

News from Stormy the Sidewinder SSE, A Great Place to Be!

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Dear Families,

We hope your New Year is off to a great start!! Kindergarten registration for the 24/25 school year is now open for SSE. Students must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2024.

Registration for all other grades is also open. Please complete the Online Registration by logging into their parent portal or the district website www.gilbertschools.net.

Upcoming Events:

1. School Council - February 5
2. 4th Grade Field Trip - February 8
3. 1:55 Release - February 7, 14, 21
4. PTSO Meeting - February 8 (3:15)
5. Random Acts of Kindness Week - February 12-16
6. 5th Grade Field Trip - February 15
7. Spring Picture Day - February 15
8. Kona Ice Treat Sale at Lunch/STUCO Spirit Day (Cartoon Characters Day) - February 16
9. Presidents Day (no school) - February 19
10. 6th Grade Science Camp - February 23
11. Spring Book Fair - February 26-March 1
12. 11:55 Release - February 28
13. Family Afternoon at the Book Fair - February 28 (1:00-5:00)

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 for your assistance.


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 March <div>Superstition Springs Testing Calendar</div>				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11 Spring Break	12 Spring Break	13 Spring Break	14 Spring Break	15 Spring Break
18 Spring Break	19 Spring Break	20 Spring Break	21 Spring Break	22 Spring Break
25	26 5 th Grade AZSCI Part 1	27 5 th Grade AZSCI Part 2	28	29 Easter Break

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 <h1>April</h1> <div>Superstition Springs Testing Calendar</div>				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2 5th Grade Writing	3 Coronado ORF	4 6th Grade Writing	5 3rd Grade Writing
8 4th Grade Writing	9 6th Grade Reading/Math Part I	10 <u>Scherba</u> ORF	11 6th Grade Reading/Math Part 2	12 Last Day for AZSCI and Writing
15 4th Grade Reading/Math Part I	16 5th Grade Reading/Math Part I	17 Luke ORF	18 5th Grade Reading/Math Part 2	19 3rd Grade Reading/Math Part I
22 4th Grade Reading/Math Part 2	23 3rd Grade Reading/Math Part 2	24 Hagen ORF	25	26 Last Day for Reading, Writing and ORF
29	30			

2024-2025 SSE Optional Learning Environment Forms are now available in the front office. Forms are due March 28, 2024.

iReady Public Review

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PhaTJgiSup3oAISNRwPYN1cuvAs1ZkerUiUwPvG4SD0/edit?usp=sharing>

Gilbert Public Schools is in the process of selecting high-quality instructional materials for K-12 Mathematics. Parents, guardians, family members, employees, teachers, and community members are invited to preview and give input on the materials that are being considered.

The materials will be on public review from January 3rd to March 4th of 2024 at the following locations:

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GPS District Office - 7:30 am - 4:30 pm Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

- Extended hours at the district are 7:00 am - 6:00 pm - Tuesdays & Thursdays

Ashland Ranch Elementary - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Mondays - Fridays

Augusta Ranch Elementary - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Mondays - Fridays

Greenfield Elementary - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Mondays - Fridays

Playa del Rey Elementary - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Mondays - Fridays

Highland Junior High School - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Mondays - Fridays

South Valley Junior High School - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Mondays - Fridays

Highland High School - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Mondays - Fridays

Campo Verde High School - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Mondays - Fridays

Social Worker

Hello SSE Families! As the school social worker I provide several services to our families that include weekend food bags, support with resources, and school support for students. Should you have questions or need these services please contact me by phone or email.

I would like to update families on our SEL classes. In Kindergarten and 1st grade we are continuing our how to calm down unit. In this unit we discuss skills that will help us be successful in the classroom. We use video clips, books and pictures to go through the unit. In 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade we will finish our how to calm down unit and continue our problem solving unit. In our problem solving unit we discuss ways to help ourselves on the playground and/or during recess. We watch video clips, look at school pictures, and read books to go through how we can be kind and make good choices at school. In 2nd grade we will be continuing our school project of writing a book based on Champion, our school dog. We are planning to complete this by April! In 6th grade we will start our digital citizenship unit. In this unit we discuss internet safety. We will also discuss getting ready for Jr High! We will have class discussion, video clips and problems to solve. 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.

