



# SRES SCHOOL NEWS April 2023

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Monthly newsletter to Salt River Elementary School Parents, Families, and Community

### I WILL ACHIEVE



### **APRIL**

**3 & 17:** Salt River Schools Education Board meeting, 5:15PM

6: College Wear Day

**6:** Education Fair "Exercising Minds, Bodies & Spirits" in the ALA gymnasium (open to all!), 4-7PM

**7:** Spring Holiday: No School/Salt River Schools Offices Closed

12 & 26: Early Release at Noon

**14:** First Friday Chats with Higher Education, MS Teams, 10

21: SRES Field Day

### **MAY**

**1 & 15:** Salt River Schools Education Board meeting, 5:15PM

10: Early Release at Noon

**15:** Kindergarten Celebration, ALA Lecture Hall, 9:30-11:30AM

**16:** ECEC Pre-K Promotion, 9:30AM-12:30PM

**17:** 6th Grade Promotion, ALA Lecture Hall, 1:45-3:15PM

19: Last Day of School

O'odham/Piipaash Word of the Month Hyosik (O'odham) Thavsh (Piipaash) Flower (English)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

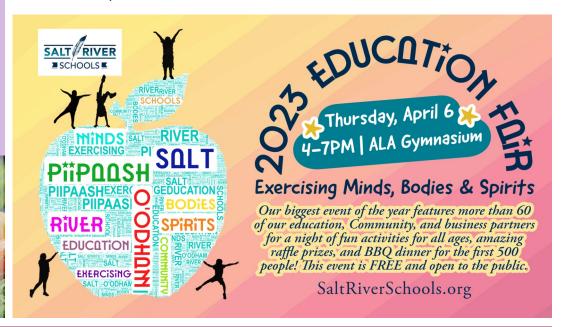
Spring is time for growth and renewal. We are excited to enter our 4th quarter of the school year. One of our top priorities this month is to complete our annual Spring summative assessments. The Bureau of Indian Education requires us to take annual assessments in English Language Arts and Math to measure student progress. Students in grades 3-6 will test from April 10-21. Students in 5th grade will also be tested in Science.

We use assessment data to determine our school improvement needs and address student achievement gaps in learning and develop interventions for targeted instruction. For these reasons, it is important your child is at school during testing. We thank you for your continued support. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Summer School applications can be picked up at the SRES front office! Summer School starts May 30.

Here are some strategies from *edmentum.com* to use to prepare your child for testing:

- Prioritize attendance and homework.
- Communicate with your child's teacher regularly.
- Talk to your child about test taking.
- Encourage and praise your child to do their best.
- Support healthy habits, such as nutrition and getting enough sleep.
- Give your child a study space.
- Avoid putting too much pressure.
- Talk to your child about the results.





### ABESENT? Call us!

Call the SRES ATTENDANCE LINE at 480-362-2467 before 9 a.m. if your child is going to be absent, and email or message your child's teacher as well. Our attendance secretary will contact you if the reason for your child's absence is unknown.

# OWEN COOPER WINS AZ ART CONTEST!

SRES 2nd grader Owen Cooper recently won a statewide art contest. Arizona Treasurer Kimberly Yee honored Owen and 13 other AZ students in grades K-6 at the state capitol on 3/28. They each received \$529 towards an AZ529 account (an education savings plan).

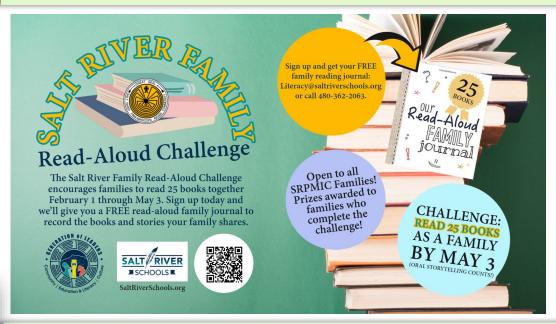


For the contest, Yee's office invited K-6th graders across Arizona to draw, paint, or otherwise find a creative way to make an art piece representing their dream job. Owen's family was at the capitol celebration, as were Mrs. Meyers and Mr. McCleney ("Coach B") from SRES, and SRPMIC Councilman Jacob Butler.

