

SNOWY RANGE ACADEMY

Falcon Flier

October 2023

From the Principal's Desk

SRA Community,

Our first several weeks of the year have been packed full of new learning and students have been working diligently toward their learning goals. My hope is that all students feel comfortable during their time at SRA and they are experiencing success with their learning. Implementing new curricular materials is always a challenge and we appreciate the hard work our staff has undertaken to ensure the implementation of the new CKLA curriculum is smooth as possible. Thank you SRA staff. Parents, thank you for all you have done and continue to do to ensure your child experiences a successful start to the year. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us to share in the education of your child.

For most grade levels, we have completed our fall MAP, DIBELS and, for some, WY-TOPP Module assessments. These assessments support our ability to identify current student performance as well as our learning needs. We will be sharing this information as well as 2021-22 WY-TOPP individual student summative results (grades 3-8) during parent-teacher conferences, October 25th & 26th. You should be receiving information from your child's teacher soon to schedule conferences.

SRA is continuing to grow! The return of a second section of 5th grade and increasing middle school enrollment is reason to celebrate but it is also a challenge. We must continue to be thoughtful as we plan for our future. As we continue this process, we hope to engage our community to gain input in our path forward. Please look for opportunities to get involved.

October promises to be a busy month at SRA and I am sure for parents as well. If you did not have an opportunity to attend the September PTA meeting, please look for information about the upcoming October meeting. Joining the PTA is a terrific way to support our schools and they need your help. I hope we can increase parent participation as the year progresses.

Please continue to read your grade level newsletters for important events and dates concerning your child. Also, please consult our calendar on our website to ensure you are aware of important dates and activities.

Have wonderful month!

Sincerely,
John Cowper
SRA Principal



- **October 3-5: Keystone Science School, 7th graders**
- **October 13: Field trip, 1st gr to IMH**
- **October 13: Field Trip, 8th gr to UW**
- **October 18: Fire Safety Assembly, 8:45 am, gr K-2**
- **October 18: SRA Board Meeting, 6:00 pm**
- **October 20: HALF DAY, Dismissal at 11:15 am**
- **October 25: HALF DAY, Dismissal at 11:15 am**
- **October 25-26: Parent-teacher Conferences**
- **October 26-27: NO SCHOOL**

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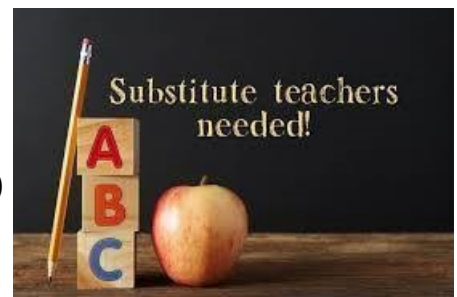
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Substitutes Wanted!

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, October 18, 2023
All are welcome!

Notes from the Nurse



From the Nurse

I will begin vision screenings soon on all kindergartners, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th graders (unless you opted out in your Powerschool registration). If there are any concerns with your child's vision, I will be in touch with you.

If you have any questions or concerns about illness please feel free to contact me via email or phone.

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.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held
October 25th from 12:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

~and~

October 26th from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Please remember fall parent-teacher conferences are **mandatory**.

Parents will receive an email with a link for online sign up. You are required to meet with at least **one core subject teacher** per child. You may sign up with specials teachers, if you wish, but this is not required. If you need assistance with the online sign up, please contact Mrs. Hubenthal in the front office, 307-745-9930.

Please remember:

- ♦ Wednesday, Oct. 25: **HALF DAY** of school, dismissal at 11:15 am
- ♦ Thursday, Oct 26-Friday, Oct. 27: **NO SCHOOL**



SRA Logo Sweatshirts

Sweatshirt, Hoodies, and Fleece Vest Sales

Our annual SRA Logo sweatshirts, hoodies and fleece vests SALE is occurring this month! These items are approved for our dress code. Order forms will be sent home on October 9; only one order form is needed per family. Orders are due by Thursday, October 26. Please note: orders submitted without payment will not be placed.



Board Notes

Hello from the SRA Board of Directors,

A few notes on board processes: As a governmental entity, the SRA Board of Directors must adhere to Wyoming open meetings laws, especially as they pertain to school boards. According to these rules, our meetings take place at a regularly scheduled time and date, and meeting agendas and minutes are public record. Members of the public are allowed to comment to the board at each meeting during a specific time and according to parameters established by the board.

The board is allowed to adjourn into a confidential executive session only for specific reasons listed in Wyoming Statute, and our discussion is limited to the statutory reason provided in the agenda. By law, the board may not take any action during an executive session.

