# SAHUARITA PRIMARY SCHOOL A PLACE TO GROW AND LEARN



## Congratulations to our AMAZING Teacher of the Year Mrs. Barbara Hamdan

Mrs. Hamdan began teaching at SPS in 2011. During her 9 years here she has proven herself to be a dedicated and hardworking teacher that is loved by students and parents. Her classroom is engaging, fun, and inspiring. In Mrs. Hamdan's class you always know that learning has a purpose. Over the years, Mrs. Hamdan has taken many new teachers under her wing, mentoring them and sharing her knowledge and resources. Mrs. Hamdan has a BIG heart and genuinely cares for her students, colleagues and our OWL family. She loves her students and teaching!



These are the reasons she is being named our SPS Teacher of the Year 2020!

Congratulations Mrs. Hamdan!

We are SO proud to have you representing SPS this year!

## PENNY WAR

# PTO Spring Fundraiser How it works...

#### **BETWEEN MARCH 2-24**

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL! THIS FUNDRAISER WILL SUPPORT CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION AND A PLAYGROUND SHADE STRUCTURE

Each class has its own collection container located in the office. **Gain points** for your child's class by adding pennies and bills to their container. **Lower the points** for other classes by adding silver coins to their containers. Students will receive updates during morning announcements and rankings will go up on the Sahuarita Primary PTO facebook page.

#### Points:

+1 = Penny -5 = Nickel

+100 = \$1 bill -10 = Dime

+500 = \$5 bill -25 = Quarter

+2000 = \$20 bill

Checks also add points and will receive a tax receipt (please include student name and teacher in memo)

TOP EARNING CLASS IN EACH GRADE WILL RECEIVE AN ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY

TOP EARNING GRADE WILL WIN A BUBBLE PARTY

Congratulations to our February
Leader in Character!!!

## Aaliyah Gonzalez

A I<sup>st</sup> Grade student in Mrs. Verdugo's Class!





## Reading Rocks!

Give your child lots of opportunities to read aloud. Inspire your young reader to practice every day! The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

#### Don't leave home without it

Bring along a book or magazine any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's office. Always try to fit in reading!

### Once is not enough

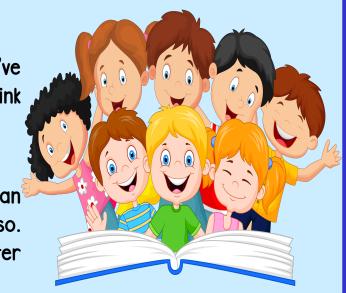
Encourage your child to re-read favorite books and poems. Re-reading helps kids read more quickly and accurately.

