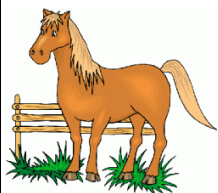




CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

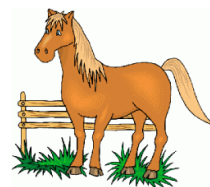
MUSTANG STRONG!



SSA NIGHT AT THE ROADRUNNER

Wednesday, September 13th 5:00-7:30 p.m.

PROFITS TO SAVING GRACE!



Come support the SSA Teachers!

Games ... Sheep Chasing ... 50/50 Raffle ... Silent Auction!

Join SSA Staff for a Fun-Filled Night!

OTTER POP SALES BEGIN THIS FRIDAY!

\$0.50 per Otter Pop

Otter Pops available at Lunchtime on Wednesdays and Fridays
Proceeds to 4th Grade Class for Overnight Field Trip to Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant

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WORDS FROM THE STUDENTS

"The best part of the year so far is Literacy Stations because you get to move around the classroom. You get to go to reading, writing, and a word work station."

Jaxon Carnley, 3rd grade

"The highlight of the year is my teachers. They are helping me a lot."

Troy Johnson, 8th grade

"The highlight of this year has been making little monsters in Art. I love Art. It is fun. My monster looks like a purple vampire kitty with white polka-dots and little horns with orange fluff balls. My kitty also has a bow tie."

Hannah Hathorne, 4th grade

"The most challenging part of this school year is History, but I am also learning a lot."

Landon Nelson, 6th grade



PICTURE DAY COMING THIS WEDNESDAY



**MARK
THIS
DATE**

Smile and say, "PURPLE!" Picture Day is coming to Stepping Stones Academy this Wednesday, September 13th. Picture packets are coming home this week. Students wishing to purchase pictures are to return the packet and money on Picture Day. Families may also order pictures online. *Reminder - Students wear school uniform for pictures.* All students have their pictures taken even if pictures are not purchased.



STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS SENT HOME THIS WEEK



Please sign and return to teacher by Wednesday, September 13th.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO SSA GOVERNMENT



President

Sophie Gray

Vice-President

Samantha Barnett

Treasurers

Elijah McClellan and Aidan Brewington

Representatives

**Royce Adams, Sawyer Bauer, TJ Hartshaw,
Grace Driscoll, Mikayla Holt, Jada St. Jean-Stevens,
Jessie Owens, Cierra Witham, Kolten Armstrong**



WORDS FROM THE STUDENTS

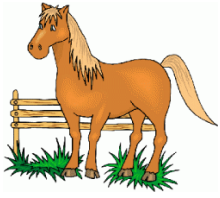
"The highlight of the year so far has been working on group projects with my class."

Peyton Sourant, 8th grade

"The most challenging part of the year has been math facts."

Reese Yoder, 2nd grade

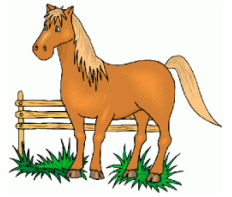




JOIN SSA AT THE ROADRUNNER

Wednesday, September 13th 5:00-7:00 p.m.

*Will teachers chase sheep? Dance with hula hoops?
Have a pie eating contest?*



SSA TEACHER NIGHT – COME JOIN THE FUN!
PROCEEDS TO SAVING GRACE ARIZONA EQUINE RESCUE

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QUESTIONS ABOUT SIGNING AGENDAS? ANSWERS FOUND HERE!

Students in 2nd-6th grades are responsible for obtaining a parent signature each night in their Agendas. (Students in 7th-8th grades are using Agendas but are not required to obtain a parent signature.) In previous years students without a parent signature in their Agendas were held accountable by attending Study Hall during lunchtime, but this year students earn points for having a parent signature in their Agendas. When students do not have a parent signature they lose points. Parents please note – Though parent signatures are required, Stepping Stones Academy believes it is the student's responsibility to show parents the Agenda and ask for the signature.



WORDS FROM THE STUDENTS

"The most challenging part of the school year has been waking up in the mornings, because I am really tired."

Bradley Miner, 2nd grade

"The highlight of the year has been having lots of new books to read."

