

# News from Stormy the Sidewinder



March 2023

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Dear Families,

Kindergarten registration and open enrollment registration for the 2023-2024 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 7, 2023. We will be having our first virtual kindergarten round-up/live Webex from 3:00-3:30. 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. We will also have an in person kindergarten round up May 3, 2:15-3:15

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 Thursday April 6, 2023. Thank you.

## ARE YOU MOVING FROM HERE TO THERE?

*We are in the process of planning for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are a current kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade family and will NOT be returning to SSE for the 2023-2024 school year, please email Ms. Patty in the front office at [patty.pomykala@gilbertschools.net](mailto: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.*

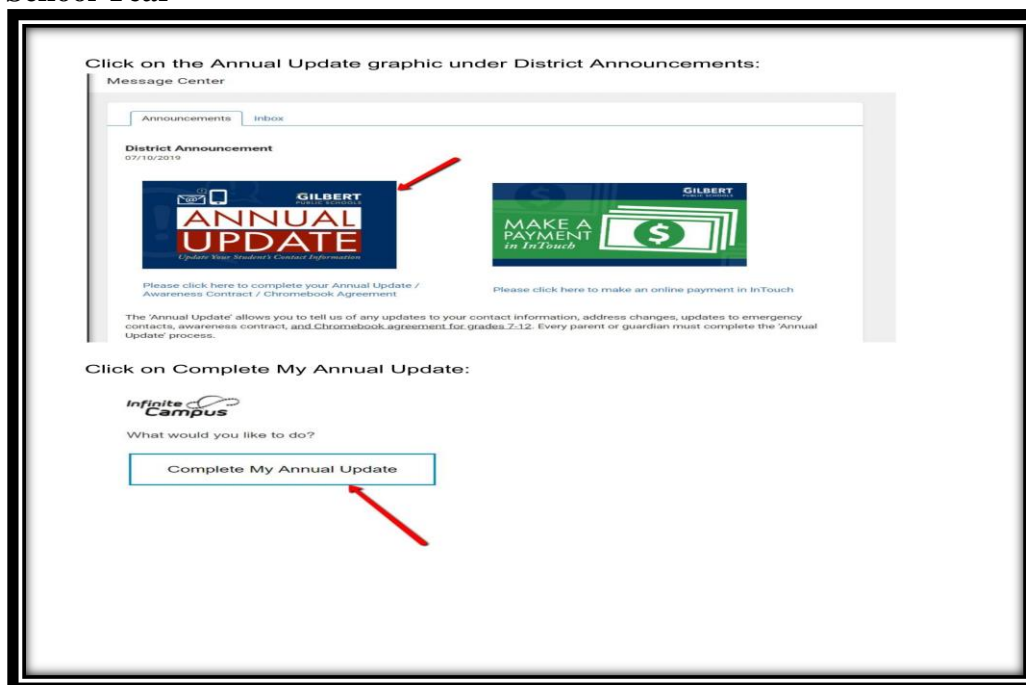
## Upcoming Events:

1. 11:55 Release – March 1
2. Family Afternoon at the Book Fair – March 1 (1:00-5:00)
3. Leadership – March 2
4. Kona Ice Treat Sale at Lunch/STUCO Spirit Day (Crazy Hat Day) – March 3
5. SSE Field Day (grades preK-K) – March 6
6. SSE Field Day (grades 3-4) – March 7 (8:30-11:00)
7. Kindergarten Roundup #1 (Online) – March 7
8. SSE Field Day (grades 1-2) – March 8 (8:30-10:30)
9. 1:55 Release – March 8, 29
10. SSE Field Day (grades 5-6) – March 9 (8:30-11:00)
11. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Music Performance – March 9 (2:00)
12. 11:55 Release – March 10
13. Powerhouse – March 10 (9:00)



- 14. Spring Break – March 13-24
- 15. School Resumes – March 27
- 16. Battle of the Books #3 – March 3 (1:30)
- 17. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade AASA Science Assessment #1 – March 29
- 18. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade AASA Science Assessment #2 and 3 – March 30

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



## AASA State Testing

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.

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			<b>MARCH</b>		
MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Superstition Springs Testing Calendar 2023			1	2	3
		6	7	8	9
		13	14	15	16
		20	21	22	23
		27	28	29	30
			5 <sup>th</sup> Grade AZSCI Part 1	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade AZSCI Part 2 and 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade AZSCI Make-Up

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> 3rd Grade Writing	<b>4</b> 4th Grade Writing	<b>5</b> 3rd Grade Hagen ORF	<b>6</b> 5th Grade Writing	<b>7</b> No School
<b>10</b> 6th Grade Writing	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 3rd Grade Luke ORF	<b>13</b> 3rd Grade Reading and Math Part 1	<b>14</b> 3rd Grade Reading and Math Part 2 Last Day For AZSCI Make-up!
<b>17</b> 4th Grade Reading and Math Part 1	<b>18</b> 6th Grade Reading and Math Part 1	<b>19</b> 3rd Grade Scherba ORF	<b>20</b> 4th Grade Reading and Math Part 2	<b>21</b> 6th Grade Reading and Math Part 2
<b>24</b> 5th Grade Reading and Math Part 1	<b>25</b> 5th Grade Reading and Math Part 2	<b>26</b> 3rd Grade Coronado ORF	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Last Day For Writing, Reading, ORF and Math Make-up!

