



Home Of The **BOBCATS**

Sahuarita Intermediate School



December
2016

Important numbers:

SUSD: 625-3502

Office: ext. 1200

Attendance: ext. 1208

Health Assistant: ext. 1203

Principal:
Clarisa Nido



Our Address:

350 W. Sahuarita Rd, Bldg. #26
Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Dates to Remember:

- Dec 2-Out of Uniform Day (\$1 or 10 box tops)
- Dec 5-8-Kids Korner Gift Shoppe
- Dec 5-9-STUCO Door Decorating Contest
- Dec 7-Bobcat Assembly 7:45am
- Dec 7-Early Release Day
- Dec 8-Family Fun Night Holiday Event 5:30pm-7pm
- Dec 14-Early Release Day
- Dec 15-Band & Orchestra Winter Concert 6om
- Dec 16-STUCO Spirit Day Pajama and Ugly Sweater
- Dec 19th-STUCO Meeting
- Dec 21-AR Reward Event
- Dec 21-Last day of Quarter-FULL day-NO early release
- Dec 22-HOLIDAY BREAK!!!!

Kids' Korner Gift Shoppe HAS ARRIVED!

We are excited to announce that we have chosen the Kids' Korner gift shoppe for our children's holiday gift store this year.

This store gives children the opportunity to shop for gifts in the secure atmosphere of our school. The shop provides our children with the chance to make real life shopping decisions...plus they learn that giving is as important as receiving.

Gifts items start at less than \$1.00, with most ranging in the \$1.00 to \$5.00 range.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hours of Operation:

Monday Dec 5th-Thurs Dec 8th

Evening hours on Thursday Dec 8th

(In conjunction with PTP Family Fun Night)



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WINS SIS!!!

Frigo Cheese and National Geographics "Build a Bright Future Promo" will be awarding our school **\$10,000** for our music department, as well as \$1500 in educational resources, a 1 year subscription to National Geographic Kids for EVERY student enrolled at our school, and a visit to our school from National Geographic! They will be putting on a live show as well as recording their visit to our town and airing it on their You Tube channel for 6 consecutive months. Congrats on helping make us the **NATIONAL** winner!

The Arizona Diamondbacks "Give Back" are awarding our school with **\$5000** for our music department, as well as honoring our school at a 2016-17 Arizona Diamondbacks game at Chase Field. More details to come regarding the opportunity for many Bobcat families to gain free tickets to this game!

WAY TO GO BOBCATS!!!

See you on Jan 9th, 2017!



**As BOBCATS
We Will...**
• Be Safe
• Be Responsible
• Be Respectful
And...
Follow All Directions

Out of Uniform dates (PTP sponsored) for the 2016-17 school year:

Box Top Battle:

December 2

April 3-7

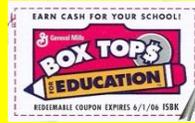
January 13

February 3

March 3

April 7

May 5



10 box tops or \$1.00

Looking for something fun to do? Come join us for an evening of music at our band and orchestra concert!



**Dec 14th at 8:30am
and Dec 15th:**

**5th and 2nd Grade Choirs 6:00pm
5th Grade Band and Orchestra 7:00pm
in the Auditorium**

The SUSD music Department will be running a food drive for admission into the show. Families are encouraged to bring one item of canned/dry food.

FOOD DRIVE

The 10th Annual Bag-A-Thon Food Drive Results:

Over 1,154 items were collected!!

Congrats to Mrs. Dickman's 3rd grade, Mrs. Barton's 4th grade and Mr. DeGroot's 5th grade for winning the Eegees party!

There was over 895 lbs of food donated!

Thank you to all who participated!!

Student Council Sponsored Spirit Day

Friday, December 16th

theme:



**"Pajama and
Ugly Sweater Day"**

LIBRARY NEWS



AR Reward Event!

2nd Quarter AR News:



Bobcat AR point goals must be reached by Monday December 19 at end of day with accuracy of 70% or better.

James Reid, Juggler is our guest entertainer for our AR Reward Event, on Wednesday morning December 21. We want to see everyone there!

James Reid is funded by our PTP. Thank you so much for funding this event PTP.

Keep reading Bobcats!!

VOLUNTEERING at SIS!

Want to learn about ways to volunteer and be involved? Please contact the school Volunteer Coordinator:

Jessica Grimm

Email: jgrimm@sahuarita.net

Phone: (520) 625-3502 ext. 1255

PLEASE JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!

This is where you will be guaranteed to receive the most up-to-date info, have your questions answered, see pictures and posts of happenings at the school, and network with other Bobcat families!



On www.facebook.com search:

Sahuarita Intermediate School PTP



Save the Date!