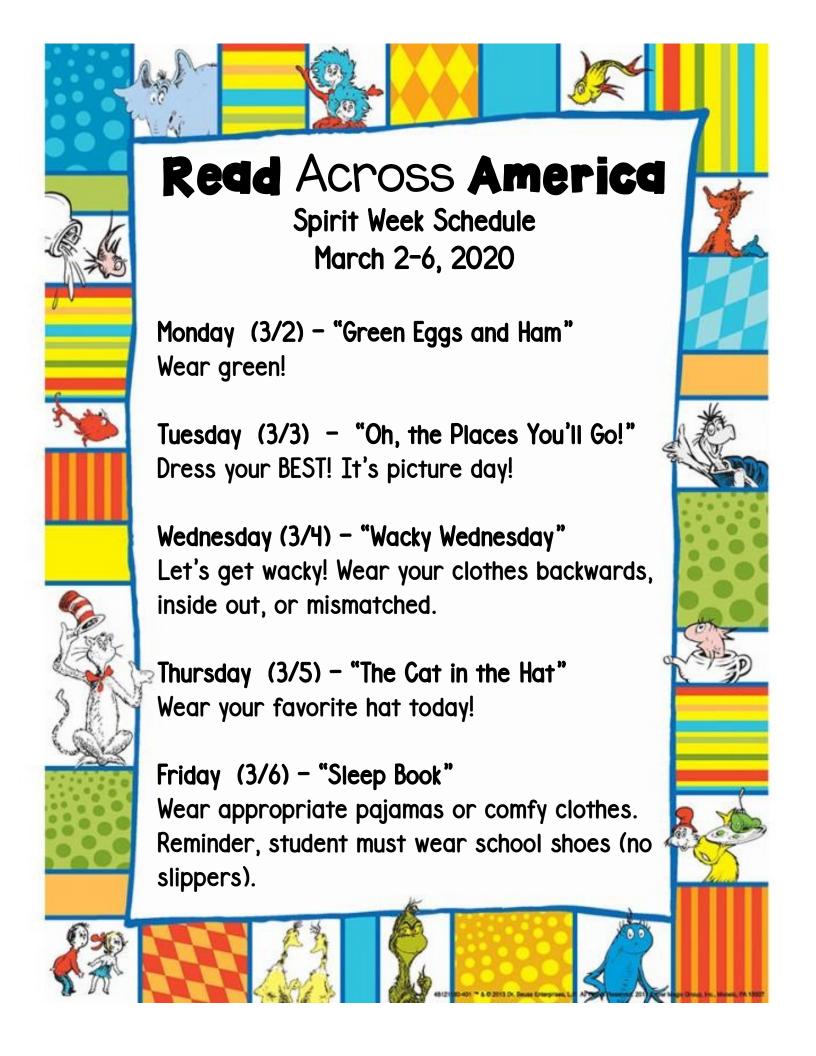
### Dig deeper into the story

Ask your child questions about the story you've just read. Say something like, "Why do you think Clifford did that?"

### Be patient

When your child is trying to sound out an unfamiliar word, give him or her time to do so. Remind your child to look closely at the first letter or letters of the word.





# TEARBOOKS are on sale now!

Your yearbook advisors are working very hard to create the best yearbook for 2019-2020! Order yours today! Yearbooks are \$12.00, full color and only come in soft covers. The easiest way to order your yearbook and personalize up to 4 pages for FREE is by ordering ONLINE!! Ordering online is safe, secure and easy to do. Personalization is only available if you order online.

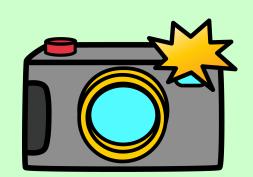
### Here is how you can order:

- I. Go to this website: <a href="https://sps2020.picaboo.com/sps-I9-20">https://sps2020.picaboo.com/sps-I9-20</a>
- 2. See the flyer that your teacher will send home for a step by step guide on how to personalize.
- 3. If you want to order online but do not want to personalize you will go to the same website and just order a yearbook without personalization.
- 4. All orders are due by Thursday, April 9th at 3 PM.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Tasha Root at <a href="mailto:troot@sahuarita.net">troot@sahuarita.net</a> or Mrs. Jenn Vaterlaus at <a href="mailto:jvaterlaus@sahuarita.net">jvaterlaus@sahuarita.net</a>

## Spring Picture Day is Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

This is a FREE out of dress code day. Spring pictures do not have pre-ordering for individual pictures. A few weeks after picture day you will receive a packet of your student's pictures. To purchase, you will keep the ones you want and send your payment and any unwanted sheets back to school with your student. Please return any

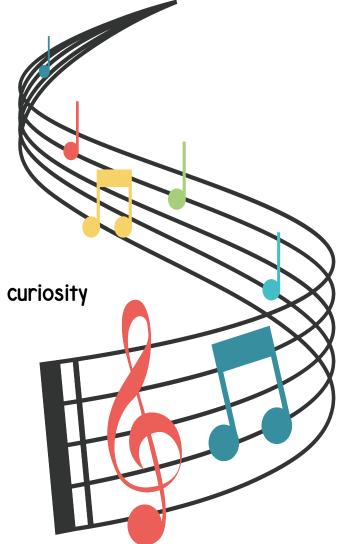


and all picture sheets that you do not want to purchase. Your classroom teacher will send home an order form if you are interested in purchasing a class picture. If you have any questions please ask your classroom teacher or the front office staff.



Did you know that March is "Music In Our Schools" month? The purpose of Music In Our Schools Month is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children. In music class this month we will be learning different ways music helps us to grow and learn. The National Association for Music Education has researched 20 benefits of music in our schools.

- I. Musical training helps develop language and reasoning
- 2. A mastery of memorization
- 3. Students learn to improve their work
- 4. Increased coordination
- 5. A sense of achievement
- 6. Kids stay engaged in school
- 7. Success in society
- 8. Emotional development
- 9. Students learn pattern recognition
- 10. Better SAT scores
- II. Fine-tuned auditory skills
- 12. Music builds imagination and intellectual curiosity
- 13. Music can be relaxing
- 14. Musical instruments can teach discipline
- 15. Preparation for the creative economy
- 16. Development in creative thinking
- 17. Music can develop spatial intelligence
- 18. Kids can learn teamwork
- 19. Responsible risk-taking
- 20. Better self-confidence



## PE NEWS

Thank you to all of our OWLS for a successful Kid's Heart Challenge. We raised over \$4500 to donate to the American Heart Association while the kids learned about heart health and practiced jump rope skills. We will choose a few special jumpers to perform at our next Owl assembly. We will do some tagging games and relays to complete the quarter and then move on to team games for the final quarter of the year.

