



# SCHOOL NEWS

October 2020

11562 E. Highland Ave.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
480-362-2400

Monthly newsletter for Salt River Elementary School students, families, and our Community.

## I WILL ACHIEVE



### OCTOBER

- 2: First Quarter Ends
- 5-9: Fall Break, No School
- 5 & 19: Education Board Mtg via Skype, 5:15 p.m.
- 12: Second Quarter Begins
- 12: Kids Voting Begins at Meal Distribution site (ECEC)
- 19: Virtual Scholastic Book Fair Begins
- 21: Early Release
- 30: Boo-Thru: A Halloween Drive-Through Event, 5-7 p.m. @ECEC

Follow, Like & Share!  
@SaltRiverSchools

Check out our NEW APP free!  
Search "Salt River Schools"

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Are we building a sense of belonging for our students? In Native American and First Nations cultures, significance was nurtured in communities of belonging. Lakota anthropologist Ella Deloria described the core value of belonging in these simple words: "Be related, somehow, to everyone you know." Treating others as kin forges powerful social bonds that draw all into relationships of respect.

In the classroom, we believe ensuring a sense of belonging for each student is critical for success. As many educational institutions around the globe are undergoing, extending, or planning closures due to COVID-19, half of the world's student population is unable to attend school. Educators face the challenge of teaching remotely at an unprecedented scale, and in most cases, for the first time.

At Salt River Elementary School, we've developed a new initiative to connect with students, especially during distance learning. Welcome to **TEAM Up**, where students are randomly grouped with an SRES staff member who will connect with them via mail, email, phone call, Class Dojo posts, and more! Sometimes all it takes is a simple, "Hello. How are you today?" to check in and remind your child they belong to our school family and help them feel a sense of connectedness to their school.

TEAM (Teach Empower Affirm Mentor) Up is meant to show our genuine care for students and provide interaction between school and home that's not focused on academics or attendance. Soon, your child will receive a postcard in the mail from their TEAM Up leader. If your child does not receive it, please call 480-362-2430 to verify we have the correct address on file.

*We cannot wait to see you face-to-face. In the meantime, let's TEAM Up!  
Your Principal, Amanda Guerrero, Ed.D.*

*This message was adapted from <https://blog.google/outreach-initiatives/education/helping-educators-and-students-stay-connected> and <http://www.reclaiming.com/content/about-circle-of-courage>.*

TEAM UP

### O'odham/Piipaash Word of the Month

Ban  
O'odham

xathlywe  
Piipaash

coyote  
English





A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers.  
—Helen Keller

## SALT RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL READS!

SAVE THE DATE! You're invited to shop our Scholastic Book Fair from **Oct. 19—Nov. 1**. Families will be able to shop 24/7 because this fair is online! All purchases benefit our school and connect students with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more opportunities to read, read, and READ! *All orders will ship direct to your home with FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25.* Questions? Call Mrs. Yurek at 480-362-2451 or email [Nancy.Yurek@saltriversschools.org](mailto:Nancy.Yurek@saltriversschools.org).



### FACE: Family And Child Education

The FACE home-based learning program is designed for families with children ages prenatal to 3.

FACE Parent Educators Felicia Jimerson and Jessica Ruiz deliver three areas of emphasis, which guide their work with families and strengthen the protective factors in each family served:



- Parent-child interaction
- Development-centered parenting
- Family well-being

Our program is safe and our educators come to YOU!

FACE has openings available for families interested in the program. For more information, email [Jessica.Ruiz@saltriversschools.org](mailto:Jessica.Ruiz@saltriversschools.org) or [Felicia.Jimerson@saltriversschools.org](mailto:Felicia.Jimerson@saltriversschools.org).

## KIDS COUNT: YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!



2020 is an important election year and students will have the opportunity to cast their (virtual!) ballots to decide on some special meal options AND a mock presidential election. Thank you to **Kids Voting of Arizona** for helping to create the online ballots for the students. For more information or to get involved, please contact Mrs. Meyers at [Dawn.Meyers@saltriversschools.org](mailto:Dawn.Meyers@saltriversschools.org) or visit [SRES.SaltRiverSchools.org](http://SRES.SaltRiverSchools.org).

*1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Combo with Mrs. Dolores Fullen*

- Parent-Teacher conferences about distance learning and student progress on goals. Review goals and set new goals.
- First Quarter Report Card
- Science Exploration of Landforms: Rivers, Lakes & Ponds
- Social-Emotional Learning: "Talking About My Feelings" and "How To Reset"

**Classroom  
B108  
October  
Events**

### SRES CONTACT

Amanda Guerrero, Principal  
[Amanda.Guerrero@saltriversschools.org](mailto:Amanda.Guerrero@saltriversschools.org)  
480-362-2400

## SRES STUDENT RECOGNITIONS!

- ⇒ First grader **Shane Monte** (and mom!) for showing great mastery in mathematics (addition using number bonds)!
- ⇒ Second grader **Zion Percy** (and dad!) for having a strong routine and completing all daily assignments!
- ⇒ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ms. Yellowhair would like to recognize the following students and their families!) for always checking in on time, asking questions, and always completing their assignments: **Clara Chiago, Luciah Hernandez, Kaleb Lucero, Xavier Lucero, and Julian Lucero.**

## FREE breakfast & lunch meals for ALL youth age 18 & under!

Take advantage of the amazing breakfast and lunch meals prepared fresh daily by our Food Services team for ALL students age 18 & under, regardless of where they attend school. **Pick up your meals weekdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the ECEC** along Center Street **OR** call our Transportation team at 480-362-2127 and leave a message that you'd like to have your student meals delivered. Learn more at [https://saltriversschools.org/departments/food\\_services](https://saltriversschools.org/departments/food_services).