Love of Reading Week

Will take place the week of:
Feb 6th-9th

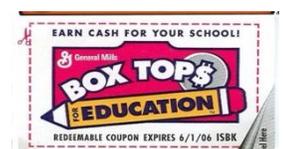


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www.boxtops4education.com

Track and compare our school, earn Box Tops online, enter win more Box Tops, get coupons for Box Top products

Great Way to Help
Raise Money:



Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – What it is and how it might impact you.

September 22, 2016 by Expect More Arizona

A quick history lesson: President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act into federal law in 1965 as part of his “War on Poverty”. The act not only funded K-12 education, but also emphasized equal access to education and established high standards and accountability. The act was also meant to reduce the achievement gaps between students.

As the main federal law governing our K-12 education system, it’s no surprise that the Elementary and Secondary Education Act has gone through significant changes in its 50-year history. In fact, the act has been “reauthorized” a number of times, meaning Congress recommended changes, additions, and deletions, and ultimately named each new version.

No Child Left Behind is the 2002 version and was followed in December 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (or ESSA).

How is ESSA different? What the authors of ESSA hoped to do was find the right balance between the roles of the federal, state and local governments in setting education policy. In particular, states now have increased responsibility and flexibility.

What is Arizona responsible for? The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) must lead efforts to set long- and short-term goals for K-12 education. The goals must address things like improving the high school graduation rate and closing the achievement gap between groups of students.

The state must create an accountability system for schools, which is essentially a process for determining if schools are succeeding. In addition to academic achievement, the accountability system must measure things like progress made over time, high school graduation rates, gains made by English Language Learners, and more. Arizona will also need to have a way to identify and improve the lowest performing schools.

ESSA requires states to adopt standards (what students should know and be able to do at each grade) that are “challenging”, but does NOT require or encourage states to adopt a specific set of standards.

How will this impact my child? Although there will be changes to Arizona’s accountability system, your child will still have to be tested in math and English language arts once a year in third through eighth grades, and once in high school. (Science must also be assessed at least once in grades 3-5, 6-9 and 10-12.) However, as a result of ESSA, states now have more flexibility to decide what those tests look like and how they are administered.

The authors of ESSA really wanted to focus on improving outcomes for English language learners and students with special needs. Therefore, test data will now be broken down into even clearer subgroups and the act outlines other accommodations that must be made for these students.

School letter grades will be determined based on a new accountability system, which means your school’s grade may change. ESSA requires detailed school, district and state report cards to paint a clear picture of how students are doing.

What happens next? ESSA takes full effect in the 2017-18 school year. ADE is hard at work on Arizona’s ESSA plan, and recently released a first draft. There will be various opportunities for review by key stakeholders, including the public. We’ll keep you up to speed as those opportunities become available.

Town Council Member Visits 5th grade!

A giant thank you to Mrs. Kara Egbert, who came in to each 5th grade class to teach us about local government. How cool to have one of our very own Town Council members teach us how Sahuarita was founded. It can’t get better than that! The 5th grade classes had a great time!



Thank you!!

Attendance and Tardy Policy Reminders

Tardies: Students arriving at school after 7:30am must be signed in by a parent/guardian.

Consequences are as follows, per quarter, with or without parent/guardian signature:

- 4th tardy-lunch detention
- 8th tardy-after school detention and phone call to parent/guardian
- 12th and over tardy-out of school suspension pending parent/guardian conference

Absences:

- When a student is absent, a parent/guardian must notify the school attendance officer by phone no later than 8:30am and leave a message at 625-3502 ext. 1208.
- Parents/guardians must provide written documentation explaining the student’s absence on the day the student returns to the school.
- Due to state policy, any student missing **more than 10 consecutive days** of school will be withdrawn. Parent must reregister if returning.
- Please reference your student handbook for the district truancy process steps.

KINDNESS AWARDS!!



Congrats!!



Request from our Health Office



Mrs. Crawford in our Health Office is always in need of healthy snack donations, as well as uniform clothing and undergarments. Any time, throughout the school year, she is happy to accept. You may turn in right at the front office. Anything store bought and prepackaged is greatly appreciated by hungry tummies!

THANK YOU!

4th Grade Gives Thanks!



Mrs. Barton's class celebrates Thanksgiving with festive centers full of holiday blessings and cheer!

COLD WEATHER ALERT!

As the days get colder, don't forget to send your Bobcats to school with a warm coat, long pants, and even hats & mittens if needed. It gets quite cold on the playground in the mornings! Stay warm out there Bobcats!



walden grove high school Music Department Red Wolves Music Boosters present

Winter Wonderland

Dinner - Live Music - Silent Auction

DEC | TIME
09 | 6P

Walden Grove High School
\$25 per person ~ \$40 per couple
For tickets - contact Shari Lowell at 520.271.1049
All proceeds benefit the Walden Grove High School Music Department

A Message from our CoRTEx Team

As a reminder, SUSD #30 has a Cognitive Return to Exertion (CoRTEx) team. The main goal is to ensure that students engage in a safe level of academic activity as their brain heals after a concussion. The team works with the student, family, teachers, administrators, and physicians to manage symptoms and provide academic support as the student recovers.