Joseph Boldt, 7th grade

"The most challenging part of this year is saying my speech in front of the school."

Elijah McClellan, 8th grade



STEPPING STONES ACADEMY REMEMBERS ...

On Monday, September 11th, Morning Assembly included a moment of silence for the families involved with September 11, 2001, and also the victims of the fires and hurricanes. Projects are being organized to help children who need school supplies in Texas and Florida. More information will be sent home as information is gathered.

BOOK FAIR COMING NEXT WEEK

Monday, September 18th	Book Fair Preview Day – All Pre-K-8 th grade students visit the Book Fair and fill out Wish Lists.	
Tuesday, September 19th	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Book Fair Open
	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Book Fair Open
Wednesday, September 20th	7:00-8:30 a.m.	BOOK FAIR BREAKFAST Come early to school and enjoy Pancakes with the children.
	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Book Fair Open
Thursday, September 21st	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Book Fair Open
	3:00-4:00 p.m.	Family Fun Plan on staying after school to enjoy the Book Fair and enjoy the fun.
Friday, September 22nd	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Book Fair Open
	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Book Fair Open

1. Daily Raffle Drawing – Every time students visit the Book Fair they may enter the raffle drawing. Students visiting the Book Fair in the morning and afternoon may enter the raffle both times. Names will be drawn at Morning Assembly each day, and winning students will select a prize. All students attending Book Fair Preview on Monday will be entered in the raffle drawing for that day.

2. All for Books Program – The All for Books Program is an easy way for the school to earn extra dollars while also helping provide children with books: (1) Stepping Stones Academy receives \$1.00 for every donated dollar to add to its profit; (2) Stepping Stones Academy receives \$1.00 for every donated dollar to spend on books at the Book Fair; and (3) Scholastic donates one book for every donated dollar to provide books to children. Money earned from the All for Books will be divided between the classrooms so the students and teachers may select books for class libraries.

3. Wish Lists for Class Libraries – Families wishing to buy books for class libraries may look at the teachers' choices available at the Book Fair.



FIRST AWARDS ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

This year's first awards assembly is Friday, September 15th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and will be held in the classrooms. At this first awards assembly awards August Literacy Achievement, August Fast Facts, and August Perfect Attendance will be handed out. Times for each classroom assembly is

7th-8th grades – 2:00-2:10 p.m.

2nd-4th grades – 2:25-2:35 p.m.

5th-6th grades – 2:10-2:20 p.m.

K-1st grades – 2:40-2:50 p.m.





TO 4TH GRADE

BEST ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST!

Rory Bauer	Kelcie Klinger	Kaden Cannon	Makayla Johnson
Sofia Doe	Danielle Casto	Kendra Gonzales	Nathan Loucy
Mikayla Holt	Hannah Hathorne	Augustine Murray	Wyatt Shepherd
Ashtyn Macias	Kansas Janeway	William Sanchez	Isabele Lombardi
Jonathon Wood	Trinity Gonzales	Christine Silaghi	Zoe MacFarland
Gavin Boisvert	Sophia Panagopoulos	Conner Thompson	Chase McCulley
Mrs. Rom			

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WORDS FROM THE STUDENTS

"The highlight of my year has been my friends because they make me happy."

Haylie Hoelzer, 7th grade

"The most challenging part of the year has been Micro because it is hard to pick a job when every job is awesome."

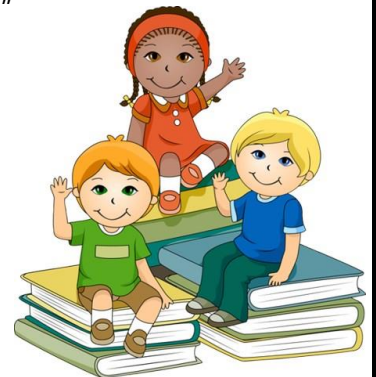
Logan Schenkel, 5th grade

"The best part of the year so far is the Calendar Math Game Show. It is the best so far because I love math. The best part of the Calendar Math Game Show is the problem of the day."

Delilah Morales, 3rd grade

"The highlight of the year has been the Alien project (in Science class) because you had to make an alien for your planet and a passport for your alien."

