

News from Stormy the Sidewinder



February 2023

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Dear Families,

We hope your New Year is off to a great start!!!

Upcoming Events:

1. 1:55 Release – February 1, 8, 15, 22
2. 4th Grade Field Trip – February 2
3. PTO K.I.S.S. Campaign Ends – February 6
4. STUCO Valentines Day Dance – February 10 (*students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian*)
5. Random Acts of Kindness Week – Feb 13-17
6. School Council – February 13
7. 5th Grade Field Trip – February 14
8. Spring Picture Day – February 16
9. Kona Ice Treat Sale at Lunch/STUCO Spirit Day (Teacher Student Switch Day) – February 17
10. Presidents Day (no school) - February 20
11. Spring Book Fair – February 23-March 3

Infinite Campus Emergency Contacts & 'Annual Update' Instructions for 2022/23 School Year

Click on the Annual Update graphic under District Announcements:

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Announcements Inbox

District Announcement
07/10/2019

ANNUAL UPDATE
Update Your Student's Contact Information

MAKE A PAYMENT in iTouch

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

Please click here to make an online payment in iTouch

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 2-12. 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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Attendance Matters

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Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..	When a student misses 4 days a month..
They will miss 20 DAYS a year.	They will miss 40 DAYS a year.
They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.	They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.
They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

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Message from Your School Social Worker

Hello SSE Families! As the school social worker, I provide several services to our families that include weekend food bags, school support, referrals to other supports and much more. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

I would like to update families on our SEL classes. In Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade we will be continuing our emotional management unit. In this unit we will be looking at pictures, watching video clips and reading books about identifying emotions and ways to calm down at school. In 5th and 6th grade we will be completing our Common Sense - Digital Citizenship lessons; in these lessons we discuss being safe online and safe computer skills. We will practice our skills that we learned in our digital passport game (from Common Sense). These skills will help us at school while working on our Chromebooks. After we have completed these lessons in 5th and 6th grade, we will be starting our emotional management and conflict solution unit. In these units we discuss how to calm down at school and help solve our problems with friends. I hope your students are enjoying SEL as much as I am!

Kindness is Magic!! Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 13 to 17th. We will be having a spirit week and fun activities in the classroom during SEL. The spirit week will be the following:

Monday - Hats off to Kindness - Wear a Hat to School

Tuesday - Wear Red, Pink or White to School

Wednesday - Wear Wacky Patterns to School because We Are All Unique

Thursday - Dress to Impress - Dress Up for Kindness and School Picture Day

Friday - STUCO Spirit Day - Teacher/Student Switch

Should you have any questions, need resources, or support please feel free to contact me.

Shawnda Harmsen MS, RYT, RYT

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

Oratorical Contest

Congratulations to all our SSE participants and to Ruby Webb who is 2023 GPS 3rd-6th grade district Champion!

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1st Place – Ruby Webb
2nd Place – Katherine Chilton
3rd Place – Oliver Chilton



SSE Annual Yearbook Contest

Great job with all our yearbook cover contest participants!

1st Place – Braeden Mann
2nd Place – Zach Williams
3rd Place – Marley Baxter



PTSO News:

The K.I.S.S. Campaign is going on now through February 6th! Please consider donating any amount to SSE through this fundraiser. 100% of the funds stay with our school, and it keeps us from having to do more fundraisers throughout the year.

Dinner Nights continue to be a great success for us and help raise funds for our classrooms. Thank you so much to those of you who have been able to participate. We appreciate you!

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Next Dinner Night:

February 7th: Nando's - Val Vista/Baseline 4:00 - 9:00pm for carry out or dine in

Upcoming Dates:

Kona Ice during lunch: Friday, February 17th

PTSO Meeting: Thursday, February 9th after school in the library! Children are welcome to join us.

K.I.S.S. Campaign 2023 "Keeping It Super Simple"

The Superstition Springs Elementary PTSO works very hard every year to raise funds for our teachers, students, and classrooms. The K.I.S.S. Campaign was a huge success last year, so we decided to bring it back rather than trying to find a catalog fundraiser.