Owen won the award for creating a stunning piece that featured Red Mountain; he said he wants to be an artist when he's older (go figure - he already has such talent!).

Book Character Madness took place in March! It was our first year doing a mock bracket game similar to the NCAA's March Madness. We learned how to complete a bracket and discovered which characters we were willing to love or leave. I encourage parents/guardians to ask your students who won!

April will be full of library love as we celebrate National Library Week AND host a Spring Book Fair. Both will be held April 23-29. This year's theme is "There's More to the Story." Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats: Picture books, chapter books, nonfiction, informational text, eBooks, audiobooks, and more. But there's so much more to the story! See you at the library (and the Education Fair)!



First-grader Lylie Juan was the March Student of the Month. She was nominated by her teachers, Mrs. Baldwin and Ms. Richards. Lylie has improved her attendance and is working hard to complete her homework. She has demonstrated perseverance both in and out of class. Additionally, she met her Spring NWEA goal in reading. Lylie is active and helpful during culture class. She demonstrates leadership by using her Piipaash words freely without prompting. She is an example to other students to increase their language skills. Congratulations, Lylie!





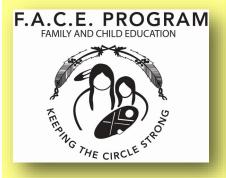
# DR. STANT TO SERVE ON AZ GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR RETENTION TASK FORCE

Congratulations to Dr. Lynette Stant for being chosen to serve on the Arizona Educator Retention Task Force. Gov. Katie Hobbs recently announced the members of the task force, which she created by executive order in February. Hobbs said the number of people who applied was impressive and those selected represent a diverse group of educators, administrators, parents and other experts from across the state. Read more about it here.: https://tinyurl.com/taskforce23.



### **ENROLL IN FACE**

Enroll today for home-based services, kinder readiness, and adult education! Learn more by calling 480-362-2400 or visit sres.saltriverschools.org/services/face\_sres.









## Social Media and Mental Health Issues

A special program for teens and parents

Thursday, April 20
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Community Center
13001 N. La Montana Drive



To learn more about the Social Media and Mental Health event scan the QR code with your phone.

Lack of sleep, FOMO – fear of missing out, anxiety, depression, low self-esteem. These are just a few of the symptoms many users of social media platforms are experiencing. And no wonder, according to the *Pew Research Center*, **81%** of teens in the U.S. use social media, putting a large population at an increased risk of feeling anxious, depressed, or ill over social media use.

The Town of Fountain Hills is proud to present this Fountain Hills Cares program featuring experts on how social media platforms affect youth and how parents can stay in touch with their children.

The Fountain Hills Coalition is sponsoring a \$500 cash prize raffle open to all attendees. Must be present to win.

# SALT RIVER JUNIOR ACE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE SUMMER 2023





GRADES 5-8 | JUNE 5-15, 2023 | 8 AM-3 PM | at SCC

The Salt River Jr. ACE program is a collaborative effort between Scottsdale Community College (SCC) and Salt River Schools. The Jr. ACE program engages 5th through 8th grade students in a program that benefits them with college-related activities during a free two-week summer session at SCC.

### **PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

Students currently in Grade 5-8 must meet one of the following requirements:

- Be an enrolled member of the SRPMIC, or
- Live in SRPMIC, or
- Attend Salt River Schools (SRES), or
- Be a returning participant or have a sibling in the program

# ATTEND THE MANDATORY JR. ACE STUDENT/PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING

**SATURDAY** | APRIL 29, 2023 | 10 AM

IN-PERSON SCC Indigenous Cultural Center, Room 221-222 9000 E. Chaparral Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

THURSDAY | MAY 25, 2023 | 6 PM

**VIRTUAL** via Microsoft Teams **LINK**: tinyurl.com/JA-Orientation

**DIAL IN**: 412.664.5196 **Conf ID**: 973 011 423#

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# SCAN TO REQUEST INFORMATION OR AN APPLICATION



bit.ly/junior-ace-info

SCAN TO VISIT THE JR. ACE WEBSITE

skills



bit.ly/junior-ace

### APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1, 2023.



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