

SNOWY RANGE ACADEMY

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From the Principal's Desk

Greetings Snowy Range Academy Community,

November is here, and we have completed our first quarter of the school year! It is hard to believe the time has passed so quickly, but here we are. November begins the holiday season for many which often creates a busier environment for all. During this time, we ask families to ensure the appropriate time is allotted to ensure learning remains a priority.

October was also the month we completed our fall MAP testing for reading and math. Those results, as well as 2022-23 WY-TOPP and school/classroom-based assessment results were shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences. I hope all parents found their conferences beneficial and informative of their child's current performance and progress. We appreciate your attendance as regular parent involvement is critical to student success. We firmly believe students benefit when parents and teachers communicate on a regular basis to support student learning and we encourage parents to schedule a time to visit with their teacher if they have any questions or concerns.

As it is now November, all students should come prepared for outdoor recess. Please make sure your children have appropriate coats, hats, gloves, snow pants and boots to be outside in the Wyoming winter. We do have some extra clothing to loan out, but not enough to outfit all of our students. If any family requires assistance to support their child, please arrange a time to visit with the principal, the school nurse or your classroom teacher.

I hope you all have a terrific month and enjoy!

Sincerely,
John Cowper
SRA Principal



- **November 1: Special Board Meeting, 6:00 pm**
- **November 2: First day of After-School Tutoring**
- **November 3: Report Cards**
- **November 6: NO SCHOOL**
- **November 7: NO SCHOOL, Staff Development Day**
- **November 8: Honor Roll Assembly**
- **November 9: Field Trip - MS to Denver**
- **November 10: 4th Grade Medieval Day**
- **November 10: Papa Murphy's Pizza Night**
- **November 13: PTA Meeting 6:30pm**
- **November 13-17: Scholastic Book Fair**
- **November 14: Picture Retakes**
- **November 15: SRA Board Meeting 6pm**
- **November 21: 1st Grade Egyptian Day**
- **November 21: Field Trip, 4-5 grades to UW BB**
- **November 22-24: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break**

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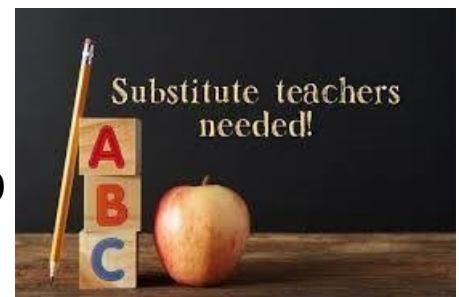
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Substitutes Wanted!

SRA has an urgent need for SUBSTITUTES.

We are seeking qualified applicants to serve as substitute teachers and ask that you visit our website at www.snowyrangeacademy.org or call 307-745-9930 for more information.

All interested individuals must hold a current Wyoming Substitute Teacher Permit. Please go to the following link <http://wyomingptsb.com/licensure/substitute-teaching/> to learn more about obtaining a permit. We look forward to meeting you!



What's for Lunch?

The school lunch menu can be found posted on the district website. There is a quick link on the right side of our page, under family Resources.

Join Us for the Next Board Meeting

SRA Board Meeting
6:00 pm, November 15th, 2023
All are welcome!

Notes from the Nurse



From the Nurse

As the weather becomes more wintery, it is important to send your children with warm clothing. Tights or leggings underneath skirts and dresses, warm coats, snow pants, snow boots, hats and gloves can help your children stay warm as they go out to recess to enjoy some fresh air.

All medications, **including cough drops**, must be kept in the nurse's office during the school day. Medications need to be sent in their original packaging and cannot be expired. There must be a medication form filled out and on file for all medications, **including cough drops** per district policy. These forms can be found at the front office, nurse's office or on our webpage under medication forms.

Please remember to call the front office if your child will be out of school that day for illness or other reasons.

Thank you!

Lori Smith
lsmith@acsd1.org

Dress Code

REMINDER: SRA has a dress code. Please make sure your child is in compliance.

A few basics:

- All students should wear a polo shirt, no button-up shirts. Colors for tops are navy, burgundy, white, hunter green (no black).
- Belts are required for all students grades 1-8.
- Girls' jumpers and skirts can be khaki, navy, black, or French Toast burgundy plaid (but not solid burgundy or green). Hem no more than 3" above the knee. No dresses.
- Pants should not have elastic waist or hems.
- No light up shoes, no crocs.
- Socks must be solid, in the following colors only: navy, white, black, burgundy, forest green, khaki, or gray.
- Hair accessories should be small and conservative.
- Uniforms must be modest, clean, and orderly (no rips/tears, or heavy stains).
- No visible tattoos (game-day temp tattoos should be removed before returning to school).

