



ALA NEWS

September 2023

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Monthly Newsletter to Accelerated Learning Academy Students, Parents, Families, and Community

I WILL ACHIEVE

SEPT
2023



4: Salt River Schools Closed,
Labor Day

5: Salt River Schools Education
Board meeting, 5:15PM

6, 13, 20 & 27: Early Release at
12:30 p.m.

7: College Wear Day

9 & 16: ALA Saturday School,
8:30-11:30AM

12: Community Forum, ALA
Lecture Hall, 5:30-7:30PM

13: Visit from GCU

14: Fall Into Reading Cosplay
Event, ALA Gym, 4:30-7:30PM

21: Soda With Security, ALA
Lecture Hall, 5:30-7PM

25: ALA Civics Day event

29: Salt River Schools Closed;
Native American Recognition Day

O'odham/Piipaash Phrase of the Month

S'ap eñ ta:tk em ñei.
O'odham

Nyyuum 'iiwaa xotk.
Piipaash

I am happy to see you.
English

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL WILKINSON

I want to give a warm welcome to all of our students, returning and new. I am so proud of your commitment to being at school and working hard on your schoolwork. It takes motivation to get up every day, to accomplish what needs to get done, especially when it's so easy for distractions to get in the way. Mini celebrations lead to larger achievements, so continue finding the motivation inside of you to be a part of the ALA.

I also want to welcome our new ALA school family members. The ALA is honored to have such a dedicated and competent staff who are motivated by constantly learning and improving their skillset and instructional practice so that our students have the best opportunities and experiences. It takes a village, and ours is mighty.

As you read and learn about all of the magical things our school is doing this school year, please continue to follow us on social media and on the website where you can find the most updated day-to-day information.

We got some unique and exciting events planned this year that all relate to our overall school goal: student achievement. During the month of September, our students will participate in the 2nd annual Civics Day celebration in partnership with the SRPMIC Get Out the Vote initiative, as well as the SRPMIC Veteran's Association. We will also host a table at the Fall Into Reading cosplay event.

If we missed you at the Open House this year, please know I will continue sending home information about upcoming events and resources. Please don't hesitate to contact the school with any questions. Sape!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ALA students have weekly attendance incentives this school year; perfect attendance gets the student's name entered into a drawing. Congratulations to these students: Nick Lewis and Johnny Perez!



“ Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world. — Malala Yousafzai

REMINDERS & RESOURCES

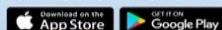
Attendance

Adult students & parents:
Please call our attendance
line at 480-362-2130 for all
absences.

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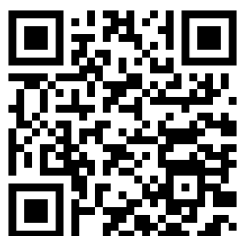


COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccine clinics are
available by appointment only
and open to SRPMIC-enrolled
children and Community
resident children.

Call the COVID-19 Hotline at
480-362-2603.

Curl up with a good book by
visiting the ALA library. Our
librarian can recommend
something to suit all tastes. Or,
check out our online library by
scanning the QR code below with
your smartphone or tablet.
Questions? Contact ALA Librarian
Irma Smith at 480-362-2071 or
Irma.Smith@saltriverschools.org.



2023-2024SY

8:30-11:30AM

ALA Library & Remote
Dates/Location subject to change.

Aug. 12	Jan. 20
Aug. 26	Feb. 3
Sept. 9	Feb. 10
Sept. 16	Feb. 24
Oct. 21	Mar. 9
Nov. 4	Apr. 6
Nov. 18	Apr. 20
Dec. 2	May 4
Dec. 16	May 11



The ALA Saturday School is a FREE opportunity led by certified teachers from diverse content areas at every session, which are held in person in the ALA Library. Saturday School is a great opportunity for students to catch up and/or move ahead in their courses. Students are encouraged to attend every session that works for their schedule.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

ALA OPEN HOUSE RECAP

Thanks to everyone who came to our Open House in August. Special shout out to the following: School & Community Relations, EDU Social Services, NYCP Literacy Champions, SRPMIC Vocational Rehabilitation (Human Resources), the Salt River Higher Education Program, and SRPMIC HHS Diabetes Prevention Services.



