

# SDPA NEWS



# SEP 2023

## SAHUARITA DIGITAL PATHWAYS ACADEMY

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What a wonderful start to the 2023-24 school year! Students, teachers, and staff have been working incredibly hard to make the beginning of the year run smoothly. The year ahead has many opportunities to grow, learn, and accomplish great things. Reach out to your teachers with questions and needed clarification, monitor emails regularly, and please remember to submit daily attendance. What a privilege it is to bring education to your child's fingertips; we look forward to watching you SOAR at SDPA!

*Elizabeth Flores*





## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **September 1st**

- Quarter 1 Progress Reports

### **September 4th**

- Labor Day, no school

### **September 9th**

- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Anderson

### **September 13th**

- SDPA Hearing and Vision Screening





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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>







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# Sahuarita Digital Pathways Academy

## WHO?

- ALL students in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9.
- ALL students with an IEP.
- Any other student wishing to be screened.

## REMINDERS:

- Bring glasses if you have them.
- Notify screener of vision/hearing concerns.
- Parent/guardian must stay with your child.
- Screenings only take a few minutes, and lines are expected to move quickly.
- You may come at any time during the open window.

## Mandatory Vision & Hearing Screenings

Wednesday, September 13, 2023  
9:30am - 12:00pm

SUSD #30 District Office  
350 W. Sahuarita Road  
Building #10





## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

• **Ms. Megan Anderson** •

• **Joshua Pond** •

• **Troy Wilson-Seals** •

• **Julio Romero** •


• **Oscar Bojorquez Encinas** •

• **Yizette Martinez Lorona** •

• **Tegan McCarthy** •

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

**We hope that you enjoy your special  
day!**





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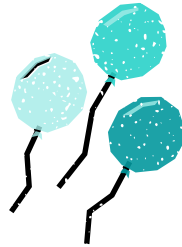
## SEPTEMBER HAWK OF THE MONTH

We are super excited to recognize

***JULIAN RODRIGUEZ***

as our **HAWK** of the Month!

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



Julian is kind, hardworking, and loves to learn. He always participates in class and gets his work done in a timely manner.

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# STUDENT COUNCIL



**SDPA WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE OUR STUDENT COUNCIL**

**OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

**JANESSA MCCOLLUM - PRESIDENT**

**GIANNA FARNSWORTH - VICE PRESIDENT**

**PIPER GREEN - SECRETARY**

**CHEYNNE TROST AND TEGAN MCCARTHY - CLASS REPRESENTATIVES.**

**CONGRATULATIONS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THIS YEAR**

**GREAT.**

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS**

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## **MS. CHAVARRIA 2ND & 3RD GRADE**

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I would like to recognize how spectacular all of our K-5 students have been handling all of the new changes to school this year. They have been acclimating so well with their new schedules and having more than one teacher. I am truly so proud of each and every single one of our students. I would also like to give a warm welcome to all of our new students!



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The 4th and 5th graders at SDPA are rockin' this school year. Students have been learning the expectations of all their teachers and building a strong classroom community with their peers. In the coming days, the focus will be to develop skills for students to work more independently. The academics pace will pick up now that we have established the procedures and expectations. Please ensure your child is keeping up with their work to continue to soar to new heights! Go HAWKS~

