

News from Stormy the Sidewinder



April 2023

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Dear Families,

Registration for grade K-6 2023-2024 school year is in full swing. Please visit our website to register your student and schedule a school tour. We will have an in person kindergarten round up May 3, 2:15-3:15 where 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 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 5th 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

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. 3rd Grade AASA State Testing – Writing – April 3
2. School Council – April 3
3. 4th Grade AASA State Testing – Writing – April 4
4. 1:55 Release – April 5, 12, 19, 26
5. 3rd Grade AASA State Testing – Oral Reading Fluency – April 5
6. 5th Grade AASA State Testing – Writing - April 6
7. PTSO – April 6 (3:15)
8. Choir Concert – April 6 (5:30)
9. Spring Holiday (no school) April 7
10. 6th Grade AASA State Testing – Writing – April 10
11. 3rd Grade AASA State Testing – Oral Reading Fluency Cont. – April 12
12. 3rd Grade AASA State Testing – Reading and Math #1 – April 13
13. 3rd Grade AASA State Testing – Reading and Math #2 – April 14
14. 4th Grade AASA State Testing – Reading and Math #1 – April 17
15. 6th Grade AASA State Testing – Reading and Math #1 – April 18
16. 3rd Grade AASA State Testing – Oral Reading Fluency Cont. – April 19

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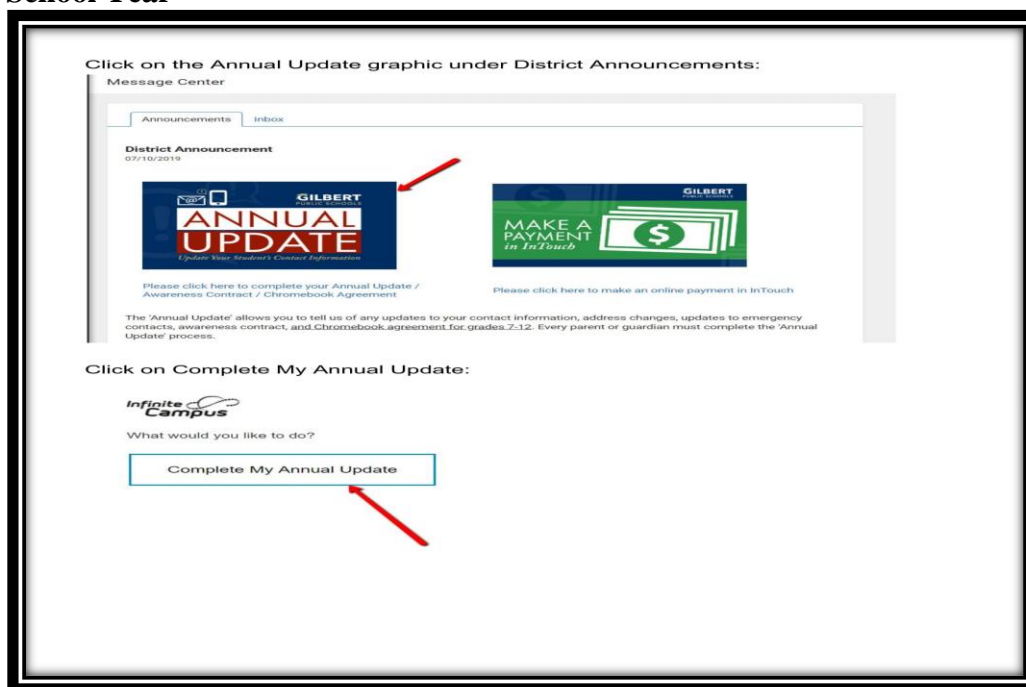


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- 17. 4th Grade AASA State Testing – Reading and Math #2 – April 20
- 18. 6th Grade State Testing – Reading and Math #2 – April 21
- 19. Kona Ice Treat Sale at Lunch/STUCO Spirit Day (Blast From the Past) – April 21
- 20. 5th Grade AASA State Testing – Reading and Math #1 – April 24
- 21. 5th Grade AASA State Testing – Reading and Math #2 – April 25
- 22. 3rd Grade AASA State Testing – Oral Reading Fluency Cont. – April 26