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 you raise?

100% of your contribution stays with our school. Best of all? **You don't have to sell a thing!**

What are we asking: \$25 per student, but any amount is greatly appreciated. Invite family and friends to participate in this super simple fundraiser!

SUBMIT DONATIONS ANY TIME NOW - FEBRUARY 6TH!

CASH, CHECK, OR VENMO @SSE-PTSO

or for the Arizona Tax Credit, go to www.gilbertschools.net/taxcredit

To get the AZ Tax Credit, you must submit your payment into the SSE General Fund online or come into the front office to fill out the form. You **cannot Venmo** for the tax credit.

Where does the money go to: Directly to the teachers and classrooms and ultimately your student. We supply the means to get many items throughout the year, such as classroom supplies, online learning subscriptions, classroom projectors, staff appreciation, Powerhouse awards, and anything else that might pop up during the school year that we can help with.

Do we really need the money: Really....we do....it is even in our budget. We allot over \$10,000 per year JUST for the teachers. A large amount (\$6,000) also pays for the Accelerated Reading Program, which is utilized schoolwide.

*** **PRIZES:** Pizza Party or Doughnut Party for the top three classes!

-----***PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN DONATION CARD***-----



2023 K.I.S.S. CAMPAIGN DONATION CARD



STUDENT(S) _____

TEACHER(S) _____

GRADE(S) _____

Enclosed Donation amount of \$ _____ OR Amount donated online \$ _____

Cash, check, Venmo, or tax credit are welcome. Please make checks payable to **SSE PTSO**.

Venmo: @**SSE-PTSO**

**Please put your student's name and grade in the "For" line of your check/Venmo or your child's classroom will not get credit.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!

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Character Counts Golden Ticket Winners

Zackary Williams
Ricky Flores
Liam Covert
Rylee Vaughn
Angelina Solis-Porras

Justin Cortez
Bryson Payne
Duke Middleton
Alyx Maya



Character Counts Winners

Colton Welty
Jack Gardiner
Sophia Beale
Mila Mavis
Rai Camacho
Natalie Bendezu
McKinley Searcy
Jaiden Chavez
Brooklyn Roberts
Abigail Rogers
DJ Graham
Kaitlyn Sanchez
Isabella DelaTorre
Preston Prescott
Ezekiel Eiland
Malia Herron

Parker Roberts
Olivia Durrant
Presley Robinson
Milah Brown
Evelyn Howard
Sofia Parker
Conner McIlveen
Allie Summerhays
Matthew Gintz
Angelina Solis-Porras
Chris Ruiz
Riley Williams
Ethan Morrow
Leo Ibarra
Noah Barnes
Fox Ferrin

Devin Jurca
Eleanor Miller
Kiana Hartmann
Evertte Ruthem
Rigdon Moody
Henry Werner
Connor Pratt
Sophia Flores
Leah Yanez
Doc Hollie Vann
Cruz Wilson
Marleigh Montoya
Chloe Bello
Catherine Tracy
Lillian Leichtman
Claire O'Herron

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Mateo Arcos
Ayona Laker
Noel Conde
James Clark
Hunter McClellan
Kenzie Salter
Coralie Redwitz
Julia Christensen
Aiden Mendoza
Chaelen Ruffcorn
Wyatt Dettman
Ridgon Moody
Stella Rodgers
Ellany Rosser
Olivia Durrant
Paige Zehring
Rylie Kennedy
Alora Bandin
Lorenzo Dizon
Jade Brough
Toby Espinoza
D'Andre Graham
Siena Mahiya
Kristine Bahdi
Sofia Nenadovic
Ava Wituckey
McKinley Searcy
Josh Durant
Pearl McKinnon
Cole Hagen
Brynn Burdick

