Dear Sidewinders families,

Kindergarten and open enrollment registration for the 2019-2020 school year is in full swing. Please visit our website to register your kindergartner student and schedule a school tour. Also, please mark your calendars for April 30. We will be having our second kindergarten round-up from 3:30-4:00. You and your kindergarten student will meet our superb kindergarten team, tour the school, and find out what your student will be working on during the school year. Thank you.

Upcoming Events:

1. 5th Grade AZMERIT Testing – April 1, 8, 15
2. 6th Grade AZMERIT Testing – April 2, 9, 16
3. 4th Grade AZMERIT Testing – April 3, 10, 17
4. 3rd Grade AZMERIT Testing – April 4, 11, 18
5. AZMERIT Make-up Testing (All Grades) – April 5, 12, 23-26
6. SSE Art Show at Norwood Furniture – April 1 (7:30-8:30)
7. Early Release (2:00) – April 3, 10, 17, 24
8. Kindergarten Daddies and Donuts – April 5 (2:15)
9. School Council – April 8
10. 2nd Grade Field Trip – April 18
11. 1st Grade Field Trip – April 18
12. Spring Holiday (no school) – April 19, 22
13. Character Counts Golden Ticket Winners Lunch – April 25
14. Chorus Concert – April 25 (5:30)
15. Student Council Spirit Day (Disney Day) – April 26
16. Kona Ice Treat Sale at Lunch – April 26
17. Staff Appreciation Week – April 29-May 3
18. Variety Show Tryouts (during specials) – April 29
19. Kindergarten Round-up – April 30 (3:30)
20. Strings Concert – April 30 (3:30)
New Student Registration and Open Enrollment
Registration for the 2019–2020 school year is now open. If you know of any family who wishes to be part of the SSE family, please pass along this information and have our new families complete the online registration process.
Open enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year began January 7. All families currently on open enrollment will need to complete an application each year as required by Gilbert Public Schools. Open enrollment forms have been sent home. If you are still needing one, please stop by the front office to pick one up. If you have any questions, please call 480-641-6413. Thank you!

AzMERIT State Testing
AzMERIT is fast approaching. Below is a schedule outlining all testing days at SSE. Each grade level is assigned specific days for testing. Those days were kept consistent to help with scheduling appointments. If at all possible, please try not to schedule any appointments during these times. As required by the state, if a student begins testing, they must complete the test within the school day. They are not allowed to pause the test and finish the next day. The schedule will also be posted on our school website. Since typing will be a large part of the AZMERIT Assessment we are asking that you spend some time with your child at home having them practice and perfect their typing skills. This will help your child feel more confident while testing and more at ease when entering their responses come testing time. Two great websites that can help your child with their typing skills are...

www.typingtest.com  www.typingclub.com

Thank you very much with your assistance.
April 2019

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6th Grade AZMERIT Testing Writing
4th Grade AZMERIT Testing Writing
3rd Grade AZMERIT Testing Writing
All grades AZMERIT Make-up Testing

07  08  09  10  11  12  13

5th Grade AZMERIT Testing Reading I Math I
6th Grade AZMERIT Testing Reading I Math I
4th Grade AZMERIT Testing Reading I Math I
3rd Grade AZMERIT Testing Reading I Math I
All grades AZMERIT Make-up Testing

14  15  16  17  18  19  20

5th Grade AZMERIT Testing Reading II Math II
6th Grade AZMERIT Testing Reading II Math II
4th Grade AZMERIT Testing Reading II Math II
3rd Grade AZMERIT Testing Reading II Math II
Spring Holiday (no school)

21  22  23  24  25  26  27

Spring Holiday (no school)
All grades AZMERIT Make-up Testing
All grades AZMERIT Make-up Testing
All grades AZMERIT Make-up Testing

28  29  30

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Infinite Campus
Thank you to all of our families who have completed the Annual Update. If you have not done so yet, please log into your parent portal and click on Annual Update. Here you can check your demographics, emergency contacts, and the awareness contract. If you haven’t set up your parent portal yet please go to www.gilbertschools.net>parent zone>Infinite Campus; then follow the steps for new parent portal set up. Thank you!