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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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 3rd Grade Writing	4 4th Grade Writing	5 3rd Grade Hagen ORF	6 5th Grade Writing	7 No School
10 6th Grade Writing	11	12 3rd Grade Luke ORF	13 3rd Grade Reading and Math Part 1	14 3rd Grade Reading and Math Part 2 Last Day For AZSCI Make-up!
17 4th Grade Reading and Math Part 1	18 6th Grade Reading and Math Part 1	19 3rd Grade Scherba ORF	20 4th Grade Reading and Math Part 2	21 6th Grade Reading and Math Part 2
24 5th Grade Reading and Math Part 1	25 5th Grade Reading and Math Part 2	26 3rd Grade Coronado ORF	27	28 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 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 we will be continuing our problem solving unit. In this unit students will learn how to solve problems they might have at school. In this learning, students will look at different school pictures, video clips, and books that discuss school problems and how to solve them. Students will have times where they work together to try and solve these problems so they build on their problem solving skills. In 5th and 6th grade we will be continuing our emotional management and problem solving unit. In these units we will discuss how to help ourselves at school when we have a big/strong emotion. We will also be discussing how to help solve problems we might have here at school. In completing this unit we will watch different videos and have group discussion on how we can use those skills at school.

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

Shawnda Harmsen MS, RYT, RCYT

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Phone: 480.641.6413 x 1408

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

PTSO News:

Character Counts Golden Ticket Winners

Dylan Miller
Isabella Mercado
Colton Welty
Jameson Groves
Liam Rauch

Felix Lopez
Levi Hawkins
Ainslie DuPont
Estevan Kent



Character Counts Winners

Sophia Post
Makayla Norman
Chloe Pratt
Sage Goodwin
Rigdon Moody
Sofija Leilua
Tyler Radcliffe
Cecilia Battierra
Eli Folger
Mateo Lobatos
Ethan Morrow
Pearl McKinnon
Lyla Roberts
Baylee Durant
Paige Zehring
Bentley Walter
Gonzalo Lopez
Ethan Quintanar
Sofia Flores
Julian Stricklin
Carlie Nino
Ricky Flores
Max VanCleave
Noel Conde

Bryson Bridges
Bradley Skousen
DJ Graham
Teagan Morrow
Malakai Lent
Liam Reidringer
Ellany Rosser
Destin Williams
Morgan Henson
Graham Curtis
Juniper Ihrig
Amelia Aguayo
Owen Covert
Jordyn Barber
Aiden Bently
Bradley Skousen
Mayo Guevaro
Taylor Gregg
Ashtyn Towne
Rigdon Moody
JJ Garcia Ramirez
Skylar Webb
Audri Maynez
Max VanCleave

Chloe Hester
Elizabeth McCoy
Nora Dronseiko
Roman Hernandez
Dominic Martinez
Avrie Sweepe
Ruby Webb
Pepper Thorpe
Marleigh Montoya
Alijah Marrujo
Luke Dettman
Oliver Alder
Danny Towner
Brynn Burdick
Alice Harmsen
Lilly Cox
Braylynn Wood
Darcy Banfield
Everette Ruthem
Remy Freeburg
Myles Stricklin
Abigail Pedersen
Jaxson Butter

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Nurse Notes

Spring Cleaning?

The health office really needs boys and girls elastic waist shorts and pants. Donations of new underwear are also greatly appreciated. Sizes we need most are 4/5 through 10. We do not need shirts at this time. Thank you so much!

Library Link

THE LIBRARY LINK

good things are happening in the library

NUMBER OF BOOKS CHECKED OUT THIS YEAR: **27,600+**



2022/2023 Battle of the Books Winners!

I am so proud of all 23 students who participated in this year's Battle of the Books competition! These students read 12 books over the course of three quarters and then participated in three intense "battles" where teams work together to answer questions about the books.

This year the competition came down to the wire and in the end a quiet team of 5th grade girls ended up taking first place.

Butterfly George, Ellany Rosser, and Katherine Chilton will represent SSE at the District Battle of the Books competition in April.

GO TEAM!



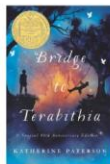
Battle of the Books



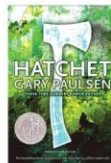
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2022/2023

We had a fantastic first battle! Eight teams of fifth and sixth graders competed after reading four books. The teams all did a great job and with two battle's and eight books still to go, anyone could win! Parent's you are welcome to come and watch the battles and support your student. **Our next battle will be on Tuesday, January 10th at 1:30pm in the library.**

BATTLE #2 BOOK LIST



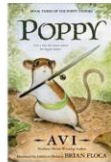
Bridge to Terabithia
by Katherine Paterson



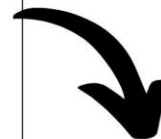
Hatchet
by Gary Paulson



Esperanza Rising
by Pam Munoz Ryan



Poppy
by Avi



We now have all of the BOTB books for this year in the library! We know how difficult it can be to find these books during competition, and so we have purchased sets for the library so that our students can all have an equal chance to compete. Send your students in today to come check out a book and start reading for the next battle today!

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