

Senita Valley Elementary

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Home of the Mustangs!

Spirit's School News

Weekly Communicator for Parents & Student

School Web Site: sve.vail.k12.az.us (no www)

July 25th-29th, 2016

Monday 7/25	Tuesday 7/26	Wednesday 7/27	Thursday 7/28	Friday 7/29
<i>Kindergarten Curriculum Night</i> 6:00-7:00 PM	<i>1st Grade Curriculum Night</i> 6:00-7:00 PM	<i>3rd Grade Curriculum Night</i> 6:00-7:00 PM	<i>Instrument Rental Night in the MPR</i> 6:30-7:45 PM	<i>Have a great 3-day weekend.</i> <i>No School on Monday, August 1st</i>

Welcome to an amazingly **WILD** year of learning!

- ❖ **Welcome to all our new families!** It is our goal, in the front office, to keep parents/guardians informed and up-to-date with school events. Spirit's School News, also known as "The Friday Flyer", is a weekly calendar showing the upcoming week's events. Also attached to Spirit's School News will be any community flyers, parent reminders and other school information. Spirit's School News will go home with the youngest school aged child in each family **EVERY FRIDAY**. *We would greatly appreciate you making it a priority to read this communication every Friday. We also email this and post it on our school website: sve.vail.k12.az.us.*
- ❖ **Grade Level curriculum nights are in progress.** These 1-hour meetings provide valuable information about the curriculum, homework, classroom procedures, behavior expectations, student incentives, etc. (see dates below)
Childcare is available for K, 1st and 3rd grade curriculum nights.
 - 5th Grade was on Tuesday, July 19th from 6:00-7:00 PM
 - 4th Grade was on Wednesday, July 20th from 6:00-7:00 PM
 - 2nd Grade was on Thursday, July 21st from 6:00-7:00 PM
 - Kindergarten is on Monday, July 25th from 6:00-7:00 PM
 - 1st Grade is on Tuesday, July 26th from 6:00-7:00 PM
 - 3rd Grade is on Wednesday, July 27th from 6:00-7:00 PM
- ❖ **Instrument Rental Night for Orchestra & Band- Thursday, July 28th.** Instrument rental night for Senita Valley and RVMS orchestra and band students is from 6:30-7:45 PM in the MPR. This is not required but provided as a service to parents to make their lives easier. 3rd-5th grade students will see an instrument demonstration during their specials on Tuesday, July 26th.
- ❖ **Fry's Reward Program! – Monday, August 1st** Participants may re-enroll in the 2016-2017 Fry's Community Rewards program beginning Monday, August 1st. To enroll or re-enroll go to www.FrysCommunityRewards.com. Last year our PTSA collected \$1,400 from this program. *You must re-enroll every year for our school to benefit.* Thank you!
- ❖ **NO SCHOOL on Monday, August 1st** due to a District-wide All Staff In-service.
- ❖ **Picture Day! –Wednesday, August 3rd**- Only individual pictures will be taken. Classroom group pictures, retakes & students who arrive after Aug. 3rd are scheduled to have pictures taken in October. Classroom group pictures are scheduled later in the year to allow class rosters to "settle" and latecomers to be included in classroom group pictures. Every package includes a classroom group picture, but it won't be delivered until after October.
- ❖ **Monthly PTSA General Meeting! –Wednesday, August 3rd** at 4:00 PM in the library. All welcome!
- ❖ **Skate Country Family Night- THURSDAY, August 4th** from 6-8 PM- Located at Skate Country, 7980 E 22nd St. Admission is \$4.00 and \$3.00 for skate rental. A portion of the profits will be donated to our school PTSA!

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- ❖ **After-School Choir & Guitar Clubs-** begins *the week of August 2nd*. Sign up flyers are available in the front office.
 - **Guitar-** (4th & 5th) on Mondays 2:50-3:45 PM (SVE Music Room- with Lisa Scott- 879-3151)
 - **Primary Choir** (1st & 2nd) on Tuesdays 2:50-3:45 PM (SVE Music Room- with Lisa Scott - 879-3151)
 - **Advanced Choir/Bell Choir** (3rd, 4th, 5th) on Wednesdays 2:50-3:45 PM (SVE Music Room- with Lisa Scott - 879-3151)
- ❖ **After-School Orchestra & Band Clubs-** begins *the week of August 2nd*. Sign up flyers are available in the front office.
 - **Beginning Orchestra** (3rd, 4th, 5th) on Mondays & Wednesdays 2:50-4:00 PM (RVMS MPR Stage - Amy Osmun- 879- 3229)
 - **Accelerated Orchestra** (4th & 5th) on Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:50-4:00 PM (RVMS MPR Stage - Amy Osmun- 879 3229)
 - **Beginning Band** (4th & 5th) on Mondays 2:50-4:00 PM (RVMS Music Room –Jared Hughes- 879-3229)
 - **Accelerated Band** (4th & 5th) on Wednesday 2:50-4:00 PM (RVMS Music Room –Jared Hughes- 879-3229)
- ❖ **After-School Clubs & Activities-** More after-school activities will be announced as plans are confirmed.