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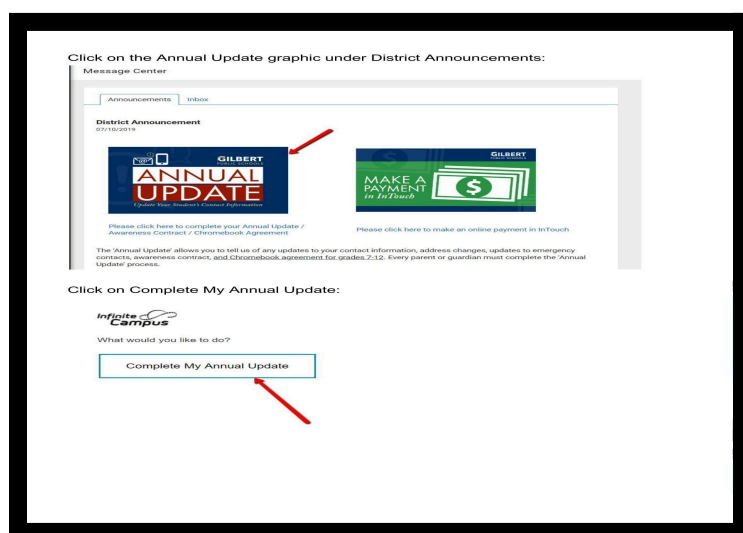
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GPS Wellness Resources for Families: <https://www.gilbertschools.net/wellness>

Annual Update - please complete

Annual Update Short Video - https://youtu.be/m_IMVfKtzwI



SSE Quick Links

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Online Enrollment









Parent Portal Login







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PTSO

Our Dinner Night Out for FEBRUARY is at Chipotle on Power/Hampton (near Superstition Springs Mall) on Tuesday, February 20th from 5:00-9:00 pm. Thank you for supporting SSE!

Kona Ice will be out at lunch recess again on Friday, February 16th. \$4 each - cash only. It is also Student Council's Spirit Day: Cartoon/Character Day

Our next PTSO Meeting is on Thursday, February 8th after school in the library. Kids are welcome to attend. We will be discussing our new school fundraiser (read-a-thon) and the annual Block Party. We'd love to have you join us!!

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

<http://gilbertschools.net/meals>

Oratorical Contest

Congratulations to all our awesome contestants and our oratorical winners!

1st - Ruby Webb 2nd - Katherine Chilton 3rd - Allie Sawyer



SSE's 32B Golden Ticket Winners

Holly Folger
Stella Rodgers
Mason Alyashai

Alex Campbell
Ehsai Amaya
Kate Martin

Duane Throckmorton
Oliver Goodwin
Maya Laird
Phoebe Hebner

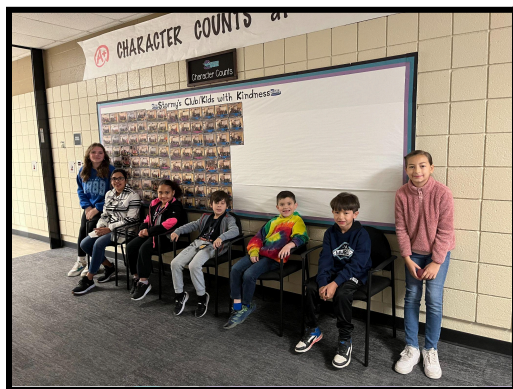
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SSE's 32B Character Winners

Rigdon Moody
Nora Dronseiko
Asher Ruiz
Jasper Curiel
Parker Roberts
Ava Allen
Tyler Radcliffe
Cristiano Lopez
Jillian Hiley
Riley Fletcher
Melini Tukuafu
Sebastian Baltierra
Lola Mann
Jacob Cortes
Avery Hoskins
Sisi Alatini
Kaydence Johnson
Emily Connett
Analisa Bell
Jaxson Christmann
Michael Abril
Jaelyn Gazell
Desmond Goudy
Tau Ili
Ophelia Raguse

Keston Williams
Aubriella Medina
Caleb Weeks
Cruz Wilson
Paige Zehring
Jonah Webb
Keston Williams
Gianluca Adobatto
Kane Saltzmann
JJ Butter
Gray Follis
Levi Roberts
Nellie Smith
Scarlett Schulte
Moses Karanja
Finn Folger
Teagan Salter
Aher Ruiz
Ayona Laker
Teagan Sotelo
Daniel Towner
Brianna Jordan
Jillian Hiley
Ponita Hola
Mayo Guevara

Riley Artt
Avery Taylor
Dawsyn Davison
Kaydence Johnson
Wyatt Cala
Ny'ir Jones
Damien Munoz
Presley Robinson
Malaki Lent
Elijah Conde
Olive Miller
Ava Allen
Nolan Santana
Zayden Clapper
Aubriella Medina
Conner McIlveen
Riley Fletcher
Bryce Wyatt
Paige Zehring
Emma Stalder
Sophia Taylor
Alyosha Ruiz
Teagan Sotelo
Dre Maddox
Reed Cannon

