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Welcome to Second Quarter, SDPA!

There is so much to be thankful for. We appreciate your participation in Parent Teacher Conferences. If you did not monitor your child's progress via PowerSchool or Edgenuity during the first quarter, please ensure you begin to do so the right way. Second quarter will continue with rigorous academics, and the time will pass by even more quickly than the start of the year. Thank you for the daily communication with your children when it comes to schoolwork and projects. This allows them to manage their time, be successful, and have a cooperative relationship between home and school. We are thankful for our students, their families, this community, and much more.

Elizabeth Flores

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SAVE THE DATE

November 8th

- Civics Benchmark Test

November 9th

- Q2 Progress Reports

November 10th

- Veteran's Day, No School

November 23 & 24th

- Thanksgiving - No School

November 27th

- iReady Reading Diagnostics Week (K-8)



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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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**NOVEMBER HAWK
OF THE MONTH**

We are super excited to recognize

Zarah Stewart

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!

Zarah is always punctual and rarely ever misses a school day. She always puts in 110% of effort in her assignments. Her assignments are also always turned in on time and are fully complete. She is willing to participate and is never afraid to ask questions. She is a wonderful role model for her peers.

Student COUNCIL

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR SPIRIT WEEK. IT WAS GREAT SEEING ALL YOUR SPOOKINESS. WE ARE ASKING STUDENTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLUB TO SHARE THEIR IDEAS WITH US VIA A SURVEY IN THE NEST. WE WILL BE PLANNING A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT DURING THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. PLEASE LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE NEST AND FROM YOUR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

• **Mr. Chadwick** •

- Oliver Richardson •
- Alyssa Kovacs •
- Calvin Caldwell •
- Mercedes Gomez •
- Janae Barreras •
- Beau Caldwell •
- Marleigh Forehand •
- Luke Rodriguez •
- Morgan Williams •

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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Wow, can you believe how quickly this year is flying by? 😊 It's amazing to see how smoothly the students have adapted to their new schedules and Google classrooms. I am incredibly proud of them for being able to constantly adjust and thrive. We're always striving to make our school even better and provide our students with top-notch education. 📖



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November brings good weather and a time we can start to do so much more outdoors. Being in SDPA allows us to take our class with us wherever we go. Make sure you explore new places and go on some outdoor adventures. You may even plan events together with your parents and meet up at the lake, a nearby park or at the library. I love the classroom community we have created and I am grateful for each of you! SHOUT OUT! Despite the changes this quarter, students & parents have done extremely well following the new schedule. Most students have an established routine and are doing well to stay on top of their assignments. Well done!



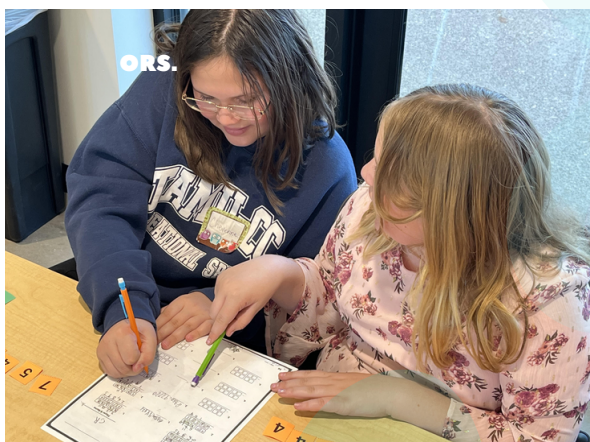
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Field Trip to Sahuarita Public Library Grades K-5

Captions are from our students.



2 students play rock, paper,
scissors.



2 Minds are better
together.



Ms. Karla to the
rescue.

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Mrs. Aizaz takes a photo with students holding their art.



Students posing for a photo.

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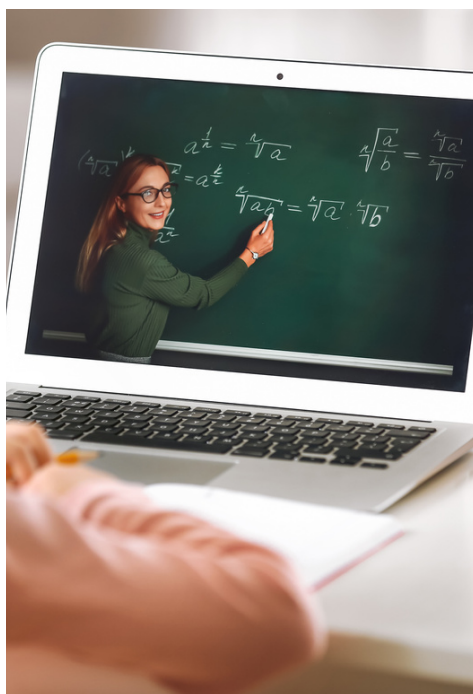
As much as everyone loves getting together for the holidays, it can get awkward when you're sitting around a table with people you don't know very well or don't see very often. It can be especially challenging if you're a kid trying to talk to family or friends who are older than you that don't share your interests. A good idea is to have discussion questions on notecards on the tables for each family member to pick up and ask each other. Here are some ideas: What is the best thing that has happened to you since the last holiday season? What random acts of kindness have you received this year? When was one time this past year that you did the right thing, even when it was difficult? What is one question you wish people would ask more often? When you shut your eyes and imagine your "happy place," where is it? Remember to make eye contact and smile; most importantly enjoy your families!