2nd Session of Kindergarten Roundup
It’s KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP time!
WHAT: SUPERSTITION SPRINGS ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
WHEN: April 30, 2019 FROM 3:30PM TO 4:0PM
WHY: The Kindergarten teachers would like to help welcome and make your incoming kindergartener feel comfortable and confident for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. So, please bring your incoming kindergartener to SSE for story time and an activity with a kindergarten teacher. While students are engaged, parents will receive information and can ask questions about our kindergarten program. A guided tour of the school will follow, where parents and children can visit the kindergarten classrooms.
We look forward to meeting you and your kindergartener!!

2nd Grade Grant Recipients

Second Grade was awarded a Heritage Fund Grant from the Arizona Game and Fish Department. This grant will help cover transportation costs to 2nd Grade’s field trip to Butterfly Wonderland in Scottsdale, Arizona. Thank you Arizona Game and Fish!

Volunteers
SSE would like to thank everyone for graciously donating their time to make our school the best! THANKS YOU!!!!!!! If you would like to volunteer in your student’s classroom, please contact the teacher directly. If you would like to volunteer for other areas, please contact the office at 480-641-6413.
PTSO
All activities and news can be accessed through the PTSO website and SSE’s website at www.sseptso.com
A huge thank you to all the students and families who supported this year's cookie dough fundraiser.

Box Tops
Calling all box tops... PTSO is sponsoring our Box Top challenge where students bring in box tops that will be used to purchase school supplies and in return, PTSO provides a special treat each quarter for the class that brings in the most. Please save all your box tops and send in with your student. Congratulations to Mrs. Webb’s class – they are our February Box Tops Winners!

Character Counts Golden Ticket Winners
Isaac Bishop
Madeline Andreason
Emery Andreason
Abigail Hoopes
Rylee Funseth
John Swingle
Ryan Gardiner
Jayden Patton
Laken Fitch
Shelby Vig
Audrianna Arellano
April 2019

Character Counts Winners

Phoebe Ferguson  Jusiah Phillips  Emery Anfreason
Paisley Johnson  Yannice Spencer  Kendall Wagner
Carson Randall  Ryder Zuchowski  Kaleb Gans
Sydney Boice  Danielle Fritz  Baylee Piazza
Austin Hamrick  Caelyn Colburn  Yannice Spencer
Stella Rodgers  Parker Jackson  Parker Hovey
Jonah Webb  Jace Mortensen  Jacob Williams
Isabella Meyer  Bryce Wilson  Rigdon Moody
Grace Real  Hadley Hollobaugh  Selene Alvarez
Viviana Rivas  Jameson Post  Riley Molaskey
Maggie Reischl  Grace Wessel  Lydia Thorpe
Laura Pina  Chase Radcliffe  Bella Piazza
Jane Gardiner  Kyrsten Leach
Junior Nino  Marlee Silva

Word Problem/Story Problem Winners

Grace Real  Lexi Bell  Julian Carbajal
Emma Jocom  Grant Wessel  Brigham DeHaven
Jonathan Moreno  Liam Covert  Caleb Houghton
Makayla Norman  Lexi Tarkington  Nellie Hansen
Felix Curiel  Shiloh Campbell  Chloe Thorpe
Mackenzie Artt  Kole Williams  Kale Rogers
Brian Williams  Naomi Vallender  Wyatt Kolb
Chloe Stewart  Morgan Lochner  Morgan Lochner
Addison Rodriguez  Stone Porter  Sean Arrington
Sadie Wright  Maddie Jorgensen  Hayden Covert

Freckle Math Winner

Lexi Bell  Angelina Papalii  Alice Harmsen
Danielle Rodriguez  Isaiah Ili  George Jacox
Lillian Leichtman  Zackary Williams
Max VanCleave  Adrianna Myrmel
Variety Show

