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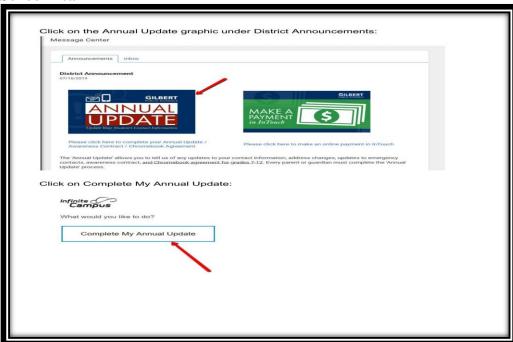
Dear Families,

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

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1. 1:55 Release February 1, 8, 15, 22
- 2. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip February 2
- 3. PTSO 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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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



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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.

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GPS Wellness Resources for Families: <a href="https://www.gilbertschools.net/wellness">https://www.gilbertschools.net/wellness</a>

#### **Oratorical Contest**

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

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1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ruby Webb 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Katherine Chilton 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Oliver Chilton





#### **SSE Annual Yearbook Contest**

Great job with all our yearbook cover contest participants!

1<sup>st</sup> Plave – Braeden Mann

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Zach Williams

3<sup>rd</sup> 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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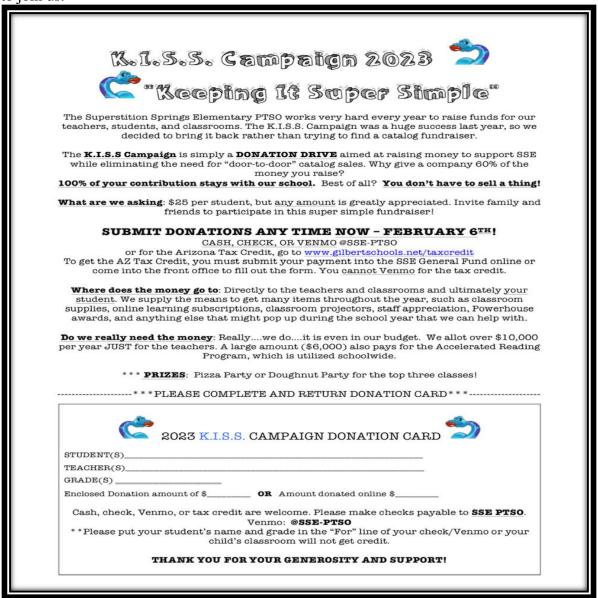
#### Next Dinner Night:

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.



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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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McKinley Searcy Josh Durant Pearl McKinnon Cole Hagen

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Siena Mahiya

Kristine Bahdi

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Sofia Nenadovic

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Kahlil Reid Ethan Quintanar Kenzlie Staggs Natalia Molina Riley Williams Leo Ibarra Ariana Sanai

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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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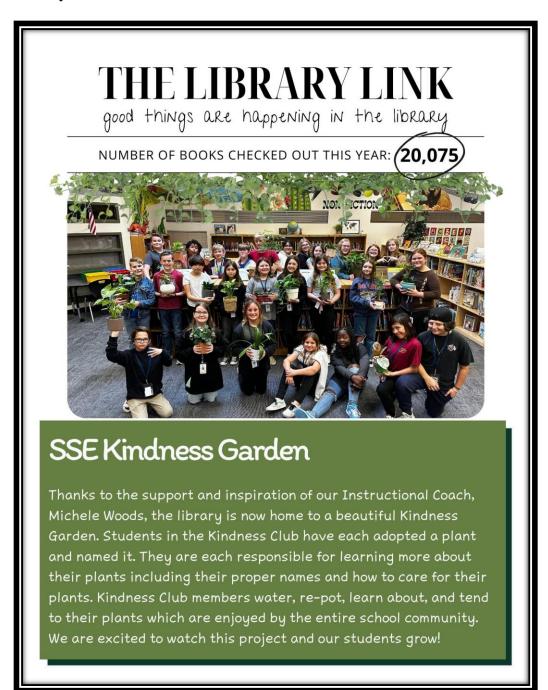
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**Library Link** 



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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