Office Notes & Reminders

- ◇ ATTENDANCE: please make sure you notify the office each time your student is absent. You may phone in, 307-745-9930, or email Mrs. Hubenthal at chubenthal@acsd1.org. For pre-arranged absences, please submit this [form](#) found on our website.
- ◇ CHECK-IN MADE EASY WITH KEY FOBS: We issue bar-code key fobs for parents who frequently visit school. This makes your computer check in/out **fast** and **easy**. Please fill out **this form** to request a fob. Key fobs are name-specific and are assigned to you for the duration of your child being enrolled at SRA, so please hang onto them! Kindly notify the office if your fob is lost or damaged. Thank you.
- ◇ MESSAGES TO STUDENTS: Parents requesting messages to be sent to their student (ex: change of plans for parent pick-up or riding bus), must notify the office no later than **2:45 pm**. Beyond that time, we cannot guarantee your child will receive the message. Thank you for your understanding.
- ◇ LOST AND FOUND: Our lost and found is full! Please find a time to look through and claim any items belonging to your child(ren).



Winter Weather Gear



- ◆ **It's that time of year. Temperatures are dropping!**
- ◆ PLEASE make sure your child has appropriate outdoor gear for recess **EVERY DAY** (coat, hat, gloves, scarf, snow pants, snow boots, etc.) Our west-facing playground can get **very** chilly.

NOTE- SRA has a *very limited* supply of winter gear to loan out to students.

Students may leave a set of snowpants and boots at school during the week. We ask that they be in a reusable bag to hang on their hook- no items should be left on the floor. All items will go home each Friday. Students must have a pair of indoor shoes to change into- they may not wear snowboots all day.



Student Council

Jeans day will be on November 17th

Periodically, the school will hold Jeans Day. Students who choose to pay \$1.00 will be allowed to wear denim jeans with their uniform top. Denim jeans will only be allowed on designated Jeans Days. If denim jeans are worn any other time, a uniform citation will be issued, and parents will be called to bring uniform pants. The money raised on Jeans Day will go to the Student Council for projects in the school.

Guidelines for jeans worn on Jeans Day are as follow:

- No words or logos on the jeans (besides Brand logo)
- SMALL amounts of embroidery and bling will be allowed as long as it is a school appropriate design such as flowers or butterflies. (Not allowed: words or skull and crossbones, excessive bling.)
- Must wear regular school belt (with the exception of Kindergarten)
- No rips or holes
- No key chains
- No baggy or excessively wide-legged jeans
- Denim must be blue or black in color (no pink or purple jeans)
- No denim jeggings, or skirts are allowed
- Shirts need to be tucked in and jeans need to be clean.

*Students who forget their money will be given a chance to call home for money or uniform pants. Students who do not follow the Jeans Day guideline will be asked to call home for an appropriate school uniform. If the problem cannot be fixed, a uniform citation will be issued. Students will pay for the jeans in their classroom.



November Food Drive

This year the student council will hold a food drive during the month of November. Each class will collect canned goods to donate to Laramie Soup Kitchen. A list of items they need is below.



Current Wish list for Laramie Soup Kitchen:

Canned Foods

Canned Chicken, Potatoes, **Spam**,
Vegetables (Peas, **Mixed Veggies**, **Corn**, **Creamed Corn**, Beets)

***Canned Beans**: (Great Northern, **Black Beans**, Kidney Beans, Chickpeas/Garbanzo, Pinto)

Enchilada Sauce: Red & Green

***Tomatoes** (**Diced**, **Stewed & Sauce**)*

Canned Fruit (Mixed, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, etc.)

Cream of Chicken & Mushroom Soups, Coconut Milk

Spices

Onion & Garlic powder, Basil, Tarragon,

Sage, Dill, Rosemary, Nutmeg, Ginger, Onion Soup Mix

Oregano, **Cumin**, Parsley & **Italian Seasonings**

Vegetable Bouillon, Chicken Bouillon

Healthy Snacks

(Included in To-Go Items for Guests)

Fruit & Applesauce Cups, **Goldfish**,

Cheese & Crackers Packs, **Fruit Snacks**, Mixed Nuts, Granola Bars, etc.

Shelf-Stable

Mayo, Canola Oil, Olive Oil

Chicken Broth, **Salsa**

Lasagna, Penne, Bow-Tie Pasta

Minute Rice (Brown or White), Sugar

****Red Wine Vinegar****, White Vinegar

Desserts

Brownie Mix

Cake Mix (White/Yellow)

Jell-O (**Pudding & Gelatin**)

Beverage Supplies

Drink Mix (e.g. Kool-Aid & Gatorade)

Hot Apple Cider Packets

Kitchen Supplies

****Zip Lock Bags (Snack Size)****

Items to Avoid:

Rusty, punctured, or bulging cans

Expired Food



Additional information can be found at: <https://www.laramiesoupkitchen.org/wish-list>

Board Notes

Greetings from the SRA Board of Directors,

During the last few months, SRA's Facilities Committee has been working hard on various projects, including putting the final touches on the first phase of the expansion project while preparing for the next phase.

Architectural plans for the next phase of expansion are nearing completion, with construction of new classrooms and bathrooms expected to take place next year.

