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MAY 2023

SAHUARITA DIGITAL PATHWAYS ACADEMY

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THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS JUST WEEKS AWAY! WE HAVE HAD AN AMAZING YEAR WITH YOUR CHILDREN, AND WE ARE SO PROUD OF THEIR GROWTH. MAKE NOTE OF OUR BUSY MONTH OF MAY. ONCE SUMMER BEGINS, STAY SAFE, RELAX, AND DO A LITTLE READING! "THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO." -DR. SEUSS

Elizabeth Flores

Director of Sahuarita Digital Pathways

CONGRATULATIONS

Ms. Harrel

SDPA's 2023 Teacher of the Year



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Mrs. Soto

SDPA's 2023 Support Staff of the Year



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SAVE THE DATE

May 1-5th

- AP Testing

May 3rd

- iReady Reading Diagnostic, 6-8th

May 9th

- Az Sonoran Desert Museum
VIRTUAL Field trip, 6-12th

May 10th

- iReady Math Diagnostic, 6-8th

May 15th

- Edgenuity coursework must be complete, Seniors only
- Senior Honors Night WGHS, invite only

May 17th

- Seniors Finals
- Edgenuity coursework must be complete, 8th graders only
- Parent Academy/Site Council Meeting, 3pm

May 18th

- Seniors Finals
- 8th Grade Finals
- Senior Honors Night SHS, invite only



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SAVE THE DATE

May 19th

- Seniors Finals
- 8th Grade Finals
- Senior Sunset WGHS

May 22nd

- Edgenuity coursework must be complete, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11th grades
- 8th Grade Finals

May 23rd

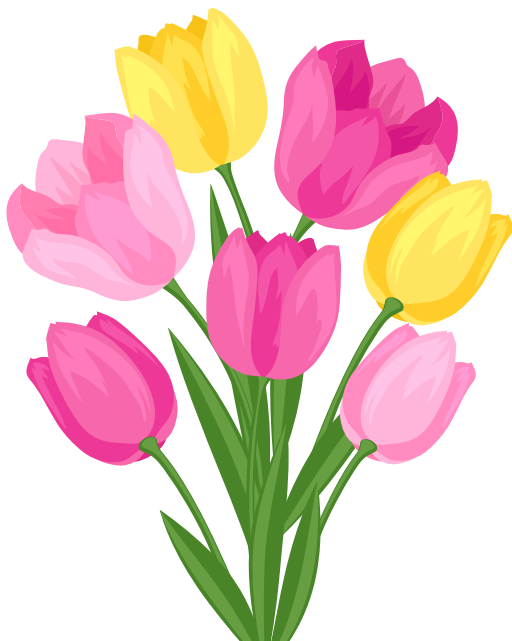
- Finals for 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11th grades
- Senior Walks
- Chromebook returns, 8th and 12th grades
- 8th Grade Promotion, drive through
- Senior Sunset SHS

May 24th

- Finals for 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11th grades
- Mandatory Graduation Practice, SHS and WGHS
- Graduation at SHS

May 25th

- Finals for 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11th grades
- Mandatory Graduation Practice, WGHS
- Graduation at WGHS



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PARENT ACADEMY

SITE COUNCIL, SHARING SKILLS & IDEAS

WITH SDPA STAFF

- Monthly meeting
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm
- Virtual Link provided in Monthly Newsletter or via teacher(s)

<https://meet.google.com/hbj-osyn-pgm>



CLASS OF 2023!



***"DUE DATE HAS PASSED, CONTACT YOUR HOMEROOM
TEACHER!"***

CLICK ON THE LINK TO VIEW ALL THE DETAILS AND DATES CONCERNING GRADUATION!



