

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 24th-28th, 2017

Monday 7/24	Tuesday 7/25	Wednesday 7/26	Thursday 7/27	Friday 7/28
<i>Advanced Math/ ELP Curriculum Night</i> 6:00-6:45 PM in the MPR	<i>3rd Grade Curriculum Night</i> 6:00-6:45 PM in classrooms	<i>4th Grade Curriculum Night</i> 6:00-6:45 PM in classrooms	<i>2nd Grade Curriculum Night</i> 6:00-6:45 PM in the MPR	<i>Have a great 3-day weekend! No School on Monday, July 31st</i>

Welcome to a new year where we are learning and growing!

- ❖ 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.
 - The Friday Flyer packet 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. We also email this and post it on our school website: sve.vail.k12.az.us.
- ❖ Grade Level curriculum nights are in progress. These 45 minute 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.
 - Kindergarten— *was on* Tuesday, July 18th from 6:00-6:45 PM in the MPR
 - 5th Grade— *was on* Wednesday, July 19th from 6:00-6:45 PM in the MPR
 - 1st Grade— *was on* Thursday, July 20th from 6:00-6:45 PM in the MPR
 - Advanced Math/ELP— Monday, July 24th from 6:00-6:45 PM in the MPR
 - 3rd Grade— Tuesday, July 25th from 6:00-6:45 PM in classrooms
 - 4th Grade— Wednesday, July 26th from 6:00-6:45 PM in classrooms
 - 2nd Grade— Thursday, July 27th from 6:00-6:45 PM in the MPR
- ❖ Instrument Rental Night for 4th & 5th Grade Orchestra & Band- Wednesday, July 26th. Instrument rental night for Senita Valley 4th & 5th graders and RVMS orchestra and band students is from 6:00-8:00 PM in the MPR. This is not required but provided as a service to parents to make their lives easier.
- ❖ Fry's Reward Program! –GREAT NEWS!! The 2017-2018 Fry's Reward Program will begin September 1st, 2017 and **NEW** this year - current participants linked to Senita Valley PTSA will **NOT** need to re-enroll. They will automatically be re-enrolled for the 2017-2018 program. Go to www.FrysCommunityRewards.com to register and link your account to Senita Valley Elementary PTSA # 80469. This program earns our school over \$2,000 last year with just 81 families registered so far. Thank you for your participation!
- ❖ NO SCHOOL on Monday, July 31st due to a District-wide All Staff In-service.
- ❖ Picture Day! –Wednesday, August 2nd- Only individual pictures will be taken. Classroom group pictures, retakes & students who arrive after Aug. 2nd are scheduled to have pictures taken on October 25th. 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 2nd at 4:30 PM in the library. All welcome!

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- ❖ **10th Annual PTSA Howdy Hop- Friday, August 4th from 5:00-7:00 PM.** Join us for food, games, prizes, music, dancing and our 4th Annual Best Crock-pot Chili Cook-off! This year we will also have a variety of safety information and tips for parents and students. Hop into your boots and hat!
- ❖ **Half-days-Wednesday, August 16th & Wednesday, August 30th**
 - Students dismiss at 12:00 PM on half-days.
 - Please note that *ALL kindergarteners* attend school from 7:55-12:00 PM.
- ❖ **Skate Country Family Night- Thursday, August 17th 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!
- ❖ **After-School Clubs & Activities-** After-school clubs and activities are still being confirmed and will be announced via email. *If you are not receiving our school emails, please contact the front office at 879-3102.*

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.**
 - *Students should only exit the passenger side of the vehicle so they don't exit near on coming traffic.*
 - 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 www.applitrack.com/vail/onlineapp and complete the on-line Volunteer Application. Jamie Trisler is our volunteer coordinator and can be reached at 520-879-3112 or trislerj@vailschooldistrict.org.
- ❖ **Current Volunteers-** If you haven't already updated your Volunteer Application, please go to www.applitrack.com/vail/onlineapp. If you can't remember your user ID and/or password, please follow the screen prompts to retrieve your user ID and/or password.

Cafeteria Notes

- ❖ **Lunch Price is now \$2.45-** 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.