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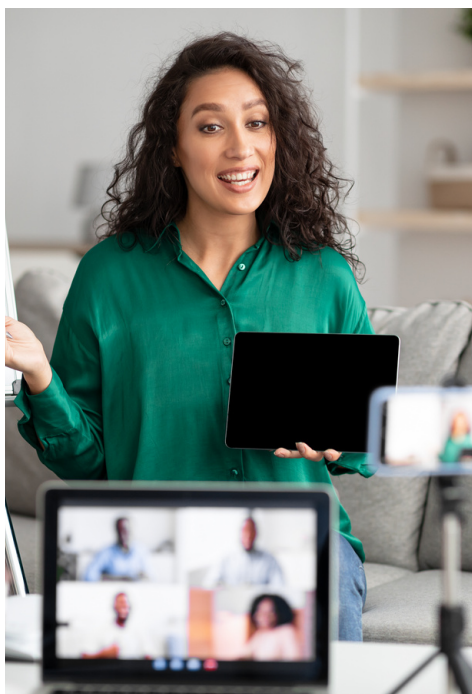
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Wow, can you believe we are already 5 weeks into the 2023-2024 school year! By now we are hoping that our SDPA students have established routines and are sticking to them. One thing that the online curriculum can't do is provide daily reading for pleasure. Independent reading is one of the most important things students can do to improve their language skills, become stronger analytical and critical thinkers, improve their writing skills, improve their focus and concentration skills but at the same time reduce stress and anxiety. Students love buying books but other alternatives are our local libraries or free online digital content. Try this link to start browsing free books now!  
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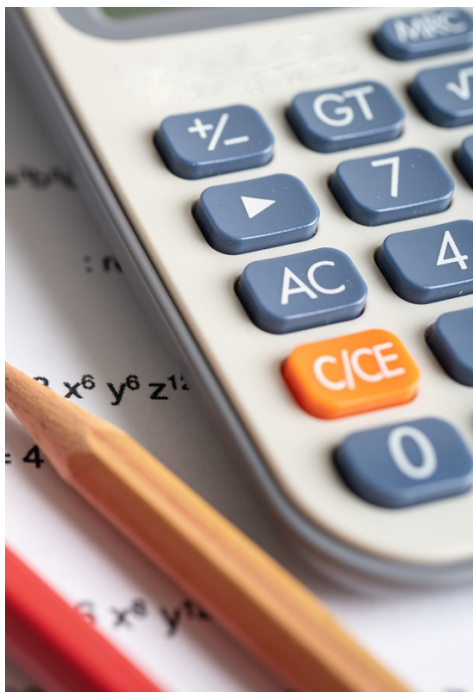
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Hi wonderful math students! All performance tasks have now been posted to the Google Classroom for your math class. They are there for when you reach the project in Edgenuity. I modified some of the projects by creating a Desmos version for you to work in. It should automatically graph most equations you type in. This should make it easier to check your work and lessen the need to paste screenshots of graphs into your project document. For the projects that have a lot of explanations, but no graphing, I kept the original format. As always, if you're not sure about how to do a project, solve a problem, or what the question is asking for, please come find me in the Hawks' Nest. I'm here for you!



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## MR. EVES SOCIAL STUDIES

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Hello social studies students and welcome to September, our second month of the school year! You are off to a great start this year! Now is the time to be getting a day or two ahead on your course maps so you will be ready for any unexpected circumstances.

### Major moments in history for September:

September 1, 1715 - The "Sun King" (King Louis XIV of France) died. He had ruled since the age of five and was succeeded by his 5-year-old great-grandson Louis XV.



September 17, 1787 - At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, delegates from twelve states voted unanimously to approve the proposed U.S. Constitution.



September 29, Birthday - Nuclear physicist Enrico Fermi (1901-1954) was born in Rome. While teaching at the University of Chicago, he developed a method of causing nuclear fission, producing a chain reaction releasing explosive nuclear energy which led to the development of the Atomic bombs.

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## MS. KEMPTON SCIENCE

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**I like Science**  
**Mrs. Kempton**  
**September 2023**

"I like science". It was a random statement written in our Google chat box this afternoon by one of our SDPA students. Another student chimed in, "I like Science too." My heart soared with excitement for these two young students who, without prompting, felt compelled to share.

Science is everywhere. When we cook, it is science. When we problem-solve how to fix something, we use scientific methods to figure it out. When we get sick, our bodies are our own personal experiments telling us that "something is not right." When we look at the weather maps, watch the monsoon clouds roll in, and feel that stiff breeze, we are witnessing science in real-time. Science is everywhere, and yes, it is very cool. I LOVE science, and I love teaching it to my students.