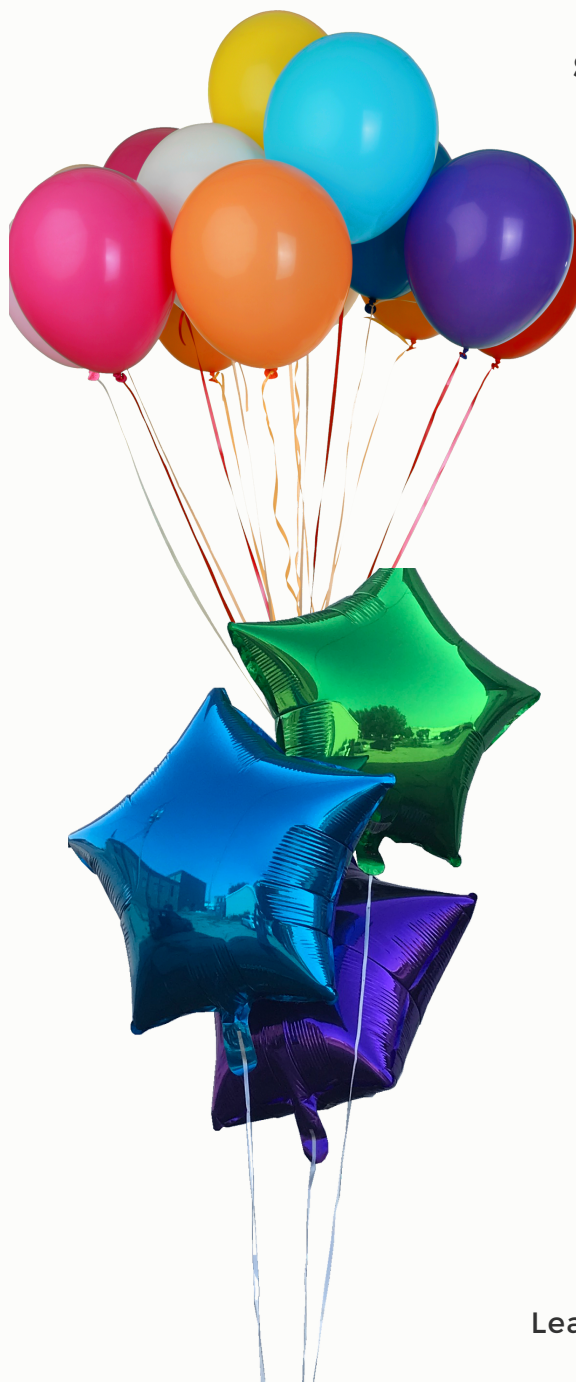
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**Happy Birthday to our SDPA
students and teachers who are
celebrating a birthday in**

May

- Abigail R •
- Alexander R •
- Baelyan K •
- Bianka Z-S •
- Giselle P •
- Jalin B •
- Jayvian M •
- Juan A •
- Landon L •
- Sawyer B •
- Thomas S •
- Valerie Nilsson •

And a big Happy Birthday to our
Learning Coaches at home who are celebrating a
birthday this month!



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MAY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



We are super excited to recognize

DALEYTZA PAGAN-MORALES



3RD GRADE



as our **HAWK** of the Month!

Thank you for working hard, having a positive attitude, persevering through challenges, and making SDPA a great school!



CONGRATS!



I am nominating Daleytza Pagan-Morales in 3rd grade. Daleytza is always the first to participate during our class counseling lessons, and provides thoughtful feedback each time. Daleytza also brings sunshine and joy to our Lunch Bunch social groups with delightful personality. Daleytza is a kind and helpful friend to others, and a wonderful representative for Leader in Character for SDPA.

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MS. SMITH K & 1ST GRADE

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May is here and in math kinders will be learning about length and weight. First graders will be learning about measuring and time. In both grades we will be learning about comparing and contrasting in reading along with additional sight word practice. As we near the last few weeks, please continue to stay on top of Seesaw assignments and iready minutes. I cannot thank my families enough for all of their support and hard work this year! Please be on the look out for end of the year information and feel free to reach out if you are wanting/needing any ideas for how to keep your child reading over the summer! Let's finish strong!



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MS. CHAVARRIA 2ND & 3RD GRADE

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Wow! It is the last month of school! I am so proud of the 3rd graders on their first time doing the state tests! They did an fantastic job! I am so proud of everyone and hope to see everyone next year for another wonderful adventure! I hope you all have a wonderful summer break! See you next year!



