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We **LOVE** our Hawks! It's hard to believe we are so far in to 3rd quarter already. Welcome to our many new Hawks. If you are new to our nest, please remember to mark your calendars, join your teachers online, and reach out with any questions you have. We look forward to celebrating the Kids' Heart Challenge, Love of Reading, Rodeo Days, and a Leap Year with you!

Elizabeth Flores

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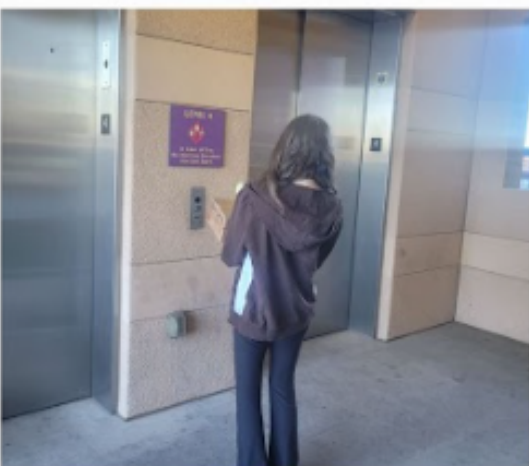
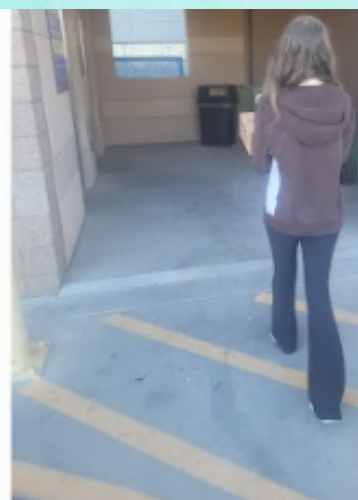
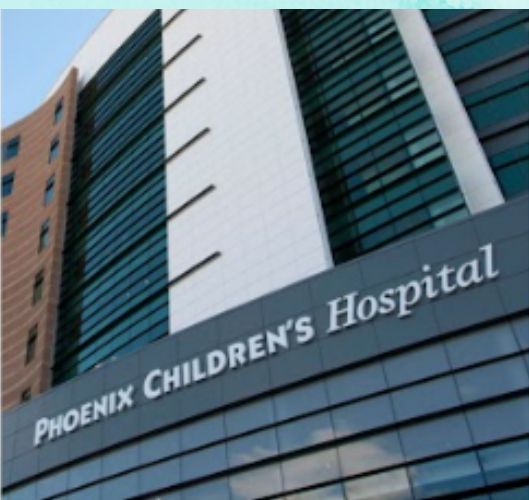


SAVE THE DATE

- **Feb 7**
Kindergarten Round Up
(Virtual 5pm)
- **Feb 19**
American Heart Association
Challenge (Elem) Kick Off
- **Feb. 19-21**
Love of Reading Week
- **Feb 21**
Civics Test (8-12th)
- **Feb 22-23**
Rodeo Break. No School
- **Feb 29**
Leap Day



Tegan McCarthy, SDPA StuCo Representative, delivered their community service project (cards, coloring books, and crayons) to the Child Life Team at the Phoenix Childrens' Hospital.





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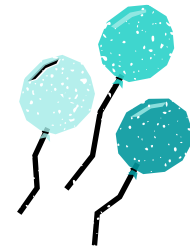
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FEBRUARY HAWK OF THE MONTH

We are super excited to recognize



Dabi Valdovinos-Blanco 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!



This young man is on a mission to graduate. He demonstrates initiative by taking on extra classes so that he can make up for credit deficits and graduate on time. He is our "poster child" of what flexible scheduling at SDPA looks like. We are beyond proud of Dabi's tenacity and accomplishments in attaining his High School diploma.



Student COUNCIL

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE WHITE ELEPHANT FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TO SDPA. WE ALSO EXTEND A THANK YOU TO SDPA STUDENTS WHO DROPPED CARDS OFF AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

Parent SHOUTOUT

**Jelita Abi and Gregory Stewart
(Parents of Shaffiya Stewart)**

They have created a learning environment where Shaffiya can be independent and successful. Shaffiya is always on time, organized, and ready to learn. Her parents always respond in a timely manor and are there to help if she needs it.

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Happy Birthday

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

- Ariana Cummins •
- Asa Williams •
- Jasmine Molina •
- Lailah Arteche •
- Mackenzi Kaufman •
- Raymond Moya •
- Sarah Kelly •
- Selma Acosta •
- Tiguida Sumareh •
- Zachariah Waldron •

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 it? There are only four more months of school left! I wanted to let you know that this month we have an exciting Rodeo Break coming up. So, please don't forget to mark your calendars for this fun event and four day weekend!

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This month we will celebrate Black History Month and the season of showing people in our lives how much they mean to us. Soon the state testing will be upon us and now is a good time for the learning coaches to familiarize themselves with some of the resources available. You may start with a question a day with your student to get them ready. Doing a little each day but consistently is what yields the best results. Thank you.



<https://www.azed.gov/assessment/parents> (Hyper Link)

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Happy Love of Reading month! That's right: an entire month dedicated to promoting a love of reading and being read to. Take time to read this month even if it's only for ten minutes a day. Another important topic that is often overlooked is composing emails to your SDPA teachers. Emailing your SDPA teachers is an extremely efficient way to communicate with them especially if you have to send a quick and simple message or ask a question. An email to a teacher may seem like sending a text message you might send to a friend, but they're not quite the same. Here is a list of ideas to keep in mind when emailing your teachers. Make sure the email is really necessary. As you can imagine, your teachers are dealing with numerous students and receive hundreds of emails during the course of a week. SDPA teachers check the Edgenuity dashboards frequently throughout the day. Odds are if you are locked out of a test or need a retake they will unlock with-in a few hours. Be patient, even though it can be hard.