If your child sustains a concussion, please notify the front office staff and classroom teacher. You may refer him/her yourself to Laurel Harris, M.S., CCC/SLP (lharris@sahuarita.net; 625-3502 x1237) if you would like access to this team.

Spelling Bee

This year our School Wide Spelling Bee took place on Wednesday, November 30th. Congratulations to all the following representatives:

Treyton Richie, Ethan Largey, Jaden Gastelum, Cody Jimenez, Christian Arvizu, Charlotte Robles, Brody Bulmahn, Vanessa Wright, Robert Cash, Roman Thuyns, Vincent Gastelum, Antonio Roldan, Kimberly Allen, Jack Grimm, Raine Trainor, Adelina Mazur, Bruno Jimenez, Logan Yslas, Jose Alvarez, Jackson Hammond, Angelique Acedo, Rachel Kosha, and Samuel Clark.



And a BIG congrats to our champion, **Jarom Hammerquist**, who will represent SIS when he continues on to the district wide Spelling Bee!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Leader in Character

Layla Bahlool



A little about Layla.....

Favorite color-Yellow

Favorite food-Steak

Favorite animal-Cat

Favorite book-Harry Potter Series

Favorite movie-Moana

Favorite Subject-Reading

Advice to fellow Bobcats:

"Listen and follow directions."

We are proud of you!!

BOBCAT TEACHER OF THE MONTH



MR. LUIS SAINZ

ABOUT MR. SAINZ....

- **HAS AN INCREDIBLE WAY TO HELP KIDS UNDERSTAND MATH.**
- **ALWAYS SHARES IDEAS AND STRATEGIES WITH FELLOW TEACHERS.**
- **GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND IN EVERY ASPECT WITH TEAMMATES AND PARENTS AND STUDENTS!**
- **MAKES US LAUGH WHEN WE NEED TO!!!**

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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Bobcats of the Month!



Most improved Bobcats!

BOBCAT SUPPORT STAFF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



MRS. LAUREL HARRIS

ABOUT MRS. HARRIS...

- **ALWAYS HAS A SMILE ON HER FACE.**
- **WILLING TO ASSIST ALL TEACHERS TO FIND THE BEST STRATEGIES TO HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED.**
- **ALWAYS DROPS WHATEVER SHE IS DOING TO HELP WHEN SHE IS NEEDED.**

CONGRATULATIONS!!

TALENT SHOW!!

-a time honored SIS tradition-

The SIS Talent Show is right around the corner! Auditions will be held near the end of January (exact dates tbd), so start brain storming and practicing those acts over the holiday break!



Singing! Acting!
Dancing!
Magic show!
Instruments!
Comedy! Sports!



STUDENT COUNCIL (STUCO) CORNER



December 5th-9th - Winter door decorating contest! winners for each grade level win a hot cocoa and cookie party on pajama day

December 16th –Spirit Day! Wear winter pajamas or ugly sweater!

December 19th - STUCO meeting after school until 3:30pm in Ms. Naugles room.

Volunteers Needed!!

If you have interest in helping out with school wide events, we will be needing volunteers for the upcoming dates:

Kids Korner Shoppe-Dec 2-9
Family Fun Night-Dec 8

Please contact Jessica Grimm if interested, or use link:<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0445a9ab22a4fe3-kids2>

Email: jgrimm@sahuarita.net
Phone: (520) 625-3502 ext. 1255

PTP Sponsored
-December Family Fun Night-



Holiday Event



Thursday, December 8th
5:30pm-7pm

Take pictures with Santa! Shop at the Kids Korner Gift Shoppe! Read Christmas Books! Watch Holiday Movies! Make Holiday Crafts! First 100 attending get a **FREE** snowman cup to decorate!

Free or Reduced Lunch

Do you qualify?



The Free/Reduced Lunch application is available online on the www.susd30.us website, under Food & Nutrition. Hard copies are also available for pick up in our front office. You can also call Ms. Charlotte Gates (Director of Business Services) with questions at 625-3502 ext. 1167

Counselors Corner

Save the Date: **School Wide** Career Day will be Wednesday, February 22nd. If you're interested in presenting to the entire school, please contact Ms. Patrone 625-3502 X1206 or npatrone@sahuarita.net



Stay Connected!

Families are ALWAYS welcome to join us for our Bobcat assemblies! These are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month, at **7:45am**, in the SIS gymnasium.



Search: Sahuarita Intermediate School PTP

Find your lunch menu online!

Go to:

www.susd30.us

find the interactive menu under "Food and Nutrition"

Use **My School Bucks** for easy online payment (Found under the "online meal payment" tab)