Last week, one of my former Sahuarita Students completed her training at the University of Arizona to become a Veterinarian. She likes science, and she loves horses. What a wonderful way for her to use science to help those animals that she loves. This being my 30th year of teaching science, I have lost count of my students who have used science in very successful careers. Doctors, nurses, paramedics, astrophysicists, geologists, nutritionists, Veterinary Technicians, x-ray technicians, field biologists, meteorologists, farmers, chemical engineers, chemists,... the list goes on and on.

Science is good. SDPA offers many great science classes, and I am excited to be teaching something that I am so passionate about. Have a great September, all you scientists out there!





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Welcome to SDPA 6th graders and new students. Welcome back returning students. We are excited about having you with us this year. We have some new electives for Middle School and High School. We hope you will enjoy your learning experience with us. Please remember to ask questions. Mrs. Collins does teach in person; be patient and she will reply to your email messages. You can reach Ms. Harrel at gharrel@sahuarita.net and Mrs. Collins at mcollins@sahuarita.net. We are here to help. Once again we are looking forward to assisting you in your educational journey.



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**COUNSELING TEAM**  
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Welcome Back! To Do List - Freshman, get your GPA off to a good start, grades count!!! Sophomores, get a head start on college/career choices. Keep that GPA up! Sign up to take the PSAT. Juniors, be ready to take the ACT second semester and do your very best. Searching for scholarships can start anytime! Seniors, it is the time of year to start applying to colleges, universities, tech/trade schools, jobs etc! The FAFSA financial aid application will be coming out December 2023 so please be ready to fill that out with the school(s) that you are applying too. You can start by setting up your FSA ID now and a parent can set theirs up as well.

Please go to [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) If you need assistance with anything college or career please email me at [megan.anderson@sahuarita.net](mailto:megan.anderson@sahuarita.net) SHS counseling website- <https://sites.google.com/sahuarita.net/shs-counseling/home> and WGHS Counseling website - <https://sites.google.com/sahuarita.net/wghs-counseling/welcome-to-wghs>.

Thank you!~



# Sahuarita Unified School District Future Ready Schools Prop 401

## LOCAL SCHOOL BOND UP FOR VOTE NOV. 7

Community dollars support safe, future-ready school facilities with no expected increase to the school tax rate.



### Enhanced Safety Measures

- Upgraded Security Cameras
- ID-connected Access Systems
- Ballistic Resistant Glass
- Enhanced Digital Public Address (PA) Systems
- Building & Athletic Field Lighting



### Technology Advancement

- Cybersecurity Tools
- Expanded Connectivity Capacity
- Instructional Classroom Technology
- 1:1 Student Device Ratio Goal



### Renovation

- Playground & Courtyard Enhancements
- Flooring, Painting & Weatherization
- Athletic Field Stadium Turf & Track
- Updated Restroom Facilities
- HVAC Replacements
- Enhanced High School Science Laboratories
- Main Campus Cafeteria Expansion & Transformation



### Construction

- New Regular & Special Education Classrooms
- Early Childhood Center Expansion
- NJROTC Space Expansion
- New Fine Arts Performing Theater



### Furniture and Equipment

- Chairs, Desks, and Tables
- Musical Instruments & Fine Arts Equipment

### ALLOCATED FUNDS

**\$ 9 Million**

**\$ 5 Million**

**\$15 Million**

**\$19 Million**

**\$2 Million**

**TOTAL BOND AMOUNT** within 10 years

**\$50 Million**

**COST: NO EXPECTED INCREASE TO SCHOOL TAX RATE FOR VOTERS**



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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

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**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. Per board policy, students with 10 consecutive absences will be withdrawn. Forms are due each school day by midnight. Thank you so much for your partnership in this process!