GO OWLS

Don't forget

---Play Safe---Play Fair---Play 60---

Brian Wright (PE teacher) 625-3502

ext. 1105

## LIBRARY NEWS

NEA's Read Across America Day begins March  $2^{nd}$  and will be celebrated for an entire week here at SPS from March  $2^{nd}$  through the  $6^{th}$ . Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books! So join in the fun and read with your entire family! Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement, and to creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school. Our library has many wonderful books to motivate our students to read more often and more challenging books. Please take a pledge to sit down with your child once a day and read together.

March fun in library begins with a lesson on public speaking/acting using alphabet flash cards. Students act out nouns or verbs for class to guess. After break we will begin incubation to hatch chicken eggs. We will start by looking at different colored chicken eggs and learn about the life cycle and habitats of chickens.

Happy Reading

Ms. Lyons

## Kindergarten News

February was a fast, fun month filled with hearts, kindness and rodeo activities. We've got three months left of kindergarten and your children will soon be headed to first grade! For those families with incoming kindergarteners next year, they'll be an information session in the gym on Wednesday, April I, from 1:30-3:30. Details are included in this newsletter.

In Ready Math this month, kindergartners will be working on skip counting to 100 and modeling numbers from 50 to greater than 100. After spring break they'll start learning about measurement, including length and weight.

Kindergarten readers will be identifying details in a story, describing characters, setting, and important events. As writers, they'll add details to their work, creating their own characters and setting, while fine tuning their use of punctuation, capitalization, verbs, and adjectives in their sentences.

In science, your students will learn more about earth materials through exploration, and in social studies they'll learn about how water and weather impacts people.

On Thursday, March 12th, we'll be taking a field trip to the Reid Park Zoo! Thanks to those of you who have volunteered join us as chaperones.

In March, we'll also take a spring break (3/16-3/20) and afterwards you'll have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher if you'd like to, or if they suggest it. Watch for news from your child's teacher for further information on all our March happenings!

## 2019-2020 Spirit Days (FREE!)

March 25<sup>th</sup> April 29<sup>th</sup> May 13<sup>th</sup> Favorite Book Character When I Grow Up Hawaiian Day

# First Grade News

Happy spring Owls! This month, the first grade team is hosting the Lighted School House! It is on Thursday, March 5th from 5-7 PM. The theme is all things Dr. Seuss, so expect funny foods, crazy crafts, lots of books to read and more fun things to do! If you are wanting to volunteer, please let your classroom teacher know as soon as possible.

In our classrooms, we are starting a new unit in science that discusses different animal groups. We will learn about many different kinds of animals and what makes them all different from each other. We are also going to be focusing more on informative and report writing, which will be tied into our science unit. In math, we are focusing on shapes and geometry and in reading we are working on knowing the features of non-fiction books. Be on the lookout for information regarding our field trip and remember to send in your permission slips and money!



It is so hard to believe that the third quarter is almost over! This month, the second graders have a lot of exciting things to look forward to. In reading, we will be working on Character Response to Challenges and then reviewing some past reading standards. In math, we will be learning about graphing using line plots, bar graphs, and pictographs. Later in the month, we will also be starting time and money! In writing, we will continue to work on expository texts. Coming up this month we also have Reading Across America week, March  $2^{nd}-6^{th}$ . Please contact your student's teacher for activities and possibly reading to the class! We have Spring Break coming up the week of the  $16^{th}$  through the 20th of March. Have a wonderful Spring!!

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"Green Eggs and Ham" Wear green!	3 "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" Dress your BEST! It's picture day! SPRING PICTURE DAY	4 "Wacky Wednesday" Wear your clothes backwards, inside out, or mismatched.  Early Release I:00 Dismissal	5 "The Cat in the Hat" Favorite hat  Lighted School House Dr. Seuss Night 5-7 PM	6 "Sleep Book" Wear appropriate pajamas or comfy clothes. (No slippers)
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Early Release I:00 Dismissal

# Birthday Gram Order Form

Birthday Grams are a great way to send your child a surprise on their birthday and raise money for the school at the same time!

Here is how it works:

- I. Write the name of your child and their teacher's name on the order form (additional order forms are available in the front office).
- 2. Choose a date for your child to receive their Birthday Gram. This could be on their Birthday, Half-Birthday, or the school day closest to their Birthday. Please make sure that the day you choose is a school day.
- 3. Send in your order form in an envelope (since it's a surprise!) with exact cash or a check made out to SPS PTO in the amount of \$5.00.
- 4. We will deliver the Birthday Gram to your child on the chosen date!