SPLISH! SPLASH!
COME JOIN US

UNDER THE SEA
for our SSE Variety Show!
Tryouts
Monday, April 29, 2019
During your specials time
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News from Stormy
the Sidewinder

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Tim Moses, Ed.D
Principal

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Actors
Gymnasts
Jugglers
Comedians
Musicians
Hub-Loop’s
Dancers
Singers
Magicians
Yo-Yo’ers

Pickup forms
in the SSE Library!
Forms are due
Wednesday, April 17th
please give them to
Ms. Harris in the library.
Thank-you!
It’s time to sign up for SSE’s **UNDER THE SEA** Variety Show

If you’d like to audition for a place in the Variety Show, please fill out this form and return to the library by April 17th. You will be trying out during your specials time on Monday, April 29th.

- **2nd Grade Tryouts** - 8:20-9:00 a.m.
- **4th Grade Tryouts** - 9:00-9:40 a.m.
- **3rd Grade Tryouts** - 9:45-10:25 a.m.
- **1st Grade Tryouts** - 10:25-11:05 a.m.
- **Kindergarten Tryouts** - 12:55-1:35 p.m.
- **5th Grade Tryouts** - 1:35-2:15 p.m.
- **6th Grade Tryouts** - 2:20-3:00 p.m.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO TRY-OUT!**
However, you must turn in this form to participate!

**PLEASE TURN IN THE FOLLOWING**

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**YOUR NAME:**

**TEACHER:**

**Name of act:**

**Type of act:** (circle one)

- Song
- Dance
- Skit
- Band/Musical
- Instrument/ensemble
- Other:

**Persons participating in act:** (Please list names of all students participating in the act.)

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Parents: Please read and sign.

I give permission for ___________ to try-out for the SSE Variety show. I also understand that not every child who tries out will be selected for the variety show due to time constraints and balance of acts.

Parent Signature:

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Each student must turn in a form signed by their parent in order to try-out.
April
Character Trait:

Trustworthiness

VARIETY SHOW GUIDELINES

- All acts must adhere to 1-3 minute time limit.
- Live accompanists for songs are encouraged, and parents are welcome as back up performers or accompanists. Remember to allow plenty of advance notice for your accompanist.
- Only Music, Lyrics, Dress, and Acts appropriate for elementary-age will be permitted.
- All students must follow district behavior guidelines to participate in this school related activity. This includes the dress policy.
- No lip syncing. Recorded backup music must be instrumental only. You must provide your own music on a CD. Sorry no iPods, phones, or other equipment.
- Memorization is required for all acts.
- Students should be PREPARED at the time of the audition.
- A child may perform ONE solo act and be part of ONE group performance for no more than a total of two acts.
- Rehearsal should take place at home. We will not be able to provide a place for this during school.
- Sorry, no weapons (this includes plastic or wood swords).
- Also, for the safety of our students no pets, bikes, scooters, or skateboards.
- Gymnasts and dancers, please keep at least one foot on the floor at all times—sorry no pyramids!

THE TIMELINE:

Monday, April 1, 2019 - Audition sign-up forms will be available in the library.
Thursday, April 17, 2019 - Audition sign-up sheets are due. Please place in box in library.
Monday, April 29, 2019 - Auditions during your specials time (in the gym). Students will be judged by 3 of their peers and will be scored on a rubric.
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - Variety Show Participants announced (Names will be listed on variety show signs placed in main hallway by the snake, and by the library.)
Friday, May 10, 2019 - SSE’s Under the Sea Variety Show 1:30 p.m.

Questions???

