

SNOWY RANGE ACADEMY

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Snowy Range Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we roll into the month of March. We are excited to bring you updated school information and the monthly itinerary. In addition, we are proud to celebrate the accomplishments of your students from their everyday efforts to taking first place as a team in the Math Counts competition! The students of SRA exhibit attributes of perseverance, dedication, hard work and effort, and we couldn't be more proud of them. The staff and I recognize the commitment families and students make to be a part of the elite educational experience offered by Snowy Range. Overcoming challenges and developing the ability to be resilient are values that Snowy Range students learn daily and will take with them throughout their lives. Thank you for allowing us to teach your amazing children and have a wonderful month!

Thank you,

Mrs. Diediker



- **March 1:** Field Trip, 5th gr, UW Symphony
- **March 2:** Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- **March 4:** Field Trip, 4th gr Snowshoe
- **March 5:** Field Trip, gr 5-8, All City Honor's Choir
- **March 5:** Honor Choir Concert LHS 7pm
- **March 6:** Dress as a Book Character Day (no charge)
- **March 7:** Community Information Night 6-7pm
- **March 8:** Field Trip, 5th gr, UW Planetarium
- **March 11-15:** NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
- **March 20:** Field Trip, 3rd gr, UW Geo Museum
- **March 20:** SRA Board Meeting 6pm
- **March 21:** Field Trip: Kinders, UW Engineer
- **March 21:** Observation Open House 9-11am
- **March 22:** Jeans Day
- **March 22:** HALF DAY, Dismissal at 11:15am
- **March 25-29:** Scholastic Book Fair
- **March 27:** Observation Open House 12-2pm
- **March 29:** End of Qtr 3
- **March 29:** Blast from the Past Day (no charge)
- **April 1:** Deadline to submit Letter of Intent
- **April 3:** Enrollment Lottery
- **May 1:** CK Music Festival

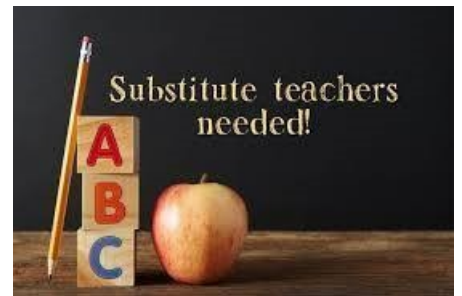
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Substitutes Wanted!

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, March 20, 2024
All are welcome!

Notes from the Nurse



EMERGENCY LOANER CLOTHING

Please check your laundry area for any articles of clothing that were loaned to your student during the school year from SRA. All loaned clothing is marked in the waistband, neckband or on the backside with the initials SRA. We are running low on clothes to loan out to our students. We would appreciate the return of any SRA loaner clothing to the nurse's office as soon as possible.

WINTER CLOTHING

Please send your children with proper cold weather gear. Don't forget gloves! Gloves are the most requested item from students.

ILLNESS

If your child will be absent from school please call or email the front office to let us know. If you have any illness related questions, feel free to call the school and ask to speak to the nurse, or email me at lsmith@acsdl.org.

CK Music Festival

Please Mark Your Calendars For:
Core Knowledge Music Festival!!
This is SRA's annual All School music concert.

When: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Time: Concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

All students arrive at 6:15 p.m.

Who: ALL SRA STUDENTS—Kindergarten through 8th grade

Where: Laramie High School Theater

Attire: ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DRESS NICELY: slacks, ties, skirts (knee length or longer), dresses, dress shoes etc. No jeans or t-shirts, please. School uniform is not required.

Questions?: Contact Ms. Cowell at acowell@acsdl.org

The concert should last a little over an hour.

Your child's participation in this event is a very important part of their SRA experience; attendance is required.

We look forward to having all students and parents at this annual SRA tradition.

Open Houses– for enrollment in 2024-2025

**Do you have friends and neighbors who are interested in enrolling their child at SRA?
Invite them to join us for one of our upcoming **OPEN HOUSE** dates!**

Priority lottery status will be given to families who attend an open house.