Whenever the board wishes to create a new policy or amend an existing policy, that process is conducted over several meetings and in the public eye, with multiple opportunities for public input.

We appreciate the SRA community's respectful, thoughtful feedback as issues arise. Thank you for helping us further the school's mission of providing an excellent education to all students based on values of inclusiveness, fairness and respect.

Best,
Eve Newman
Snowy Range Academy Board Chairman

PTA News

Property Clean Up Day

Roll up your sleeves for a beautiful (hopefully), brief afternoon of after-school volunteering to beautify the SRA campus on **October 3!** Throughout the year we accumulate trash and other refuse around our school property, and the PTA would like to plan on working together with you to pick it up before the snow flies.

This is a great opportunity to get outside, clean up, and have a little fun all at the same time. We require that all students who would like to participate be accompanied by an adult. Vests, gloves, and bags will be provided, along with some light snacks for the kids.

Volunteer requests

Looking for an opportunity to help SRA from the comfort of your own home? Please consider helping with covering new ELA books for each classroom, in addition to other textbooks that may need help to make it a few more school years.

Are you ready to help with the many school activities that we have each year, but not sure what to do about it? Consider attending a PTA meeting and chairing an event planning committee.

The Giving Tree is needing some help in getting started for this school year. We need volunteers to organize the needs of each teacher and get them cut out on the Giving Tree board in the front lobby.

Contact us at pta4sra@gmail.com to tell us you're interested in one or all opportunities.

Stay Tuned

Papa Murphy's family night fundraiser will be the second Friday of each month for the 2023-2024 school year. Friday night pizza never sounded so good.

Parent-Teacher Conference faculty and staff meal will be October 25. Sign-Up Genius email for contributions to follow.

Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for November 13-17. This is a great way to support your child's learning and the school!

Next Scheduled Meeting

October 9, 6:30 pm at SRA, be there or be square. However, Zoom option will be available.

Specials



Students are successfully working through their educational gymnastics unit. K-5 finished working on balance, strength, jumping, landing, and traveling in September and will begin weight transfer skills (rocking and rolling, forward and side rolls, and cartwheels) in early October, finishing with group sequences on October 5th. Following educational gymnastics, K-2 will begin kicking skills with 3-5, moving on to Jump Rope and Soccer skills at the end of the month. In addition, 3-5 will participate in fitness activities, fitness testing, and SMART goal setting to improve fitness-related components (muscle strength and endurance, cardiorespiratory endurance, flexibility, and body composition) throughout the year. Middle school students have been working through their educational gymnastics unit following a sport education instructional model. Students were placed in teams and given team roles, which included Coach, Trainer, Spirit Leader, Equipment Manager, and Personal and Social Representative. Points were awarded for individuals performing their team roles and participating in team sequence development and execution. Students worked well within their teams and came up with some creative performances! We have one more performance on October 3rd, followed by fitness testing on October 5th. Then, we'll begin our net/wall unit with 6th grade Volleyball, 7th grade Pickleball, and 8th grade Badminton.



Kindergarten- Hola Niños: Unit 1 ¿Cómo Estás?
First- The Body, Ocean Animals, and Clothing
Second- Habitats and Animal Project
Third- Hola Niños: Unit 5 (Family and School)
Fourth- Hola Niños: Unit 8 (Clothing and Travel)
Fifth- "Call Me Guero" by David Bowles (Mexican-American Culture)

Determination



"Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to."
~Unknown

No matter where you go in life or what you do, the process will require determination. Determination is defined as overcoming obstacles in order to reach our goals. The Latin word, *determinare*, means "to establish, to limit, to bring to a conclusion." I want to emphasize the "to bring to a conclusion". When I am alpine climbing with my husband in the Tetons, determination and the visualization of reaching it to the top gets me through the temptations to quit because it is scary, cold and a challenge. While running a marathon, the only viewpoint that gets me through mile 17-20 is envisioning the finish line and also seeing how far I have already come.

This month in character education class, students will be learning about the character trait of determination. We will be discussing how to finish difficult tasks at school, home, and other recreational activities. We will also study others that have demonstrated determination in history and how we would not be where we are today without their determination. Finally, we will write goals and discuss how we might accomplish those goals despite possible failures along the way.

"Nothing's far when one wants to get there."

