

SDPA NEWS



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SAHUARITA DIGITAL PATHWAYS ACADEMY

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**The difference between ordinary and extraordinary
is that little extra!**

Our first quarter has been filled with academic content, rigor, and getting to know teachers and peers. Thank you for the commitment you continue to show towards your child's school work, attendance submission, and communication. Together we will see great success! On behalf of myself and the SDPA staff, we hope your families have a restful Fall Break!

Elizabeth Flores

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SAVE THE DATE



October 5th

- 4th & 5th Field Trip to Library

October 6th

- 2nd & 3rd Field Trip to Library
- Half Day
- End of 1st Quarter

October 9-13th

- No School
- Fall Break

October 19 & 20th

- Half Days
- Parent Conferences

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STUDENT COUNCIL

We would like to thank you for your Spirit Week suggestions. We have selected several suggestions to incorporate into Spirit Week. Special Days will be announced later this month. Please check the Hawks' Nest and with your homeroom teacher for events. We look forward to your participation.



OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

JANESSA MCCOLLUM - PRESIDENT
GIANNA FARNSWORTH - VICE PRESIDENT
PIPER GREEN - SECRETARY



CHEYNNE TROST AND TEGAN MCCARTHY - CLASS REPRESENTATIVES.

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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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**OCTOBER HAWK
OF THE MONTH**

We are super excited to recognize

CITLALY MORAN SANABRIA

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!

Citlaly is punctual, efficient and has a great work ethic. She seeks help when needed and is a great role model.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- Cheyenne Trost •
- Josiah Walker •
- Caliana Viergever •
- Ella Ranney •
- Adriana Rodriguez •
- Maria Haro •
- Mica Oravetz Hersey •
- Ilse Aviles Viera •
- Cristian Maldonado •

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!**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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FALL VIBES



MS. CHAVARRIA 2ND & 3RD GRADE

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We are heading into the month of October! Fall break is quickly approaching. I know I can say that all students will be excited for a break. Not to mention, we are also coming to a close for our very first quarter! Let's hope for a successful beginning to our new quarter! There's still time to turn those grades around and improve your work skills!

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October is expected to be an eventful month. We have our very first field trip and in-person day scheduled at the end of the first quarter. We are also looking forward to celebrating Red Ribbon Week with special guest speakers. When we return rejuvenated after the Fall Break, we plan to implement our new schedule. Starting second quarter, every teacher will have their own separate Google classrooms. We plan to continue our early morning Book Club meetings. We are now reading our __book this year. Thank you parents for all your support this year. You ROCK!



I wanted to thank you for the Book Club! This is what he was doing on his lunch break. I just wanted you to know that you are making a difference!

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Welcome to fall--the best time of the year to curl up with a book and read, except this time try an audiobook! Lay back and relax and listen to a classic story on <https://archive.org>! Did you also know that baking season is approaching and that is the perfect time to practice your reading comprehension skills? Following a recipe not only strengthens your sequencing skills but it teaches you to properly read, comprehend, and convert measurements. For our high school students, it will help you develop your independent cooking skills before you are out on your own!

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MS. RICHARDSON MATHEMATICS

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Happy fall! Most of you have finished the first two or three units of your math class. Great job keeping on track with your classes! For those of you who have fallen a little behind, please remember that you are more than welcome to work on your classes over fall break. As a reminder, I have posted video instructions for your math projects to Google Classroom. I will also continue meeting with students one-on-one for additional help with assignments and projects. If you feel that additional instructions or clarifications about a lesson or project would be beneficial, please let me know. I'm more than happy to post additional resources for the class.



MR. EVES SOCIAL STUDIES

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Hello social studies students, welcome to October and the second quarter! It's time to pause and reflect on everything you have learned so far this year, and to prepare yourselves to move forward toward the end of the semester and finals.