Tristan Judd, 5th grade



AUGUST ATTENDANCE REPORT

Stepping Stones Academy thanks the SSA community for helping to increase student attendance this year, as we promote **SSA EVERY DAY!**

Students who are ill with a fever are asked to stay home, but Stepping Stones Academy encourages students to attend school all other days!

SSA lost over \$9,000 in August due to student absences!

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

WORDS FROM THE STUDENTS

"The highlight of the school year was becoming class representative because I have been running for a long time."

Cierra Witham, 7th grade

"The most challenging part of the school year has been talking, because I like to talk all day but I can't."

Hunter Watzek, 2nd grade

"The most challenging part of my school year has been the resume for Micro. I had to redo it twice because I kept spelling Stepping wrong. Besides that, my school year has been GREAT!"

Jonathan Wagner, 6th grade



NO STUDY HALL AT LUNCH THIS YEAR

Much to the delight of the students, Stepping Stones Academy no longer offers Study Hall during lunch and recess this year. When teachers met in August for In-Service meetings the group decided recess time was better spent with all students running around outside instead of staying inside to complete work. Students remain accountable for completing classwork and homework; however, other times of the day are used to complete work or students have additional homework. Additional points are also deducted when work is not completed on time which affects the student's overall grade. Parents may contact Ms. Stewart-Alliger at ddsa@ssa.school with questions.





END OF 1ST QUARTER IN 14 DAYS

Last Day of 1st Quarter = September 29th



Parent-Teacher Conferences = October 12th-13th

Report Cards handed out at Parent-Teacher Conferences

WORDS FROM THE STUDENTS

"The highlight of the year has been Spanish because it's fun to learn a different language. When you can speak and write a different language you can move to a new state. Also, you can talk to people because you learned that language."

Zoe MacFarland, 4th grade

"The most challenging part of the school year has been talking in front of people, but I am getting used to it."

Connor Doyle, 2nd grade

"The best part of this year has been the teachers. They help us with questions and problems."

Aidan Brewington, 8th grade

"The highlight of the year was covering the classroom in sticky notes, because it was fun to do with my friends."

Dakota Harvey, 7th grade

"The best part of the year has been seeing the teachers, my friends, and my Reading Buddies, because when all of those people are around I feel entertained."

Purslane Flores, 3rd grade



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SSA ROADRUNNER NIGHT

Wednesday, September 13th

5:00-7:00 p.m.



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PARENTS – PLEASE WRITE DOWN THESE DATES!

OCTOBER - DECEMBER CAMPUS EVENTS

OCTOBER

October 5 th	September Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due
October 6 th	No School Uniform for September Perfect Attendance
October 12 th	½ Day of School – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences – 1:00-8:00 p.m.
October 13 th	No School Parent-Teacher Conferences – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
October 20 th	Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00 Mustang County Festival – 4:00-7:00 p.m.
October 25 th	Picture Re-Takes
October 27 th	5 th -8 th Grades Awards Assembly – 12:45-1:45 p.m.- MP Building K-4 th Grades Awards Assembly – 1:45-3:00 p.m.- MP Building Trunk-or-Treat – 6:00-7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

November 3 rd	No School Uniform for October Perfect Attendance
November 6 th	October Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due
November 9 th	Awards Assembly for October – 2:00-3:00 p.m. - Classrooms
November 10 th	No School – Veteran’s Day
November 17 th	Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00 Turkey Trot – 2:00-2:45 p.m.
November 20 th -24 th	Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

December 1 st	Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00
December 5 th	November Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due
December 8 th	No School Uniform for November Perfect Attendance Awards Assembly for November – 2:00-3:00 p.m. - Classrooms
December 14 th	Winter Festival – 6:00 p.m.
December 15 th	Last Day of 2 nd Quarter - ½ Day of School – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Jingle Bell Jog – 8:30-9:30 a.m.
December 18 th – Jan. 1 st	Winter Break

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JANUARY – MARCH CAMPUS EVENTS

JANUARY

January 2 nd	Return to SSA!!
January 5 th	December Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due
January 12 th	No School Uniform for December Perfect Attendance
January 15 th	No School – Civil Rights Day
January 17 th	SSA Roadrunner Night – All Staff Attend
January 19 th	5 th -8 th Grades Awards Assembly – 12:45-1:45 p.m.- MP Building K-4 th Grades Awards Assembly – 1:45-3:00 p.m.- MP Building
January 24 th	100 th Day of School Talent Show – 1:00-3:00 p.m.
January 26 th	Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00

