They have been practicing book care rules for the last quarter and are excited to bring their books home to share with their family. Please remember that in order for your child to check out a new book they must return their library book each week during their library class time. Library days for Kindergarten students are as follows:

Monday—Mrs. Gustafson's Class

Tuesday—Ms. Reisenauer's Class

Wednesday—Mrs. Smith's Class

Thursday—Ms. Korinek's Class

Friday—Mrs. Connett's Class

I would like to remind you that students

in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade are also bringing books home. Please remind your students how to care for library books so they return the books in great condition so others may enjoy them. Please help keep library books away from pets, water, and toddlers so books are not damaged. Students are continuing to access the virtual library where they can access 40,000+ books using Epic Books. It has been great to see so many enjoying wonderful books. Students in grades K-6 will be learning all about Digital Citizenship during 3rd Quarter.

Our new mural in the library is now complete and looks amazing. We now have characters on our road.

Thank you so much to everyone who has been supporting the library!

If you should have any questions about these events, please feel free to email me:

[Kristin.harris@gilbertschools.net](mailto:Kristin.harris@gilbertschools.net)

Kristin Harris, Media Specialist

### Did you know?

When choosing a book for your student to read, use the 5 finger rule. Randomly select a page in the book and begin to read. Every time a word is not known, put up a finger. If all five fingers are up before finishing the page, the book is too difficult and a different book should be selected. If only 2-3 fingers are up, the book should be ok and not frustrate your reader.

#### Superstition Springs AR Colors

Range Color

0.3-1.5 Yellow

1.6-2.0 Green

2.1-2.5 Blue

2.6-3.0 Red

3.1-3.5 Pink

3.6-4.0 White

4.1-4.5 Orange

4.6-5.0 Light Blue

5.1-6.0 Light Green

6.1-6.9 Purple

7.0+ Black

#### How to pay for a lost or damaged book...

*If your child has a lost or damaged Media Center book, please send checks made out to SSE. You may also send the exact amount in cash. Please remember that we do not have change in the Media Center.*

*Thank-you for your help in this matter.*

#### Important Dates:

- Our 3rd Battle of the Books will be March 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the library
- Our Spring Book Fair will be here Feb. 28th-March 3rd. Watch for more details.



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CHECK OUT!!

Every time students come to the library they have time to check out wonderful books to read. There is nothing more heartwarming than when a child finds that "just right book" and leaves the library hugging it or smiling from ear to ear.

Please ask your child what they are reading and even have them read to you. Sharing a good story is always a wonderful thing!

Please encourage your child to return their books on time. If they haven't finished reading it they may renew it for another 2 weeks. There are no fines for late books but if a book is lost or severely damaged we ask you to please pay the cost of the book so we may replace it.

Books are \$10 to replace them. Checks may be made payable to SSE.

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS FINAL BATTLE—MARCH 2ND

Battle number 3 will be March 2nd at 1:00 p.m. It will be over the following four books:

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Coville (AR 4.9—Light Blue), Wonder by Palacio (AR 4.8—Light Blue), Sarah, Plain and Tall by MacLachlan (AR 3.4—Pink) and Everything

on a Waffle by Horvath (AR 5.8—Light Green). Battle Team Members: Gavin L., Isaac B., Maia G., Oliver B., Lakai G., Conrad A., Lily N., Jennifer H., Phinley P., Sina A., Lexi B., Scarlett D., Noah R., Charlee B., Logan D., Melanie G., Sophia H.,

Sara T., Isaac R., Scott W., Gregory H., Lilly B., Dallin D., and Isaac B. Good luck to all of our teams.



## LIBRARY BOOK DONATION GUIDELINES

Please note: At this time our library is NOT accepting book donations. Thank-you for your generous donations in the past. We appreciate you supporting the library.

## Dr. Seuss Dress-Up Days - Feb. 28-March 4

In CELEBRATION of Dr. Seuss' Read Across America Day, SSE will be hosting the following dress-up days in honor of this celebration! Have fun!

Day	Dr. Seuss Theme	What to Wear
Monday, Feb. 28	<u>Welcome to Whoville</u>	Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday, March 1	<u>Oh the Places You'll Go</u>	Dress up like you're going to your dream job!
Wednesday, March 2	<u>Wacky Wednesday</u>	Wear Wacky Clothes—Backwards, inside out or mismatched
Thursday, March 3	<u>Green Eggs and Ham</u>	Wear green!
Friday, March 4	<u>Cat in the Hat</u>	Wear Crazy Hats!



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## PARENTS PLEASE SHOP OUR ONLINE BOOK FAIR

February 23 -  
March 8, 2022

Our book fair  
webpage can  
be found at

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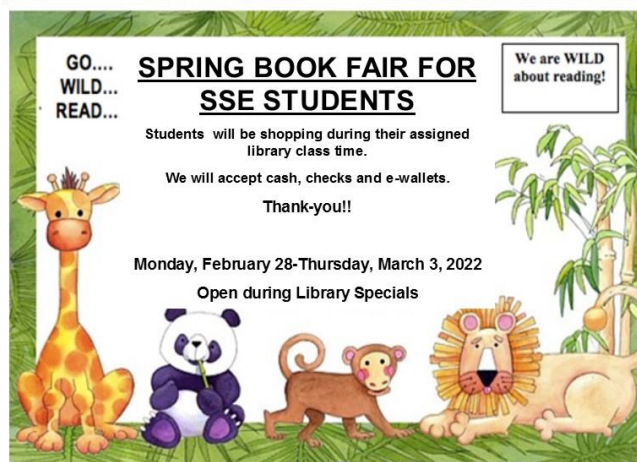
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libraries. Books can  
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such as the public  
library or a home  
library. Please visit

your elementary school  
library if you wish to  
peruse their  
computerized card  
catalog, Alexandria  
Researcher.

When looking up the  
books, check the BL  
(book level) to  
determine what color



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## How do I set-up Book Fair eWallet?

Setup dates are February 2nd-March 3rd, any money left on your child's account after March 3rd will be returned to your credit card.



**The easiest way to shop the Fair!**

Book Fair eWallet is a safe and secure alternative to cash, featuring contactless checkout. Simply create an account to add funds and/or invite family and friends to contribute. Then, shop in-person or through the Virtual Book Fair to discover 6,000+ products.



Create Account



Add Funds

and / or



Share with Family & Friends



Shop the Fair

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<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/superstitionspringselemsch4>



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