ALA BY THE NUMBERS

Week 1: 37
Week 2: 60
Week 3: 72
Week 4: 80

We are now accepting students via
waitlist. Students interested in
enrolling at the ALA should call the
school: 480-362-2130.

Let's celebrate ZERO instances
of confiscating vape pens and
controlled substances for the
first month of school!

Keep it up, ALA!

ALA.SaltRiverSchools.org

Students and staff at the Accelerated Learning Academy recently celebrated their librarian, Irma Smith, who turned 70 and shared some great advice with students. Mrs. Smith has been working in education since 1976! We are so thankful for her passion and talents. Ske:g masak taş / Happy birthday, Mrs. Smith! Watch a video of the celebration, with a special message from Mrs. Smith, at ALA.SaltRiverSchools.org.



Tues., Sept. 12 | 5:30-7:30PM
ALA Lecture Hall

4827 N. Country Club Drive

All Salt River Schools students, staff, and families, as well as all Community members, are invited to attend the upcoming Community Forum on September 12 at the Accelerated Learning Academy.

Leaders from all Salt River Schools sites and programs will showcase their departments, highlight important dates, and answer audience questions.

A light meal will be served while supplies last.



Questions? Call 480-362-2500 or email Communications@saltriverschools.org.

FALL INTO READING



THURS, SEPT. 14
4:30-7:30PM
ALA GYMNASIUM

Park along Highland Avenue south of the football field.

"Careers in Cosplay" is the theme of our 2nd annual literacy cosplay event! This year we will highlight careers in the entertainment fields, such as voice actors, writers, designers, IT, and more. **Dress up as your favorite book character for a chance to win our COSPLAY CONTEST!** There will be lots of fun activities and giveaways for the whole family!

480-362-2023 | LITERACY@SALTRIVERSCHOOLS.ORG



LITERACY COSPLAY EVENT

#AIMHIGHER

MOCK INTERVIEW MONDAYS

WITH HIGHER EDUCATION

- Test your answers to tough questions
- Enhance your communication skills and delivery of responses

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE | VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
9 AM - 4 PM

CONTACT JOYLA GATES TO REGISTER

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ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

Higher Ed is offering advising appointments for SRPMIC-enrolled high school seniors.

Virtual appointments are also available for students who live out of state.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DAVINA LEON

☎ 480-362-2551 ✉ Davina.leon@saltriverschools.org

ATTENTION SENIORS
GET HELP WITH:
Completing your FAFSA
College applications
Scholarships
Picking your major



480-362-2010
Esteban.Lopez@saltriverschools.org

All events (except Spooktacular) will take place at the **Accelerated Learning Academy** from 5:30-7 p.m.
Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, Sept. 21
Drug Trends with
School Resource Officer D. Brown

Thursday, Oct. 26
SPOOKTACULAR

Thursday, Nov. 30
Gang Awareness with the SRPD Gang Unit

Thursday, Dec. 7
Suicide Prevention/Awareness
Teen Lifeline ****Adults only****

SODA with SECURITY

RISE GRANT

Community Meeting



Tuesday, Sept. 26 | 5:30-7PM
Education Board Room
4836 N. Center St.

- ✿ All Salt River Schools students, staff, families, and Community members are invited to help us with the planning of this grant.
- ✿ A light dinner will be served.
- ✿ Arts and crafts activities for kids.



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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

SCR offers a variety of supportive services to SRPMIC-enrolled students and their families. Our mission is to offer guidance and academic assistance, as well as connect you to appropriate resources. SCR is here to help students reach their academic goals and achieve academic success, regardless of where they attend school.

School & Community Relations services include:

- 📚 Academic Counseling
- 🕒 Attendance Monitoring
- 📖 Incentive Programs
- 📍 School Placement Assistance
- 🚌 Student Transportation
- 👨‍👩‍👧 Family & Student Advocacy
- 💰 Education Financial Assistance
- 📚 Back to School Supplies
- 📞 Referrals (e.g. tutoring, behavioral health)
- 🕒 Schedule & Attend School Meetings



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