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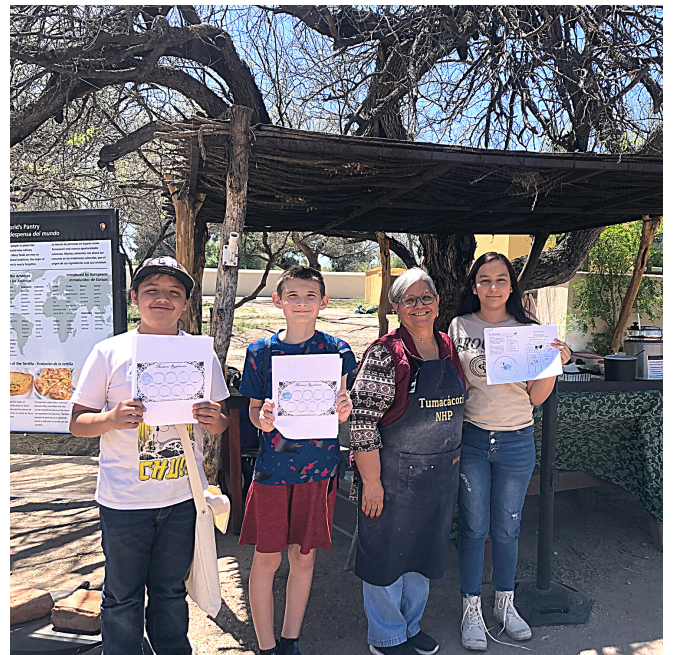
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MS. AIZAZ 4TH & 5TH GRADES

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What a fabulous year with an incredible bunch of kids (and their learning coaches). Thank you everyone for your hard work this year. I was fortunate to get a bonus year with my fantastic fifth graders; I'm going to miss you! Fourth graders, let's make our next year even more memorable. Remember to do some i-Ready and Zearn over the summer but mostly have a relaxing and enjoyable time!



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MS. MCCARTHY ENGLISH

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Hello, SDPA Hawks! I want to give you some tips to help you be successful in your upcoming final exams! It can actually be kinda fun to do, so try a few of these strategies.

1. Connect with other students. Your teachers have morning meets and this is a great time to talk to other students about studying for unit tests and test reviews. Talking with other students about what you're learning is a great way to remember stuff, so go to those meets, and unmute/chat so you can interact.
2. Organize your notes and your time. You may have noticed that Edgenuity has you take A LOT of notes. This is good! Make sure you've sorted them out by subject, and, if possible, by unit. Then, make a plan for when you'll study each subject, and for how long. Stick to the plan and reward yourself when you're done.
3. Make it memorable - for you. If you have to memorize stuff, use a method that works with your brain. Maybe you like words and could use a mnemonic device. For visual learners, making a concept map works better. If you're an auditory learner, try making up a song about the facts or information you need to remember (then post it to YouTube and make money from it!)
4. Practice In Edgenuity, you can retake your Unit Test Reviews as many times as you like to prepare yourself. Just ask your teacher to reset them for you. The UTR questions are drawn from the same list as the Final Exam, so it's a great way to study.
5. Take care of yourself. It's always important to sleep and eat well as well as get regular exercise. Keep up those good habits during test prep to be at your best.



Good luck, SDPA! We are proud of you!

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We have covered so much this year! Comparing equations and graphs; data analysis; transformations; systems of equations and matrices; triangles and circles. There were practices, quizzes, tests, and projects. Some of you learned how to use the Desmos calculator for the first time. Others learned some useful shortcuts and tricks that you can use in future classes. Many of you worked really hard to stay caught up in your classes, asking for help when needed. Some of you had a really challenging semester and still persevered and finished your classes. I am so very proud of all of you for your hard work and dedication. If you are graduating or transferring out of SDPA, you will be missed and I wish you well. If you are returning, I look forward to working with you again next year and hope you have a great summer!