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Aiden Bentley
Brooks Onken
Makayla Norman
Troy Jocom
Enrique Martinez
Jude McKellar
Maura Lilly
Madison Wade
Saige Pacific
Xander Arvizu
Rai Camacho
Ellie Martin
Liam Napodano-Kelling
Dylan Miller
Pepper Thorpe
Eli Mineer
Zaiden Wilkins
Matthew Craig
Emma Payne
Brooklyn Roberts
Jaidan Chavez
Nora Dronseiko
Dana Price
Ashtyn Towne
Bradley McClellan
Parker Hovey
Samantha Martinez
Anthony Maynez
McKinley Searcy
Ella Guevara
Sienna Mahiya
Sage Goodwin
Alex Bartlett
Holly Sage
Tyler Radcliffe
Madison Wade
Brady Robinson
Lauren Strigen

Zain Tarin
Jackson Leichtman
Giselle Rodriguez
Kiana Hartmann
Kaden Liu
Caleb Hoopes
Kinsley Sotelo
Jaxson Searcy
Nancy Chandler
Mia Mendoza
James Campbell
Desmond Goudy
Reed Cannon
John Swingle
Jacob Cortes
Ava Witucky
Jaidan Chavez
Joseph Meyer
Billie Jean Schuster
Amelia Aguayo
Azeneth Ochoa
Jaelyn Gazell
Brantley Baker
Ava Witucky
Vikram Bhure
Sam Soutiere
Jori Comerford
Olive Miller
Koston Greenhalgh
Brianna Jordan
Roman Hernandez
Cielo Aguilar Sanchez
Maddie VanCleave
James Campbell
Ainslie Dupont
Aliyah Bond
Aniyah Marrujo
Dalton Hebner

Mateo Florez
Rumi Williams
Liam Rauch
Jaxson Johnson
Carter Marten
Ruby McKellar
Gianna Hylton
Ethan Corona
Caden Black
Brady Robinson
Mateo Florez
Alyosha Ruiz
Rylee Vaughn
Kingston Laird
Scarlett Schulte
Jameson Graves
Eleanor Miller
Landon Lewis
Colton Pringle
Kate Tiffer
Charlie Porter
Wiley Wood
Ryder Wilson
Stevie Brown
Nolan Santana
Kenzie Salter
Isabella Flores
Eliza Lewis
Safia Garcia
Billie Jean Schuster
Emma Spanier
Oliver Clark
Kinsley Donaldson
Jayce Nelson
Sadie Misko
Elijah Conde
Braxton Weathers
Taylor Gregg

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Preston Prescott
Maddie VanCleave
Claire Connett
Tegan Morrow
Oliver Tracy
Phoebe Hebner
Avery Turilli
Emily Connett
Jodi Mista
Olive Miller
Kinsley Donaldson
Jaxson Searcy
Lola Mann
Amelia Houtz-Murphy
Deshon Maddox
Avery Hoskins
Aston Gaccino
Lani Alatini
Zain Tarin
Ryan Hoopes
Skylar Webb
Cade Middleton
Kynlee Middleton
Andreas DeLeon
Lailah Cano
Jordyn Thomas
William Juarez
Cannon Gardiner
Lindsay Greer
Kiana Hartmann
Bryce Wyatt
Dean Shepard
Jonah Webb
Brighton Boudreaux
Blake Boudreaux
Leah Payne
Elias Beard
Jude McKellar

Doc Vann
D.J. Graham
Noah Hernandez
Reed Smith
Jax Cardenas
Daisy Thorpe
Derek Towner
Nash Kargas
Julia Christensen
Carter Gale
Brayden Hudon
Jordan Reese
Maddie Myrmel
Sadie Williams
Aubrey Craig
Avery Hoskins
Gabe Banyai
Matilda Bluth
Evan Lugo
Keston Williams
Cristian DelPrado
Isabella Delatorre
Parker Ostermeyer
Aubrey Labita
Jasper Curiel
Maverick Cline
Madison Wade
Roland Henson
Carson Veeder
Wyatt Cala
Tegan Morrow
Dominic Martinez
Sophie Tucker
Jamal Soliman
Clara Weathers
Jamal Soliman
Hudson Sprouse
Deya Sarama