~Queen Marie of Romania



2nd Grade- Elements of Art (review): Look at and discuss elements of art (line, shape, color, etc). Recognize lines as horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.
Featured Art: *Mother and Child, The Great Wave, A Man Playing the Hula Hoop, My Hometown*

5th Grade- Art of the Renaissance: Discuss the shift in world view from medieval to Renaissance art, a new emphasis on humanity and the natural world. Explore the development of linear perspective during the Italian Renaissance.
Featured Art: *The Birth of Venus, The proportions of man, Mona Lisa, the Last Supper, The Marriage of the Virgin, Madonna and child with the infant st. John, the Alba Madonna, a small Cowper Madonna*

Welcome back!

Kindergarten- Fine Motor Skills & Lines: Identify and use different lines: straight, zigzag, curved, wavy, thick, thin
Featured Art: *Sleeping Woman and Child*

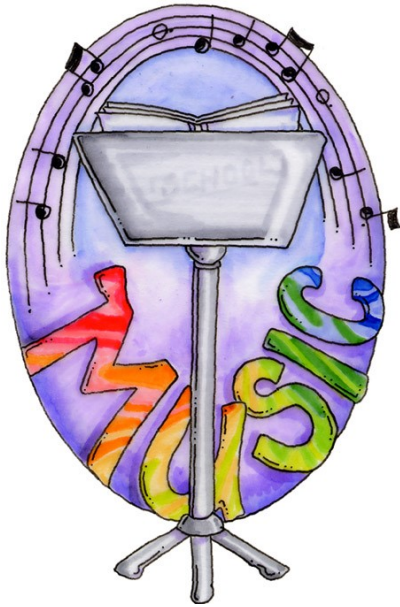
3rd Grade- Light/Value: Observe how artists use light and shadow
Featured Art: *Ruby Green Singing, Milkmaid, El Jaleo, Florida Mexicana*

1st Grade- Elements of Art (review): Look at and discuss elements of art (line, shape, color, texture, etc)
Featured Art: *Piñata, Arrangement in Black and Grey, Tulips in Holland*

4th Grade- Art of the Middle Ages in Europe: Become familiar with features of Gothic architecture and famous cathedrals.
Featured Art: *Notre Dame Cathedral, Chartres Cathedral*

Middle School- Modern Representational Painting: Regionalism: Examine characteristics of art from this art movement
Featured Art: *American Gothic (1930), Nighthawks (1942), Christina's World (1948)*

You are invited!
Elementary 2023 Premier Art Show
When: September 30th-November 3rd
Where: University of Wyoming Art Museum (Resource Room)
Opening Reception: October 19th from 5-6:30



Kindergarten

Instrument Recognition

Songs: *A Ram Sam Sam; Old MacDonald Had a Farm; Kumbaya; Fais Dodo*

First Grade:

Composer: *Prokofiev: "Peter and the Wolf"*

Songs: *Oh Dear, What Can the Matter Be?; La Cucaracha*

Second Grade:

The Orchestra:

Saint-Saens: "Carnival of the Animals"

Vivaldi: "Four Seasons"

Songs: *Jambo Bwana*



Third Grade:

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

Songs: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Fourth Grade:

Recorder Unit



Fifth Grade:

Music from the Renaissance

Songs: *Greensleeves; Shenandoah; Sweet Betsy from Pike; Git Along Little Dogies*



Middle School:

Music Elements

World Music: Instrument Ensembles

Student Council

Jeans day date is to be determined, please watch your email and newsletters for the upcoming date.

Officer election applications are due Friday, **October 6th**. Students that are running for officer positions will give their speeches during lunch to their peers on October 10th. Votes will be cast on October 10th. During morning assembly, on **October 11th**, the officer positions will be revealed.

Diane Cook and Sam Johnson
Student Council

October 2023

Determination

*This Land Is
Your Land*

ASSEMBLY RECITATION SCHEDULE

- * October 4: Character
- * October 11: 5th Grade, A & B
- * October 18: 4th Grade, A & B
- * October 25: 3rd Grade, A & B

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3  Field Trip— 7th gr to Keystone Science	4  Field Trip— 7th gr to Keystone Science	5  Field Trip— 7th gr to Keystone Science	6	7
8	9 <div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">PTA Meeting 6:30 pm</div>	10	11	12	13  Field Trips— 1st gr to IMH ~and~ 8th gr to Healthy Kids	14
15	16	17	18  Fire Safety Program, K-2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">SRA Board Mtg 6:00 pm</div>	19	20 HALF DAY Dismissal at 11:15 am Staff Development Day	21
22	23	24	25 HALF DAY Dismissal at <div style="font-size: small; color: green;">Parent Teacher Conferences Communication Homework</div>	26 <div style="font-size: small; color: green;">Parent Teacher Conferences Communication Homework</div> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">NO SCHOOL</div>	27 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">NO SCHOOL</div>	28
29	30	31				