Front Office Notes

- ❖ **When your child is absent** please contact the front office at 879-3102. You may inform the teacher, but please also inform the front office. **It is your responsibility to notify the office when your child is absent and give the reason for your child's absence or the absence will remain unexcused.** (Per policy on page 5 in our family handbook.) After 5 unexcused absences or 7 unexcused tardies (3 unexcused tardies equals one unexcused absence) a “**School Truancy Warning Letter**” is mailed informing parents/guardians of their child's' attendance concerns.
- ❖ **Reverse Tardy Policy-** Senita Valley takes tardies and absence seriously. In addition to tracking morning tardiness, we also monitor early release, referred to as a reverse tardy. Students who are checked out before 2:45 PM (or 12:00 PM on a half day) from school without a valid excuse will receive consequences mirroring our standard tardy policy. Medical appointments, school-sponsored events, student illness, behavioral consequences, and other valid excuses will be excused.
- ❖ **Campus Security-** During school hours (8:00-2:45 PM) ALL visitors and volunteers (including community services) must sign the *Visitor/Volunteer Log clipboard* in the front office before entering the campus, as well as, wear a visitor's badge or visitor's sticker. Thank you for helping make our campus safe and secure.
- ❖ **All gates are closed between the hours of 8:00-2:45 PM.** We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in keeping our campus safe and secure by not propping any gate open during these hours. Thank you!
- ❖ **Parking Concerns-** **Be a positive example for your children and others by following school rules.**
 - The drop-off & pick-up zones along the north and west parking lots should have continuous movement as children are dropped-off or picked-up. Please pull forward once the car in front of you leaves.
 - **PLEASE do not leave your car unattended in the drop-off/pick-up zones.**
 - We encourage our students to use the crosswalk in the parking lot instead of walking between cars.
 - Do not park in a handicap spot unless you have a permit. Police can fine violators up to \$500.
 - When driving on Bilby Road, do not enter a school crossing zone when a crossing guard is present with their stop sign up.
 - THANK YOU to the parents that are following the rules and setting a good example.
- ❖ **Health Office Request-** If your child has severe food allergies, asthma, or a major medical issue, please call the school health aide, Cindy Tellez at 879-3110. There may be other information that is required beyond what was indicated on the medical information sheet in our registration packet.
- ❖ **If you would like to become a volunteer,** please visit <https://apps2.winocular.com/vailaz/workspace> and complete the on-line Volunteer Application. You will also need to complete a Criminal History Affidavit and have it notarized. We have a notary on campus, so please call 879-3102 to see if the notary is available before coming in. Lori Cummings is our volunteer coordinator.
- ❖ **Current Volunteers-** At this time, you don't need to update your online application. The district is revamping our online volunteer system. We will ask volunteers to update their information online some time in January. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cummings at cummings@vailschooldistrict.org 879-3102, and she will assist you.

Cafeteria Notes

- ❖ **Lunch Price is now \$2.35-** Lunch prices increased \$.10 cents and will continue to increase .10 each subsequent year, until we reach the targeted lunch price of \$2.50 set by the Department of Education. ***If you send lunch money (cash or check) with your child,*** please mark a sealed envelope with your child's name and classroom teacher. We would greatly appreciate it.
- ❖ **Sodexo's On-line Lunch Program-** Parents can access their child's lunch account online, check their balance, view lunch activity, recent deposits, and make deposits online at www.mymealtime.com. For specific instructions please refer to page 6 in our SVE Family Handbook. Parents will need their child's 6 digit Powerschool number to access the account online. If you have any questions, please call Sodexo at 879-2072.
- ❖ **Free/Reduced Lunch Applications** must be filled out *annually*. If your child was here last year and qualified for this program, you will need to submit a new application. Applications are in the front office or go to www.mymealtime.com and fill out the application online by clicking on “Free & Reduced Applications”. Parents will need their child's 6 digit Powerschool number. If you have any questions, please call Sodexo at 879-2072.