Meanwhile, the Facilities Committee is also planning to consider how to improve the playground and add more green space. One of the first steps will be hiring a surveying company to prepare a site plan of the property. The PTA has indicated it wants to be a partner in playground improvement efforts, and we're excited to make some progress.

The Board of Directors will next meet at 6 p.m. Nov. 1, at which time we'll be adjourning into executive session to consider personnel matters. Our regular November board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Nov. 15. Please join us either in person or online via Zoom.

Meeting agendas and notes are available on Board Docs. To find a link to Board Docs, go to the SRA website and navigate to the Board of Directors page.

Best,
Eve Newman
Snowy Range Academy Board Chairman

PTA News

PTA Reading Challenge

October 30- November 3 the PTA is putting on a reading challenge for students. Primary grades will compete against each other, while the secondary and middle schoolers will compete against each other, respectively. The winners will receive Scholastic dollars!

Scholastic Book Fair in November

Mark your calendars and get ready for the fall book fair! November 13-17 the PTA will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair.

Ice Skating Family Fun Weekend

The PTA is gearing up to organize another family fun weekend at the Laramie Ice Arena. We'll have food, fun, and plenty of ice skating in December. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the PTA. Stay tuned for details to come!

Volunteers

The PTA is looking for volunteers for activities. Are you ready to help support our students, teachers, and staff? Email us at pta4sra@gmail.com



4th Grade- Art & Architecture of the Middle Ages in Europe

Featured Art: *Unicorn in Captivity (Unicorn Tapestries)*

5th Grade- Art & Architecture of the Renaissance

Featured Art: *Peasant Wedding, Self-Portrait (Durer), Giovanni Arnolfini and His Wife, The Chess Game, Florence Cathedral Dome, St. Peter's (Rome), Villa Pisani*

Middle School- Pop Art

Featured Art: *Campbell's Soup Can, Marilyn, Whaam!, Hartley, Black Girl's Window, She-Ba*



Kindergarten- Elements of Art (Color, Shape) & Patterns

Featured Art: *Purple Robe and Anemones, Gathering Paradise, Lullaby*

1st Grade- Art from Long Ago: Ancient Egypt

Featured Art: *Great Sphinx, Tutankamen's Coffin, Bust of Queen Nefertiti*

2nd Grade- Sculpture & Architecture

Featured Art: *Flying Horse (One Leg Resting on a Swallow), Portable City: Hangzhou, Sky Ladder, Great Stupa, The Great Mosque of Cordoba, The Lakshmana Temple, The Katsura Palace*

3rd Grade- Elements of Art: Space

Featured Art: *The Gleaners, Peasant Wedding, Florida Mexicana*



Kindergarten- Weather and Seasons in ESPAÑOL

First- Hola Niños: Unit 3 (Expressions and Food)

Second- Spanish Speaking South America

Third- Hola Niños: Unit 6 (Countries and Languages)

Fourth- Hola Niños: Unit 7 (Weather Reports and Hemispheres)

Fifth- "Call Me Guero" by David Bowles and start the Spanish Novel, "Pobre Ana"

MUSIC

Kindergarten

- Instrument Recognition

•**Songs:** *John Jacob Jingle Heimer Schmidt; Kumbaya; Fais Dodo; Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*

First Grade:

•**Composer:** *Mozart: "Eine Kleine Nacht Musik"*

•**Songs:** *Over the River and Through the Woods; Dry Bones*

Fourth Grade:

- *Recorder Unit*

•**The Orchestra:** *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra; Mozart: "Variations on a French Song"*



Second Grade:

•**The Orchestra:** *Vivaldi: "Four Seasons"*

•**Songs:** *Jambo Bwana; If You Miss Me From the Back of the Bus; Follow the Drinking Gourd; Do-Re-Mi*

Fifth Grade:

•**Music from the Renaissance;** *Mendelssohn: "Midsummer Night's Dream"*

•**Songs:** *Siyahamba; Dona Nobis Pacem; The Elements Song*

Third Grade:

•**Instrument families:** *Horn Concerto; Fanfare for the Common Man; Hoedown; Stars and Stripes Forever; William Tell Overture; Appalachian Spring*

•**Songs:** *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands; This Little Light of Mine; My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*



Middle School:

- World Music Unit*

•*Instrument ensembles as time allows*







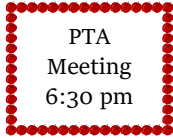







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ASSEMBLY RECITATION SCHEDULE

- * November 1st: Character
- * November 8th: Honor Roll
- * November 15th: 1st A & B
- * November 29th: Guest Speaker

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3  REPORT CARDS	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends (Clocks go back) 	6 NO SCHOOL	7 Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL	8	9  Field Trip- MS to Denver	10 PAPA MURPHYS PIZZA NIGHT 	11
12	13  PTA Meeting 6:30 pm 	14   Picture Retakes	15  SRA Board Mtg 6:00 pm	16 	17 	18
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