Please email:
Mrs. Freeman (General Music) - rachel.freeman@gilbertschools.net
Ms. Harris (Library) - kristin.harris@gilbertschools.net
Mrs. Kotner (PE) - nicole.sulski@gilbertschools.net
Ms. Villanueva (Art) - sandra.villanueva@gilbertschools.net
The Library Link

SUPERSTITION SPRINGS ELEMENTARY
MEDIA CENTER

From the Desk of....
Ms. Harris, Librarian

It's that time of the year again, time to start collecting our overdue library books. We have many books that are overdue. These books need to be returned as soon as possible. Hopefully, you'll see this reminder as something helpful --- sort of an FYI --- so you can help your child find those "misplaced" books. Thanks so much for your help in locating these books! We appreciate it. If your student is not done reading the book, please have them bring it to the library and we can renew it for them. Thank-you!

If the book has been LOST, we ask that you pay for the book. Please have your student come to the library to get a print out of the cost. We ask that you please pay for lost books (rather than purchasing a book yourself) — as our books are double-stitched, processed with barcodes, AR stickers, etc. — and of higher quality than what is found in a regular store or online. Checks may be made payable to SSE (Superstition Springs Elementary). If you need to set up a payment plan, please feel free to call us so we can work something out. Also, please remember that if the book is found and returned to us in good condition, we will be happy to refund your money. Thanks!

If you should have any questions about the library, please feel free to email me: Krislin.harris@gilbertschools.net

Thank you!

Did you know?
When choosing a book for your student to read, use the 5 finger rule. Randomly select a page in the book and begin to read. Every time a word is not known, put up a finger. If all five fingers are up before finishing the page, the book is too difficult and a different book should be selected. If only 2-3 fingers are up, the book should be ok and not frustrate your reader.

How to pay for lost or damaged books...
If your child has a lost or damaged library book, please send checks made out to SSE. You may also send the exact amount in cash. Please remember that we do not have change in the library.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Important Dates:
• District Battle of the Books is Wed., April 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Mesquite Jr. High School
April 2019

Character Trait: Trustworthiness

News from Stormy the Sidewinder

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The District Battle of the Books will be Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Mesquite Jr. High School (130 West Mesquite, Gilbert, AZ). It will be held in the auditorium.

Our third and final battle for Battle of the Books was held Monday, February 25, 2019. All of the teams did a fabulous job in the competition. The winners were:

1st Place:
- Ryan Gardiner (Allen)
- Sean Arrington (Allen)
- Daxon Balles (Allen)

2nd Place:
- Maddie Wessell (Cisneros)
- Emma Stone (Cisneros)
- Elizabeth Stone (Cisneros)

3rd Place:
- Elijah Pacific (Shaver)
- Nate Williams (Cisneros)

Our first place team will represent SSE in the district battle in April!

Congratulations to our winners.

National Library Week is April 7-13, 2019

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote the use and support.

Please visit your local library with your children and teens and sign up for a library card.

A library card is a key resource in achieving academic success and the library is a perfect place to spend quality family time together. Enjoy reading!

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AR BookFinder (http://www.arbookfind.com) is an online tool where anyone can search for book titles based on authors, topics or titles of books. You can search results, add books to your bookbag and print results.

AR BookFinder is a site hosted and administered by Renaissance Learning. With the move to online Renaissance, SSE students have access to every quiz created by Renaissance Learning (over 100,000 currently). This site does not tell us what is housed in school libraries. Students are not restricted merely by the books owned by their respective school libraries. Books can come from anywhere such as the public library or a home library. Please visit your elementary school library if you wish to peruse their computerized card catalog, Alexandria Researcher.

When looking up the books, check the BL (book level) to determine what color or level the book is. There is an AR chart on the front of this library newsletter.

AR Colors and Ranges

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### SSE’s Literacy Quest 2019

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Our Record to beat was 3642 Quizzes.

Our Record this year was 2409

Great Try Sidewinders!!!
April 2019

Character Trait: Trustworthiness

Literacy Quest Winners

Each student received a book from the book fair! Congratulations!