Nathan Abbitt
Tyson Apple
Jaxson Kargas
Cecilia Baltierra
Ruby Webb
Brianna Jordan
Gianluca Adobatto
Charles Smith
Ellie Roberts
Grayson Cano
Noah Vidal
Xander Arvizu
Amelia Wiseman
Zayden Clapper
Lizzy Connolly
Emelia Escobedo
Benji Kambool
Audrey Veeder
Monroe Santos
Ryan Hoopes
Taylor Gregg
John Brown
Stella Rodgers
Brody Jones
Kennadi Searcy
Shaylee Walter
Felix Curiel
Liam Covert
Lani Alatini
Alice Harmsen
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Aiden Mendoza
Richie Camacho
Aizen Patton
Azeneth Ochoa
Reygan Molasky
Belle Wiederhold
Hudson Sprouse
Lincoln Gale
Nash Kargas
Tanner Earhart
Reed Cannon
Jameson Graves
Oliver Tracy
Liam Post
Caleb Weeks
Brynn Burdick
Michael Abril

Jeremiah Dicker
Eva Tukuafu
Calvin Jones
Jacob Cortes
Hudson Brice
Owen Donaldson
Natalie Greer
Ty Voss
Emily Connett
Scarlett Darby
Zackary Erwin
Morgan Henson
Davis Jones
Jacob Bury
Steven Chase
Vikram Bhure
Piper Durrant
Olive Miller

Elijah Conde
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Jaxson Johnson
Sienna Ross
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Library News

THE LIBRARY LINK

good things are happening in the library

NUMBER OF BOOKS CHECKED OUT THIS YEAR: **23,000+**



Pick or Pass – First Line Winners!

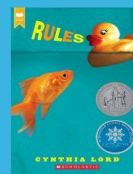
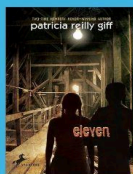
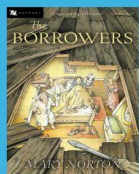
5th and 6th Grade students participated in a Pick or Pass lesson to help us create a fun Library Display.

Students were given five minutes to find a book with what they thought was the most interesting, captivating first line. Two students at a time then read their first line out loud for the class and the class had to vote which book to “pick” and which one to “pass.” Our 6th Grade library helpers then used the winners to make this fun library display. (right)



Battle of the Books Battle #3

Tuesday, March 23rd @ 1:30pm in the SSE Gym



Remind your kiddos to read and/or review the books so that they are ready for our FINAL battle!

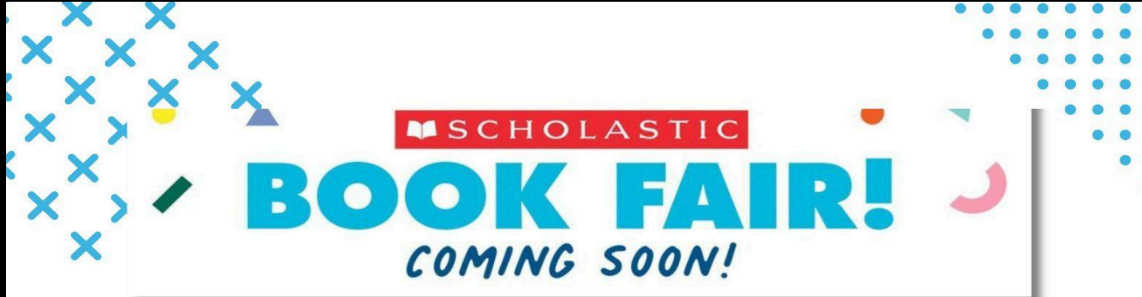
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Mark Your Calendars for our Spring Book Fair!

February 26 - March 1, 2024

Family Night at the Book Fair
Wednesday, Feb. 28th
(Half Day!)
1:00pm - 5:00pm
In the Library!



Set up your eWallet now!

#ScholasticBookFairs

Want more info,
Including links?
**CHECK OUT THE
WEBPAGE!**

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/SSE>

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Nurses Notes

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN (3-5 YEARS)

Physical activity **every day throughout the day**

Active play through a **variety** of enjoyable physical activities

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS (6-17 YEARS)

60 mins (1 hour) or more of moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity daily

A variety of enjoyable physical activities

As part of the 60 minutes, on at least 3 days a week, children and adolescents need:

- **Vigorous activity** such as running or soccer
- Activity that **strengthens muscles** such as climbing or push ups
- Activity that **strengthens bones** such as gymnastics or jumping rope

ADULTS (AGES 18-64 YEARS)*

At least **150 minutes a week** of moderate intensity activity such as **brisk walking**

At least **2 days a week** of activities that **strengthen muscles**

*Aim for the recommended activity level but be as active as one is able

OLDER ADULTS (65 YEARS AND OLDER)*

At least **150 minutes a week** of moderate intensity activity such as **brisk walking**

At least **2 days a week** of activities that **strengthen muscles**

Activities to **improve balance** such as standing on one foot

*Aim for the recommended activity level but be as active as one is able

Source: Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, 2nd edition. Available at <https://health.gov/paguidelines>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity

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