Kahlil Reid
Ethan Quintanar
Kenzlie Staggs
Natalia Molina
Riley Williams
Leo Ibarra
Ariana Sanai
William Mesenbrink
Amelia Aguayo
Clara Weathers
McKinley Searcy
Everly Johnson
Giselle Rodriquez
Jayden Butter
Bella Gudino
Parker Prescott
Ezra Salter
Abigail Rogers
Piper Cox
Brianna Bray
Brayden Hudon
Jaxson Butter
Everette Ruthem
Wyatt Dettman
Harrison Rieck
Ellany Rosser
Colton Welty
Penny Clark
Bryce Pizzicarola
Gabe Banyai
Ethan Dettman

Elise Spearman
Jett Fardos
Ava Onken
Axton Sterling
Darcy Banfield
Jack Gardiner
Rylie Kennedy
Olivia Durrant
Leiloni Partida-Morales
Makayla Norman
Mia Mendoza
Jackson Leichtman
Paige Zehring
Brees Boudreaux
Gonzalo Lope
Judah Hawkins
Lillian Howard
Tegan Morrow
James Campbell
Michael Andreas
Ariana Velazco
Kiana Hartman
Sofia Nenadovic
Phinley Porter
Corban Webb
Ezra Salter
Piper Robinson
DJ Graham
Judah Hawkins
Kenzie Salter

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Nurses Notes

Let's Ask!

HOW OFTEN SHOULD A WATER BOTTLE BE WASHED?



While reusable water bottles are convenient and healthy for us and for the environment, they still may endanger your health if they're not used properly. For instance, if you reuse your water bottle without rewashing it or a water bottle left in the car overnight or throughout a hot day can also house bacteria.

So how often..?

- At least once daily with warm, soapy water. *Use soap that is antibacterial preferably, if your soap is not antibacterial consider other cleaning agents such as vinegar, hydrogen peroxide, baking soda, cleaning tablets, or antibacterial mouthwash.* Rinse well.
- Sanitized weekly - ensure it is dishwasher safe, if not, use a sanitizing solution.
- After washing, allow to air dry overnight.

Nuggets of Knowledge

1. The main cause of bacteria buildup in your water bottle is your mouth. Consider that your mouth might contain bacteria that may thrive in and on your water bottle.
2. Water bottles that aren't cleaned for a week contain around 300,000 bacteria cells per square centimeter. To put it in common comparison, it contains more bacteria than the water bowl of a dog.
3. Studies show 83% of plastic, reusable water bottles have bacteria. Plastic is also more prone to cracking which can house bacteria buildup. Whereas stainless steel repels bacteria because it's naturally antiseptic [it's the spout and lid to be concerned with.]
4. Water that is left to sit inside your water bottle can contribute to moisture and promote bacterial growth. Hence, make sure your water bottle is fully dried before storing.

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SSE ELL Family Engagement Night

**SSE
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Come and join us on

Acompañanos este

March 9, 2023

9 de Marzo 2023

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Room 219

Salón 219

There will be :

Habrà :

Games

Juegos

Snacks

Dulces

Resources

Recursos

Presented by Mrs. Thompson
Principal: Dr. Moses
For more information: 480 -641-6413
ext 1219

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Library Link

THE LIBRARY LINK

good things are happening in the library

NUMBER OF BOOKS CHECKED OUT THIS YEAR: **20,075**



SSE Kindness Garden

Thanks to the support and inspiration of our Instructional Coach, Michele Woods, the library is now home to a beautiful Kindness Garden. Students in the Kindness Club have each adopted a plant and named it. They are each responsible for learning more about their plants including their proper names and how to care for their plants. Kindness Club members water, re-pot, learn about, and tend to their plants which are enjoyed by the entire school community. We are excited to watch this project and our students grow!

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BOOK FAIR

You helped us SHATTER records at our last book fair and we are hoping to do it again in February! Join us the week of February 27th - March 3rd for another epic book fair.

Family night will be held Wednesday, March 1st from 1pm-5pm in the library.

Battle of the Books



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2022/2023

Our next battle will be on
Tuesday, March 28th at 1:30pm
in the library.

**PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME
WATCH AND SUPPORT!**

BATTLE #3 BOOKS

- *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
- *Riding Freedom* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *The View from Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg
- *Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop

FOR MORE VISIT: <https://sites.google.com/view/superstitionspringslibrary/home>