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





## 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, 4th grade we will be wrapping up our emotional management unit before spring break. In this unit we will be looking at pictures, watching video clips and reading books about identifying emotions, and ways to calm down here at school. After spring break we will be starting our problem solving unit. We discuss different problems that students can have in school and how to solve them. In 5th and 6th grade we will be completing our Common Sense - Digital Citizenship lessons; in these lessons we discuss being safe online and more 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 here at school and help solve our problems with friends. I hope your students are enjoying SEL as much as I am!

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

Shawnda Harmsen MS, RYT, RCYT  
Email: shawnda.harmsen@gilbertschools.net  
Phone: 480.641.6413 x 1408  
GPS Wellness Resources for Families: <https://www.gilbertschools.net/wellness>

## PTSO News:

Save the Date: The SSE Block Party is back! Friday, May 12th from 5:00-7:00pm

Please join us at our next PTSO Meeting in the library after school! Thursday, March 9th. We NEED people to join our team! Please let us know if you are interested or come to our next meeting.

Kona Ice: Friday, March 3rd - \$4 each - during lunch recess.

Dinner Night Out: Our next fundraiser will be at Papa Murphy's on Wednesday, March 29th all day at the Hawes/Guadalupe location. Coupons cannot be accepted to participate in the fundraiser.

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Yearbooks: Please make sure to pre-order your 2022-23 SSE Yearbook! They are available for purchase online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). Search for our school! They are \$22 now - March 1st. The price goes up to \$25 after that. The last day to pre-order will be on April 30th.

## Character Counts Golden Ticket Winners

Pepper Thorpe  
Calvin Jones  
Piper Durrant  
Mateo Florez  
Ayona Laker

Kynlee Middleton  
Jade Brough  
Luke Dettman  
Lydia Thorpe  
Saoirse Allen



## Character Counts Winners

Tamzyn Curtis  
Andreas DeLeon  
River Takagi  
Colton Welty  
Lyla Roberts  
Chaelen Ruffcorn  
Penny Clark  
Jaxson Christman  
Noah Barnes  
Ariana Velazco  
Claire O'Herron  
Darcy Banfield  
Alice Harmsen  
Luke Dettman  
William Mesenbrink

Kayson Jacob  
Alivia Rameriz  
King Jones  
Preston Prescott  
Anishka Hoti  
Aniyah Marrujo  
Aidan Amaya  
Alexis Tarkington  
Zack Williams  
Jack Bowen  
Aiden Mendoza  
Jayce Nelson  
Kenzi Salter  
Arianna Martinez  
Lillian Howard

Pepper Thorpe  
Jayden Butter  
Andrew Clark  
Zaiden Wilken  
Brevan Banfield  
Jordan Briggs  
Jaxson Butter  
Xzavier Stewart  
Paige Zehring  
Facundo Munoz-  
Olivares  
Brysan Bryan  
Tamzyn Curtis  
Elise Spearman  
Dana Price

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John Brown  
Michaela Molina  
Camber Leal  
Butterfly George  
Kiana Hartmann  
Chaelen Ruffcorn  
Lilly Cox  
Chloe Canonic  
Maggie Jones  
Lucy Jones  
Abigail Rogers  
Kanani Unchango  
Cayden Allen  
Selena Borbon  
Matthew Craig  
Alora Bandin  
Brooklyn Williams  
Marley Baxter  
Braylynn Wood  
Chloe Pratt  
Lilliana Martin  
Liam Covert  
Jameson Graves  
Declan Haun  
Cruz Wilson  
Emma Spanier  
Kahlil Reid  
Aniyah Marrujo  
Taylor Gregg

Olivia Durran  
Colton Welty  
Mikayla Knight  
Brantley Baker  
Emmie Summerhays  
Remy Freeburg  
Gio Puailoa  
Sami Ouali  
Safia Garcia  
Noelia Lopez  
Asunna Torres  
Sienna Mahiya  
Lucy Jones  
Liam Post  
Alyx Maya  
Harrison Rieck  
Penny Clark  
Holly Starlin  
Preston Prescott  
Jack Gardiner  
Makayla Thomas  
Stella Rogers  
Gunner Quist  
Declan Haun  
Jodi Mista  
River Takagi  
Elijah Blackmore  
Sanders  
Rylie Kennedy

Aiden Mendoza  
Braylynn Wood  
Oliver Alder  
Olivia Fletcher  
Jodi Mista  
Maddie Van Cleave  
Jaiden Chavez  
Andrew Clark  
Gage Moody  
Michael Bullard  
Logan Pratt  
Ezekiel Eiland  
Audrina Alcantara  
Asher Ruiz  
Silas Marshall  
Ethan Quintanar  
Mayo Guevara  
Irelynn McIlveen  
Averie Mezquita-  
Bendezu  
Alyx Maya  
Joseph Martin  
Jaxson Johnson  
Gracie Kukkola  
Eva Tukuafu  
Max VanCleave  
Sammy Malone





## SSE ELL Family Engagement Night



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Come and join us on

March 9, 2023

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Room 219

Acompañanos este

9 de Marzo 2023

Salón 219

There will be :

Games

Snacks

Resources



Habrà :

Juegos

Dulces

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!



## 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>