So, what's in the Birthday Grams?

Each Birthday Gram comes with a balloon, birthday necklace, Birthday fun frame glasses, stickers, stamp, and pencil all in a fun Happy Birthday Box.

Item subject to change based on availability.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Student's Actual Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Actual Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Student's Actual Birthday:

## WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

### Sahuarita Primary K-2 School 2020 - 2021 Kindergarten Round-Up

Registration packets may be picked up at the SPS office beginning Tuesday, February 11

### "Registration and Information Session"

(Parents/Guardians Only)

### Wednesday, April Ist 1:30-3:30 PM

Early Bird Registration Prize given for completed packets this day only!

Kindergarten Registration forms can be found online at <a href="https://susd30.us/families/new-student-registration/">https://susd30.us/families/new-student-registration/</a>
Packets may be turned in to the SPS office weekdays 8 - 3 after April 1.

### To register your future Kindergarteners, you must bring <u>originals and 2 copies of ALL of</u> the following documents:

- Birth Certificate (Must be 5 no later than August 31, 2020)
- Proof of address (1 form: Gas or Electric bill, lease, mortgage: (Any cable, garbage, or cell phone bills as proof of address will NOT be accepted))
- Complete Immunization records: 4-6 DTP (at least 1 after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday), 3-4 Polio (last dose after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday), 2 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B shots and the Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.
- If applicable, please bring any relevant documents pertaining to custodial/legal guardian rights related to your student. (i.e. Parenting Plan)
- Incomplete packets will not be accepted. Completed packets can be turned in during summer hours.
- For questions about <u>Registration</u>, please contact the SPS Front Office at 625-3502 x 1100
- For questions about <u>Immunizations</u>, please contact the SPS Health Office at 625-3502 x 1106

# Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 PM "Kindergarten Kick-Off"

Welcoming all incoming Kindergarteners and their Parents /Guardians

\*\*\*Registration packets will be accepted at this event.\*\*\*

Come to school and meet your Kindergarten Team & Staff!

Join us for a fun scavenger hunt filled with crafts, a school tour, snack, and more!

### 2020 TAX CREDIT FORM

#### GOOD FOR STUDENTS

Extra-curricular activities are those sponsored by the District that requires enrolled students to pay a fee to participate.

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#### GOOD FOR TAXPAYERS

A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the actual tax owed to the State of Arizona. You may donate up to \$400 for married couples and up to \$200 for single and head of household.

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#### GOOD FOR COMMUNITIES

Extracurricular activities are an integral part of a quality education. They provide authentic learning experiences through field excursions, interscholastic activities, fine arts, and leadership development programs.

YES!!! I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE SAHUARITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND RECEIVE A TAX CREDIT FOR 2020.

Name:	
Address:	
City, State:	Zip:
Donation Amount: \$	
Email:	

#### Make your check payable to:

Sahuarita Unified School District

Mail with this form to:

Sahuarita Unified School District 350 West Sahuarita Road Sahuarita AZ 85629

Pay by VISA or MASTERCARD online at

www.susd30.us

If you have questions, please call 520-625-3502.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
RECEIPT:			
School:			
Астіvіту:			
Мемо:			

#### Please direct my donation to the following school:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	
Sahuarita Primary School (K – 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	
Sahuarita Intermediate School (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> )	
Anza Trail Elementary (K - 5 <sup>th</sup> )	
Copper View Elementary (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> )	
Sopori Elementary School (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> )	
Wrightson Ridge School (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> )	
MIDDLE SCHOOLS	
Sahuarita Middle School (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> )	
Anza Trail Middle School (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> )	
Wrightson Ridge School (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> )	
HIGH SCHOOLS	
Sahuarita High School (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )	
Sandanta High School (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )	
Please direct my donation to the following:	
Capital Items (i.e. Technology, Furniture, Equipment	.)
Character Education	
Educational Trips	
Fine Arts Programs	
Health Office	
Playground Equipment/Shade Structures for Playgro Sports Programs	und
Other (specify):	
Area of Greatest Need	
Use my enclosed tax credit to cover the follo	owing
child's participation in the specified activity:	J. William
Student Name:	
Activity:	
Is this a Pay to Play (PTP) fee: Yes or No	
Student Name:	
Activity:	
Is this a Pay to Play (PTP) fee:  Ves or  No	

Please note: All monies donated for a specific student will only cover activities for the current school year. Any remaining funds will go to support the specific activity listed. Donations designated to a specific student do not qualify for a matching fund from corporations who participate in that program. Please refer back to your company's Human Resource Department for information.

\*Corporate and/or business checks are NOT eligible.\*

Thank you for your support!!!