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MR. EVES SOCIAL STUDIES

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Hello, social studies students, and welcome to May 2023! Congratulations! You made it to the last month of the school year! Now is the time to finish strong and prepare for your final exams! Don't worry, you've got this! Major moments in history for May: May 5th - Celebrated in Mexico as Cinco de Mayo, a national holiday in remembrance of the Battle of Puebla in 1862, in which Mexican troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza, outnumbered three to one, defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III. May 5, 1961 - Alan Shepard became the first American in space. He piloted the spacecraft Freedom 7 during a 15-minute 28-second suborbital flight that reached an altitude of 116 miles (186 kilometers) above the earth. Have a great summer!



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... and in Conclusion (SDPA success using the scientific method and lab report format)

Title:
SDPA 22-23 at a glance

Purpose:
To create and sustain an atmosphere of academic success in a digital school

Background information:
Sahuarita Digital Pathways Academy began in the Fall of 2020 in response to the Covid Pandemic. SDPA provided a rigorous curriculum (through Edgenuity) in a safe atmosphere (students' homes) for more than 1500 students. Since then, SDPA has continued with improvements and modifications along the way.

Hypothesis:
If students commit to 5 hours of online learning per day and use teachers as a resource, they will achieve academic success 100% of the time. If students attend homeroom on a regular basis, they will be more successful than those students who do not attend homeroom.

Materials:
135 Online students, and 8 full-time teachers. Computer data regarding attendance and grades.

Procedure:
Calculate student success rate using data from Edgenuity(grades) and PowerSchool (Homeroom Attendance)

Data:
1. Homeroom Attendance for Grades 6-12 and % of how many students are passing ALL of their classes.



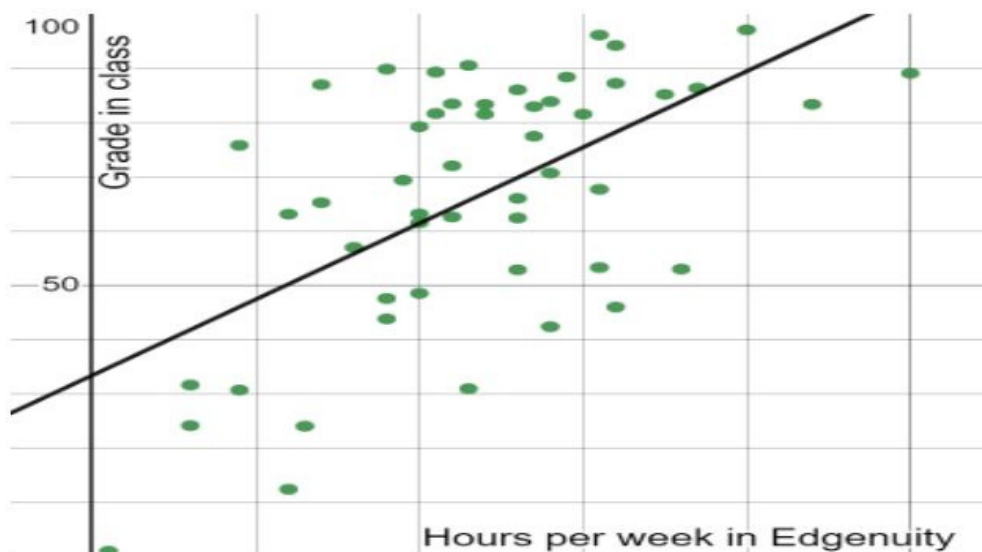
Grade level	% of Homeroom students who are passing all of their classes
6th and 7th grade	59%
8th grade	75%
9th grade	50%
10th grade	60%
11th and 12th grade	60%

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2. Graph indicating Academic success rate when compared to time spent in Edgenuity per week.



Conclusion:

Chart #1 indicates a positive correlation between Homeroom attendance and student success in all of their classes. The 9th-grade class had only 50% passing all of their classes compared to 59%-75% in grades 6,7,8,10,11,12. I would attribute this to the fact that the high school curriculum is more difficult and has a greater amount of work than middle school and thus, a drop from the previous year. 6th and 7th-grade data was combined however, the transition from 5th grade into 6th grade also shows a less than 60% success rate. 10th-12th grade Homeroom attendance and academic performance is consistent - 60% of those who attend are passing all of their classes. While homeroom time is not designed for individual instruction, homeroom does allow ample time for building a trusting relationship with 1 teacher. It is my belief that this relationship fosters higher engagement in individual student learning.