FEBRUARY

February 1 st	½ Day of School – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences – 1:00-8:00 p.m.
February 2 nd	No School Parent-Teacher Conferences – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
February 5 th	January Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due
February 9 th	No School Uniform for January Perfect Attendance
February 16 th	Awards Assembly for January – 2:00-3:00 p.m. - Classrooms
February 19 th	No School – Presidents’ Day
February 20 th -23 rd	Book Fair
February 23 rd	Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00

MARCH

March 2 nd	Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00
March 5 th	February Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due
March 9 th	Last Day of 3 rd Quarter - ½ Day of School – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Awards Assembly for February – 10:00-11:00 a.m. - Classrooms
March 15 th	Micro Spring Festival – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
March 16 th	No School Uniform for February Perfect Attendance
March 26 th -30 th	Spring Break

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APRIL – MAY CAMPUS EVENTS

APRIL

April 5 th	March Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due
April 13 th	½ Day of School – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
April 19 th	Project Night – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
April 20 th	Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00 5 th -8 th Grades Awards Assembly – 12:45-1:45 p.m.- MP Building K-4 th Grades Awards Assembly – 1:45-3:00 p.m.- MP Building
April 27 th	No School Uniform for March Perfect Attendance

MAY

May 2 nd	SSA Roadrunner Night – All Staff Attend
May 4 th	Field Day
May 7 th	April Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due
May 18 th	Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00 8 th Grade Promotion – 6:00 p.m.
May 21 st	No School Uniform for April Perfect Attendance
May 22 nd	No School Uniform for May Perfect Attendance Kindergarten Graduation – 6:00 p.m.
May 23 rd	Pre-K Graduation – 9:00 a.m. No School Uniform for All Year Perfect Attendance 5 th -8 th Grades Awards Assembly – 12:45-1:45 p.m.- MP Building K-4 th Grades Awards Assembly – 1:45-3:00 p.m.- MP Building
May 24 th	No School Uniform for All Year Perfect Attendance K-7 th Grade Awards Assembly – All Year Awards – 2:00 p.m. – MP Building
May 25 th	Last Day of 4 th Quarter – Last Day of School ½ Day of School – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. No School Uniform for All Year Perfect Attendance

WORDS FROM THE STUDENTS

“The highlight of the year has been Saving Fred. It is the best part of this year because you helped your friends.”

Sophia Panagopoulos, 4th grade

“This year has been challenging because we are learning new things. Sometimes the new things are hard to understand.”

Kassidy Byrket, 6th grade



SSA ROADRUNNER NIGHT

Wednesday, September 13th

5:00-7:00 p.m.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

(Items with asterisk * are new items listed this week.)

September 13 th	Picture Day SSA Roadrunner Night – All staff attending!	5:00-7:30 p.m.
September 15 th	August Awards Assembly – Held in classrooms 2:00-2:10 p.m. 7 th -8 th grades 2:10-2:20 p.m. 5 th -6 th grades	2:25-2:35 p.m. 2 nd -4 th grades 2:40-2:50 p.m. K-1 st grades
September 18 th	Book Fair Preview *	
September 19 th	Book Fair Open *	7:30-8:00 a.m. 3:00-3:30 p.m.
September 20 th	Book Fair Breakfast * Literacy Achievement Lunch * Book Fair Open *	7:00-8:00 a.m. Lunchtime 3:00-3:30 p.m.
September 21 st	Book Fair Open * Fast Facts Breakfast * Book Fair Family Fun *	7:30-8:00 a.m. 7:30-7:55 a.m. 3:00-4:00 p.m.
September 22 nd	Book Fair Open *	7:30-8:00 a.m. 3:00-3:30 p.m.
September 27 th	Micro Job Interviews – 4 th -8 th grades * ½ Day of School Teacher In-Service	8:30-11:00 a.m. Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. 12:00-3:00 p.m.
September 28 th	Micro Job Interviews – K-3 rd grades *	12:30-3:00 p.m.
September 29 th	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Solorio Last Day of 1 st Quarter Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00	