Major moments in history for October:

October 1, 1908

Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 14, 1066

The Norman Conquest began with the Battle of Hastings in which King Harold II of England, the last of the Saxon kings, was defeated and killed by William of Normandy's troops.

October 30, 1938

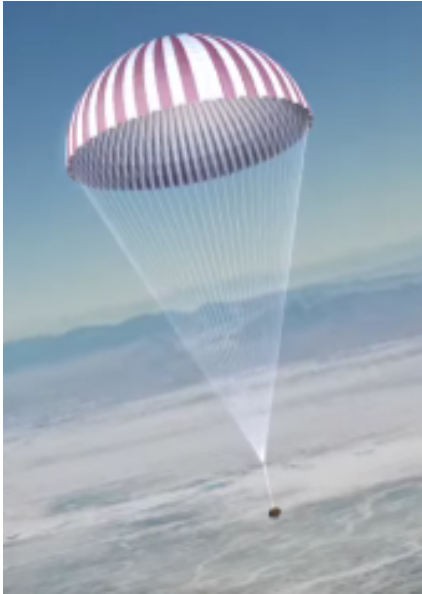
The War of the Worlds radio broadcast panicked millions of Americans. Actor Orson Welles and the Mercury Players dramatized the story by H.G. Wells depicting a Martian invasion of New Jersey. Their script utilized simulated radio news bulletins which many listeners thought were real.



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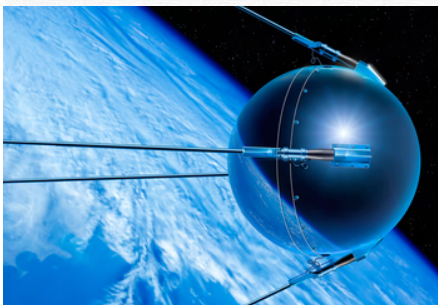
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October is A great month to celebrate space exploration!

On the news recently (9/24/23), I saw "live" watch party at the University of Arizona to witness a capsule parachute down into the Utah desert. This capsule is part of a mission OSIRIS-REx and it contained the first ever dust and rocks from an asteroid, Benu. The initial planning for this mission began more than 20 years ago. The actual release of the spacecraft was in 2016, and although it is still ongoing, it made a delivery on Sunday morning. The sample from Asteroid Benu will be fun for scientists to "dig" into while they await the next delivery from the spacecraft.



In October of 1957, Russia released the satellite Sputnik. Although the satellite was pretty harmless, it happened during the cold war. The United States was a full alert for threats from the communist country and felt very threatened by this satellite. As a result, NASA came into being the following year and our "race to space" began.

Last night the moon was almost full and the stars were bright. Sitting in my backyard I witnessed 3 shooting stars and at least 4 satellites racing across the sky. What a marvelous Universe we live in and how remarkable that our fascination with it continues to push us to learn more each year.



One of my favorite movies that I used to watch with my own children was "October Sky". This movie is loosely based on the Sputnik satellite event and shares the story of a high school student who becomes engaged in science as a result.

Here at SDPA, our science courses are rich with information. However, it is the curiosity of the human mind that makes it fun.

Happy October!

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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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Happy Fall Y'all! Seniors if you need assistance with scholarships or college or job applications please reach out to me.

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SHS counseling website:
<https://sites.google.com/sahuarita.net/shs-counseling/home>

WGHS Counseling website:
<https://sites.google.com/sahuarita.net/wghs-counseling/welcome-to-wghs>

I will be hosting a couple of application nights at SHS in October again so please reach out to me for updated dates and times if you would like to stop by for assistance. Juniors you will take the ASVAB and ACT this year so here are some websites with practice tests.

ASVAB

<https://www.asvabpracticetests.com>/<https://www.4tests.com/asvab><https://nationalguard.com/practice-asvab>

ACT

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html><https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-free-practice-test>

SAT

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/practice-preparation/practice-tests><https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat/full-length-sat-1>





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

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. 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!