**Kindergarten**
Wyatt Dittman (Webb) 1 quiz
Madison Gardner (Webb) 1 quiz
Kaityn Sanchez (Webb) 1 quiz

**1st Grade**
Daniel Lewicki (Water) 8 quizzes
Kasen Stanley (Water) 8 quizzes

**2nd Grade**
Hailey Claxton (Heaton) 15 quizzes

**3rd Grade**
Ethan Fritz (Lauk) 20 quizzes
Mason Ostermeyer (Lauk) 20 quizzes

**4th Grade**
Kyra Leach (Heaton) 26 quizzes

**5th Grade**
Adyn Joads (Allen) 31 quizzes
Adyn was the top quiz taker on March 1st—she received a $25 gift certificate to the Book Fair! Congratulations Adyn!

**6th Grade**
Lillith Whitmore (Putka) 26 quizzes

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Book Fair Photos

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Book Fair Stats

Our Book Fair sold $5706.36 in Scholastic merchandise. With all of our incentives and beating our sales from last year, we will receive $3592.69 to spend on new books for the library.

That is approximately 380 books in students’ hands.

Thanks for supporting our library!

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Thank-you!!

Just a quick thank-you to everyone who came out and supported our Book Fair. It was a huge success because of you!

A very special thank-you to Ms. Roxana who helped cashier when lines were long during the day. Also, thank you to Ms. Jessica and Ms. Kathy who came and helped cashier for our Family Nights.

Thank you to Vern Eaton for volunteering his time helping with the book fair and family nights.

Also a very special thank you to Ms. Kathy, Ms. Jessica, Ms. Nancy and Vern for boxing up the Book Fair! We appreciate your help!
Nurses Notes

Soda, Sports Drinks and Teeth

How does a bottle of cola or a sports drink affect your teeth and general health?

Everybody knows most of these drinks include a lot of sugar, but it’s easy to overlook how much they carry. A little quick math can help you visualize the carbohydrate burst that occurs with the first sip. The nutritional label reports the number of grams of sugar in a serving, and there are 4 grams of sugar in a teaspoon. If a bottle shows 20 grams in a single serving, picture it as 5 teaspoons.

While a 12-ounce soda used to be the norm, 20-ounce bottles are now considered standard. But many of the labels show the grams of sugar for an 8-ounce serving, and they frequently report 2.5 servings in a bottle! Calculating the numbers on a typical label indicates you’ll consume over 19 teaspoons of sugar in this soft drink.

Take a look at this one:

The bacteria that cause cavities use sugar for energy and produce acid that erodes tooth enamel.

An Acid Problem

Sugar forms a vital part of the formula that produces tooth decay, but it’s the acid that ultimately causes enamel to dissolve. The normal pH of your mouth rests around 7, but tooth structure begins to erode when the acidity drops to 5.5. Soda can send the pH of the mouth into a nosedive, making the
mood 1000 times more acidic than needed to start damaging teeth. A review of many ingredient labels shows citric, phosphoric, and carbonic acids in the mix. It may take 15 minutes for the mouth’s pH to return to normal after the last sip, and that means a steady diet of sugary drinks can alter the mouth for hours each day.

Diet sodas often hover around a pH of 3.2, far into the range that damages teeth. It’s a good thing that sugar is missing, but a steady exposure to high acidity can still lead to a weakening of tooth enamel.

Limit The Damage

The best strategy for the sake of your teeth and overall health is to enjoy fresh water on a regular basis. If you’re going to drink soda, consider the following tips:

- Drink soda or sports drinks through a straw to minimize your teeth’s exposure.
- Rinse with water right after drinking one of these beverages.
- Avoid brushing your teeth for 30 minutes after drinking the beverage. This practice allows your mouth to return to normal pH before the teeth undergo the light abrasion of brushing.
- Avoid drinks that list acids on the ingredient label.

If you consume a sports drink, or enjoy an occasional soda with a meal, there’s not a lot of reason to worry. Commit to keep sugar exposure to a minimum and drink more fresh water: Your teeth and your body will thank you!