

News from Stormy the Sidewinder



Dear Families,

Kindergarten registration and open enrollment registration for the 2022-2023 school year is in full swing. Please visit our website to register your kindergarten student and schedule a school tour. Also, please mark your calendars for March 1, 2022. We will be having our first virtual kindergarten round-up/live Webex from 3:15-3:45. You and your kindergarten student will meet our superb kindergarten team, be able to take a virtual tour, and find out what your student will be learning during the school year.

Superstition Springs Elementary Optional Learning Environment forms are now available in the front office. If you elect to complete this form, please return to the front office no later than Friday, April 8, 2022. Thank you.

ARE YOU MOVING FROM HERE TO THERE?

We are in the process of planning for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are a current kindergarten through 5th grade family and will NOT be returning to SSE for the 2022-2023 school year, please email Ms. Patty in the front office at

patty.pomykala@gilbertschools.net

Please let us know if your student will be an in district or out of district transfer to better help us prepare your student's records.

THANK YOU.

Upcoming Events:

1. 1:55 Release – March 2, 16, 30
2. Kindergarten Roundup #1 – March 1
3. Morning Running Club – March 2, 16, 30
4. 5th and 6th Grade Field Day – March 2
5. Battle of the Books #3 – March 2
6. 3rd and 4th Grade Field Day – March 3
7. 11:55 Release – March 4
8. Spring Break – March 7-14
9. School Resumes – March 15
10. STUCO Spirit Day (Twin Day)/Kona Ice Treat Sale at Lunch – March 18
11. School Council – March 21
12. 5th Grade AASA Science State Testing – March 22
13. 11:55 Release – March 23
14. PTSO Dinner Night (Backyard Taco) – March 23
15. PTSO Meeting - March 24 (3:15)

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- 16. 3rd Grade AASA Writing State Testing – March 28
- 17. 4th Grade AASA Writing State Testing – March 29
- 18. Choir Concert – March 29 (5:00)
- 19. 5th Grade AASA Writing State Testing – March 30

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.

Click on the Annual Update graphic under District Announcements:

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District Announcement
07/10/2019



Please click here to complete your Annual Update / Awareness Contract / Chromebook Agreement

Please click here to make an online payment in InTouch

The 'Annual Update' allows you to tell us of any updates to your contact information, address changes, updates to emergency contacts, awareness contract, and Chromebook agreement for grades 7-12. Every parent or guardian must complete the 'Annual Update' process.

Click on Complete My Annual Update:

Infinite Campus

What would you like to do?

[Complete My Annual Update](#)

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AzM2 State Testing is now called AASA

AASA is fast approaching. Below is a schedule outlining all testing days at SSE. Each grade level is assigned specific days for testing. If at all possible, please try not to schedule any appointments during these times. As required by the state, if a student begins testing, they must complete the test within the school day. They are not allowed to pause the test and finish the next day. The schedule will also be posted on our school calendar. Thank you very much with your assistance.

3rd Grade – March 28 – writing/April 5 – reading 1 math 1/April 7 – reading 2 math 2
4th Grade – March 29 – writing/April 12 – reading 1 math 1/April 14 – reading 2 math 2
5th Grade – March 31 – writing/April 19 – reading 1 math 1/April 21 – reading 2 math 2
6th Grade – April 1 – writing/April 26 – reading 1 math 1/April 28 – reading 2 math 2

Message from your School Social Worker

Hello SSE Families!! I hope everyone is doing well! Should any families need any resources please contact me at shawnda.harmsen@gilbertschools.net or 480-641-6413 x 1408.

An update on SEL (social and emotional lessons) classes during week B. In kindergarten and 1st grade we will be continuing our unit on how to calm down and after spring break we will start how to problem solve. In these units we will discuss ways to help ourselves calm down when we have big emotions at school and how to solve friendship problems. We go over counting, belly breathing, positive self talk, and examples on how to solve our problems (called STEP). In these units we will learn through practice, songs, pictures and books. In 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade we will be starting the problem solving unit. In this unit we will discuss different problems we might have here at school such as friendship and school work. In this unit we will learn how to solve our problems using the STEP system (say the problem, think of solutions, explore consequences and pick the best solution). We will learn through stories, pictures, songs, and a school video based on SSE's 3 to Be. We will also continue our Mind Yeti and Headspace practice. In 6th grade we will be starting our emotional management unit. We will be focusing on ways we can help ourselves when we have strong emotions at school. We will be completing this unit with video clips, practice, and games. I hope your student enjoys these lessons as I enjoy coming to the classroom to see them.