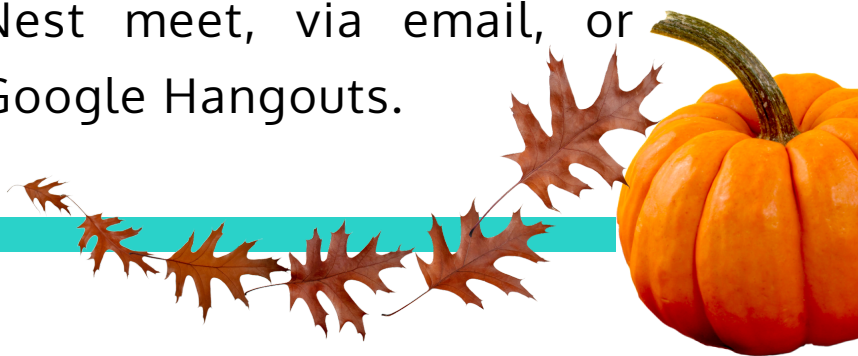
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MS. RICHARDSON MATHEMATICS

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Our math classes are progressing right along. Students should be over half-way through their classes. If you are behind in your classes, I'd like to remind you that in order to receive full credit for the course, you will need to catch up before finals. As always, I'm happy to go over any challenging problems or concepts. You can reach me in the Hawks' Nest meet, via email, or Google Hangouts.



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MR. EVES SOCIAL STUDIES

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Hello social studies students, and welcome to November! This month you will be busy with a lot of projects and writing assignments in the various social studies classes. This is also the month when you head into the homestretch for first semester. Make sure you are keeping up with your work and checking teacher's Google Classrooms for materials and instructions.

Major moments in history for November.:

November 1, 1848

The first medical school for women opened in Boston. The Boston Female Medical School was founded by Samuel Gregory with just twelve students. In 1874, the school merged with the Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools.

November 19-20, 1990

The Cold War came to an end during a summit in Paris as leaders of NATO and the Warsaw Pact signed a Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe, vastly reducing their military arsenals.

November 28, 1520

Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan passed through the strait (of Magellan) located at the southern tip of South America, thus crossing from the Atlantic Ocean into the Pacific.

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MS. KEMPTON SCIENCE

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A Tarantula in my back patio



My daughter told me the story of when she and a friend were camping and were invaded by a tarantula. The panic that ensued was embarrassing. She climbed on top of the picnic table and hurled her shoes at the unsuspecting spider. Her partner grabbed a log and proceeded to beat the poor tarantula to death! When she told me this story, I was mortified. I said "Honey, it was a harmless spider!" to which she replied "But he was so ugly and scary!"

To help educate my daughter and anyone else who reads this, here are 5 facts about Tarantulas.

1. They can be as small as a fingernail or as large as a dinner plate.
2. They spin a silk-like thread that they use to line their burrows (which are underground)
3. They eat bugs, small lizards and occasionally, each other.
4. They do have a venomous bite but it's not strong enough to kill humans
5. They actually make docile pets.

(Azdesertmuseum.org)

Armed with this information, when an uninvited tarantula visited me on our back patio, I was actually pretty overjoyed to see him. I thanked him for eating the bugs in my patio and then I swept him into a dustpan and dropped him over the wall into the desert.

The message for this month: Science is sometimes ugly and scary but once you learn the details, it can be pretty cool. Don't rush to judge until you've done your research!

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Did you know that October's birthstone, an Opal, symbolizes faithfulness and confidence? That is what I found in the The Farmers' Almanac.

<https://www.almanac.com/content/month-october-holidays-fun-facts-folklore>

We would like to Welcome Mrs. Hammer to our team. Please remember to email your instructors about 0% scores. Please be patient for replies. Mrs. Hammer and Mrs. Collins both have in-person classes as well. You can email us with any questions or comments. Thank you.

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COUNSELING TEAM
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Happy November SDPA! Attention Seniors! Now is the time to create your FSA ID for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This will need to be done before the FAFSA opens in December 2023.

The FAFSA application that you will fill out then will be for the 24-25 school year. Please create and ID for yourself as the student. Your parent(s)/Guardian(s) will also need to create one.



Please go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/personal-info>
Please do not try and set this up on the same day you are going to complete your FAFSA it will not be processed. Even if you are not sure of what your plans are for next year it is great to get your FAFSA completed and can help with scholarships.

Please reach out to me with any questions -
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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)

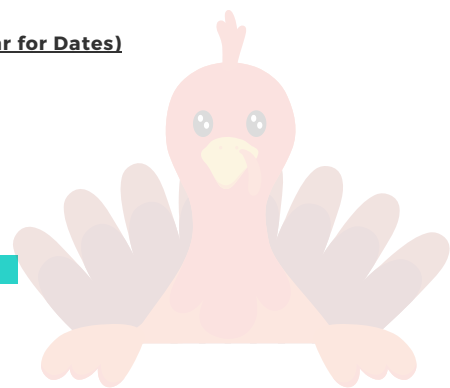
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End Time: 1:50pm



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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!