Use the appropriate email address. Double check which email your teacher uses. Make sure your subject line is simple and straightforward. You may be tempted to put your question or comment in the subject line, but try to resist. Instead, use the subject line to indicate your general area of concern before you use the message area to relay the specifics. Address your reader with respect. Make sure you should use a common form such as "Mr., Mrs., Ms. Simplify the message as much as possible. Be specific if you need an assignment reset, a quiz reset, or a unit test review reset. Close with courtesy. Always close your email with a simple but kind salutation. For example, you might close by writing, "Thank you for your time," or "I look forward to your response," before adding "Sincerely," and your full name. Remember, too, that if you do need a response, you might have to wait up to 24 hours or more since most teachers look at their emails only at a certain time (or times) during the day.

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As a math teacher, I love to share data and numbers with you. For example, did you know that on average last year, math students spent 5.5 days on each project. The students who used the resources posted in Google classroom were able to reduce the average to 3.7 days on each project and half of them were able to complete the project within the 2 days Edgenuity gives you to work on projects. It's worth it to use the resources in Google classroom and remember to ask for help if you need it!



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MR. EVES SOCIAL STUDIES

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Hello social studies students, and welcome to February! We are already one full month into our second semester! Remember, when working on projects and writing assignments, make sure to cite all of your sources to avoid plagiarism. And as always, if you need help with anything, you can always find your teachers in the Hawks' Nest. Have a great February!



Major moments in history for February:

February 4, Birthday

Aviation pioneer Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974) was born in Detroit, Michigan. He made the first non-stop solo flight from New York to Paris, May 20-21, 1927.

February 15, 1898

In Havana, the U.S. Battleship Maine was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident resulted in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898.

February 24, 1582

Pope Gregory XIII corrected mistakes on the Julian calendar by dropping 10 days and directing that the day after October 4, 1582 would be October 15th. The Gregorian, or New Style calendar, was then adopted by Catholic countries, followed gradually by Protestant and other nations.



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Virtual Labs and Lab Reports

Lab reports are a necessary part of all science labs. As a teacher, I love online science labs - I don't have to purchase materials, set them up, and then clean up after the lab. Online labs let students make mistakes without destroying the whole lab. When I was a student (eons ago) I can remember a chemistry lab where my lab partner spilled the reagent... we had to take a zero for the lab since we didn't have any more of the reagent! Granted, we were more careful next time, but online labs removed that problem.

When your students are doing a virtual lab, make sure they download the student guide BEFORE they do the lab and then record all data on that student guide. Your student will also need to write a conclusion based on their data. When they get to the assignment marked "lab report", all they need to do is submit that completed student guide with the data and a conclusion.

Unfortunately, many students do the virtual lab without recording their data and when they get to the lab report they submit a blank document!!! Argh. Please let your student know that I can help them in the Hawk's Nest if they get stuck. There is also a step-by-step instruction sheet in their google classroom.



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Amethyst is February's birthstone. It is believed to give the individual strength, clarity, and protection from harm. It was once reserved for royalty. Amethyst is a purple variety of quartz.

<https://www.almanac.com/content/february-birthstone-color-and-meaning>.



Please let us know if you receive any 0%. You should be well into your classes by now. Mrs. Hammer and Mrs. Collins both have in-person classes as well as online.

Please be patient for their replies.
Thank you.

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Seniors! Your financial aid application FAFSA is open. If you have not completed that yet please go to [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) and it is not a smoother process. You can also search for scholarships on the SHS and WGHS Counseling pages. Go to sUSD30.us and click high school and student life to find the counseling pages. Did you order cap and gown?



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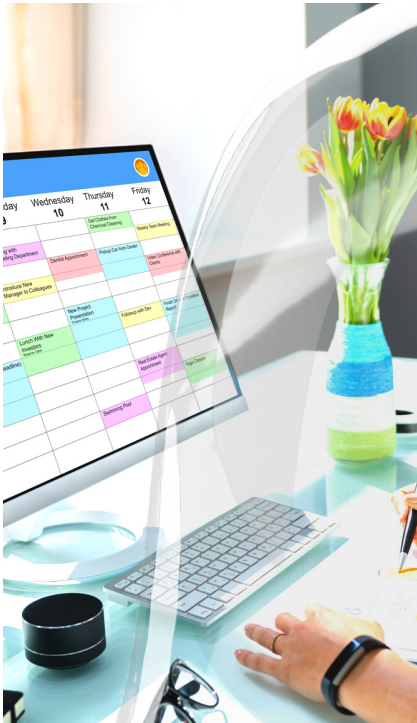
Hello. My name is Cayenne Towne. I am currently the long-term substitute school counselor for Sopori elementary and SDPA elementary school. I graduated from Sahuarita High School in 2012, attended the University of Arizona for my bachelor's in Public Management and Policy, and I am now a year out from receiving a Masters of Education in School Counseling. In my free time, I love to go running, hiking and explore new places. Since starting, I have really enjoyed getting to know all the elementary students at SDPA. I am passionate about helping students build strong social and emotional skills that will help them be successful throughout their life.



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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

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11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

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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!