Shawnda Harmsen MS, RYT, RCYT
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GPS Wellness Resources for Families: <https://www.gilbertschools.net/wellness>

Congratulations Ruby Webb who took 2nd place in the GPS district Oratorical Contest



PTSO

Thank you so much for your continued support! The K.I.S.S. Campaign is still going strong! Get your donations in by Friday, March 4th!! Let's make this the best year yet! The best part about this donation drive is that we get to keep 100% of the funds within our school! Top 3 classes will win a doughnut or pizza party!!

We had another successful Dinner Night Out at McDonald's raising a little over \$500 in one night!! Those funds are being used directly in the classroom!!

Save the Date!

Wednesday, March 23rd from 11:00am - 9:00pm (ALL DAY!!) at Backyard Taco on Higley/Ray

Wednesday, April 6th from 11:00am - 10:00pm (ALL DAY!!) at Bahama Bucks on Power between Baseline and Guadalupe

Yearbooks are on sale!! Don't forget to buy yours early online! www.jostens.com - Find Superstition Springs Elementary to place your order!

Kona Ice will be at lunch again on Friday, March 18th. They are \$4 each - both refills and new cups!

Remember to follow us on Facebook to keep up with the latest information!! <https://www.facebook.com/sseptso>

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Character Counts Golden Ticket Winners

Brady Robinson
Makayla Norman
Oliver Chilton
Jackson Bowen
Allison Janeck

Julia Christenson
Jeremiah Jefferies
Ainsley Pacific
Tyler Skousen



Character Counts Winners

Tyler Skousen
Brady Robinson
Julia Christensen
Jasmin Dorantes-
Campillo
Phinley Porter
Lana Laker
Kiana Hartman
Avery Hoskins
Noah Frost
Tana Throckmorton
Luna Khalil
Tanner Earhart
Zain Tarin
Kiana Hartman
Paisley Wood

Colton Pringle
Ernie Skelnik
Brooklyn Summerhays
Thalia Rodriguez
Isabella Mercado
Desmond Goudy
David Gutierrez
Safia Garcia
Butterfly George
Ellany Rosser
Isabella Lipert
Corbin Hunter
Aaron Le
Oliver Clark
Blake Boudreaux
Abby Ibarra

Declan Mooney
Navy Bell
Baylee Durant
Danton Hebner
Paige Avise
Issac Bishop
Tau Ili
Jackson Howard
Ethan Towarnyckyj
Mia Stenberg
Jennifer Holland
Eleanor Miller
Wallace McKinnon
Oliver Chilton
Jackson Bowen
Waylon Castaneda

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Titus Voss
Emma Jocom
Izac Russell
Ricky Flores
Daniel Nino
Eric Sanchez
Tasiana Mista
Hunter Eischien
Chloe Pratt
Carlee Williams
Logan DeHaven
Brayson Haws
Caleb Hoopes
Bradley McClellan
Emma Cornejo
Savanna Kruse
Sina Arrington
Gianna Hylton
Jori Comerford
Isabella Mercado
Brantley Baker
Lili Martin
Avery Hoskins
Roux Dunford
Noah Frost

Sadie Nichols
Kailey Ridenour
Kynlee Middleton
Gracie Kukkola
Dylan Wantink
Paige Avise
Ethan Morrow
Cohen Ferrin
Sophia Graham
Kaily Ridenour
Jade Brough
Aubriella Medina
Leon Cervantes-Rios
Hudson Sprouse
Makayla Smith
Lindyn Strong
Daniel Lehrich
Maggie Jones
Sophia Beale
Siyao Lin
Neo Santana
Corbin Hunter
Adrianna Myrmel
Shiloh Campbell
Izabella Gudino
Alexandria Advise

Deliah Arias
Ryder Wilson
Katherine Chilton
Parsa Hayati
Kayson Jacob
Danny Lamoreax
Gracie Kukkola
Mateo Labotos
Mikinzi Line
Barrett Warth
Caleb Hoopes
Jasmine Dorantes
Bradley Kostura
Brooklyn McClard
Conrad Alder
Ezekiel Eiland
Maddie VanCleave
Charlee Williams
Jordan Reese
Lila Cogswell
Jayden Butter
Colton Pringle
Serenity Luna
Bella Gudino
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Elementary Summer School

\$90 CLASS Looking for some summer fun?

GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TEACHERS ARE HERE TO HELP!

Elementary Summer School

June 6th - 30th
SESSIONS 8:30 - 11:30

Settler's Point Elementary
To Register: Please Visit our Website:
<https://www.gilbertschools.net/summerschool>

**Escape the Classroom, Legos Crime Lab,
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Library Link

THE LIBRARY LINK

SUPERSTITION SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

From the Desk of....

Ms. Harris, Librarian

We are off and running with our 3rd quarter. This quarter is going to full of exciting things happening in the library.

February 28-March 4 will be Read Across America week. Please put Read Across America on your calendar. When you make the time to read with children, children get the message that reading is important. Parents, members of our community, and local celebrities who make time to read during Read Across America celebrations help motivate kids to read. So please take time to read with your child February 28-March 4. In addition, every day that week we will have a special dress-up day that goes along with a Dr. Seuss Theme. "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss

Our Spring Book Fair will be February 28-March 3rd. In conjunction with our in-school fair, we will be hosting an online book fair for parents, family and friends. You will be able to purchase all of the best sellers and other titles online and have books shipped directly to your house. The online fair will be open from February 23-March 8. Please see web link in this newsletter. Please remember that a percentage of all proceeds come back to the library so we can purchase new books for our students to read.

Also in January, our kindergarten students started bringing their library books home for the first time. They have been practicing book care rules for the last quarter and were very 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. Students are taught to keep their library books in their backpack and to bring them to school every day. Library days for Kindergarten students are as follows:

Monday—Mrs. Gustafson's Class

Tuesday—Ms. Reisenauer's Class

Thursday—Ms. Korinek's Class

Friday—Mrs. Smith's Class and Mrs. Connett's Class

Thank-you so much for supporting the library! If you should have any questions, please feel free to



February / March, 2022

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.

How to pay for lost or damaged books...

If your child has a lost or damaged library 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 library.

Thank-you for your help in this matter.

Important Dates:

- Read Across America Week with Dr. Seuss Dress-up Days—February 28-March 4, 2022
- Spring Book Fair—Feb. 28-March 3rd
- Parent Online Book Fair—Feb. 23-March 8, 2022





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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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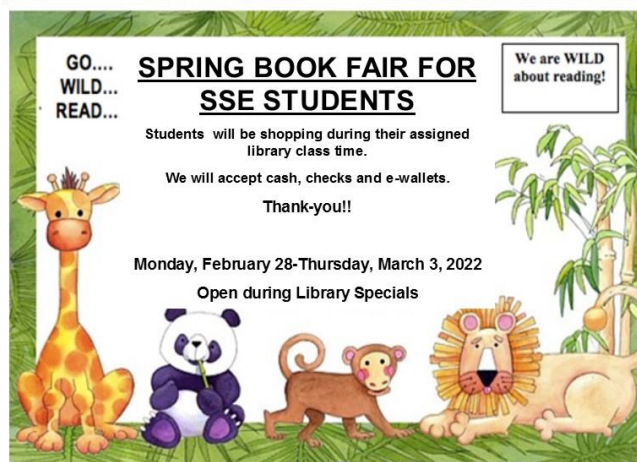
SSE students have access to every quiz created by Renaissance Learning (over 100,000 currently). This site does not tell us what is housed in school libraries. Students are not restricted merely by the books owned by their respective school libraries. Books can come from anywhere such as the public library 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



Superstition Springs	1.6-2.0 Green	4.1-4.5 Orange
AR Colors	2.1-2.5 Blue	4.6-5.0 Light Blue
Range Color	2.6-3.0 Red	5.1-6.0 Light Green
0.3-1.5 Yellow	3.1-3.5 Pink	6.1-6.9 Purple
	3.6-4.0 White	7.0+ Black



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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

To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:

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



Book Fair eWallets are the safest and most secure way to send money with your child! Please set one up today!