Chart #2 demonstrates that when students put in more than 20 hours of time into their digital learning, they will have a higher passing grade. This graph is indicative of the class of 2023's

Work from the year 20-21. Note the high number of students in the > 60% grade, most of them are putting in more than 25 hours per week. Although I do not have this year's data, I predict that this year's graph will be even more drastic in terms of success. I say this because we (teachers and Mrs. Flores) have tweaked our procedures to encourage higher success rate. Also, this data was from our first year when Homeroom attendance was not required, there were 1500 total students and therefore, less teacher-student relationships.

In summary, homeroom attendance and putting in more than 25 hours per week is a good indicator of student success as indicated by passing grades in all of their classes.

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MS. COOK & MS. ANDERSON COUNSELING TEAM

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Seniors! Please check out the Pima First -Sahuarita Wins scholarship if you are planning on attending Plma this fall or are still unsure of your plans. There are other scholarships available as well if you go to pima.scholarshipuniverse.com and log into your MyPima account or activate your account for the first time. You must be admitted to Pima first. Also, if you have not passed the civics test you will be tested on April 26th. Passing this test is a graduation requirement. If you have not completed CPR please watch the virtual video and answer the questions. This is also a graduation requirement. Thanks! Here is the link -

<https://susd30.us/2020/12/09/cpr-virtual-training-course/>



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It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close. We have enjoyed working with each of you. We would like to wish our seniors well in their new adventures. To our students who will be leaving for another school, you will be missed. For our students who are returning, we can't wait to see you again. Thank you for a wonderful year. Sincerely,

Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kempton, and Mrs. Harrel.



Let's Go!

on a field trip

We're going on a virtual field trip!

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

8:30 AM

Hawk's Nest

Presented by
Arizona Sonora
Desert Museum



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K-5 DAILY SCHEDULE

K-5 Typical Day

Start Time: 8:05am

8:05am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

12:50pm-2:50pm Class Time

End Time: 2:50pm

K-5 Early Release Wednesdays

Start Time: 8:05am

8:05am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

12:50pm-1:50pm Class Time

End Time: 1:50pm

K-5 Half Day Schedule (See District Calendar for Dates)

Start Time: 8:05am

8:05am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

End Time: 12:50pm



6-12 DAILY SCHEDULE

6-12 Typical Day

Start Time: 8:50am

8:50am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

12:50pm-3:35pm Class Time

End Time: 3:35pm

6-12 Early Release Wednesdays

Start Time: 8:05am

8:50am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

12:50pm-2:50pm Class Time

End Time: 2:50pm

6-12 Half Day Schedule (See District Calendar for Dates)

Start Time: 8:50am

8:50am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

12:50pm-1:50pm Class Time

End Time: 1:50pm

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ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Sahuarita Digital Pathways Academy is officially its own school this year! As an approved online school, we have **mandatory attendance guidelines** that we have to follow in order to operate. We are required to report daily attendance minutes for our SDPA students. A strong home-school partnership is needed in order to complete this required task. We need your help each school day to meet this guideline.

All SDPA students will need a **Daily Attendance Log** completed by a parent or guardian EACH school day.

[Sahuarita Digital Pathways Academy](#)
[AOI Daily Attendance Log: K -12](#)

Each school day, you will submit the Google Form to report the total number of minutes that your child engaged in their school-related activities including:

- Time spent in live Google Meets (including lessons, Homeroom, Academic Enrichment, and Elective Enrichment).
- Time spent working on asynchronous activities in Google Classroom, Seesaw, i-Ready, Edgenuity, or another online platform.
- Time spent working 1-on-1 with a teacher or learning coach.
- Time spent working on projects, independent reading, writing, or completing offline assignments.
- Time spent working on special activities like Library, Music, PE, Computer Lab, Counseling, etc.

A separate Google Form needs to be completed for each child. Forms are due each school day by midnight. Thank you so much for your partnership in this process!