- ◆ **Observation Open Houses** are a great opportunity for prospective parents to see our classrooms in action. Seating will be available in each grade. No reservations necessary. Come and go as you please, visit more than one room, and pick up literature about the school. There will be tours available.
- ◆ **Community Information Night** starts promptly at 6:00 p.m. and is a great chance to learn more about our school, what makes SRA unique, take a tour, and meet and speak with the principal and teachers.

We look forward to sharing Snowy Range Academy with prospective families.

Observation OPEN HOUSES

Tuesday, February 13, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 21, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

**Thursday, March 21, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.*

**kindergarten will not be available for observation, due to a field trip*

Wednesday, March 27, 12:00—2:00 p.m.

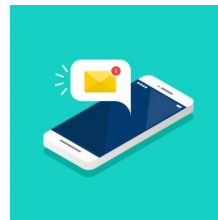
Community Information Night

Thursday, March 7

Join us promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Remind App

**Stay
Informed!**



Dear SRA Families,

In January we moved all communication notices to REMIND. You will get messages from us, as well as from the District. You can download the Remind App onto your phone. You are also in control of how you receive messages – via email, text, or both. **Please make sure you choose at least one form of notification (DO NOT OPT OUT) in order to get important SRA communications!**

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Dress As a Book Character List

KINDERGARTEN

- The Ugly Ducklin
- How Many Spots Does a Leopard Have?
- The Little Red Hen
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- A Tug of War Momotaro: Peach Boy
- Tortoise and Hare
- The Legend of Jumping Mouse
- Grasshopper and Ants
- Dog and Shadow
- The Three Little Pigs
- Little Red Riding Hood
- The Wolf and Seven Kids
- Johnny Appleseed
- Casey Jones
- Winnie The Pooh
- The Bremen Town Musicians
- Three Billy Goats Gruff
- Lion and Mouse
- Cinderella
- King Midas and the Golden Touch
- Velveteen Rabbit
- Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes
- Three Little Kittens
- Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- Mary had a Little Lamb



1ST GRADE

- The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit
- Harry the Dirty Dog
- The Gingerbread Man
- Bread and Jam for Frances
- The Princess and the Pea
- Henny-Penny
- The Three Bears
- The Little Red Hen
- Br'er Rabbit and the Tar Baby
- Little Bear
- Frog and Toad
- The Maid and the Milk Pail
- The Boy Who Cried Wolf
- Puss-in-Boots
- Caps for Sale
- The Pied Piper of Hamelin
- Sleeping Beauty
- Rapunzel
- Stone Soup
- The Frog Prince
- Hansel and Gretel
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- Media Pollito
- Lon Po Po
- Anansi
- The Knee High Man
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Issun Boshi
- Tom, Thumb
- Thumbelina
- The Story of Ferdinand
- Rumpelstiltskin

2ND GRADE

- The Day of the Dragon King
- Curious George
- Madeline
- Fisherman and his Wife
- El Pajaro Cu
- Bears on Hemlock Mountain
- Emperor's New Clothes
- Greek Myths
- Freckle Juice
- John Henry
- Pecos Bill
- Johnny Appleseed
- Paul Bunyan
- The Littles
- Charlotte's Web
- Sadako
- Boxcar Children
- Peter Pan
- Beauty and the Beast
- Flat Stanley



3RD GRADE

- Pippi Longstocking
- My Father's Dragon
- Elmer & the Dragon
- Dragons of Blueand
- The Wind in the Willows
- Mary Geddy's Day
- Henry Huggins
- Ramona Quimby, Age 8
- Mr. Popper's Penguins
- The Trumpet of the Swan
- Alice in Wonderland
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle
- Sarah, Plain and Tall
- Stuart Little
- Ali baba and the 40 Thieves
- Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp



4TH GRADE

- The Magic Brocade
- The Cabin Faced West
- St. George and the Dragon
- Brown Girl Dreaming
- America's Paul Revere
- The Cricket in Times Square
- Heidi
- Gulliver's Travels
- The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
- Rip Van Winkle
- Robinson Crusoe
- Robin Hood
- Treasure Island
- The Legends of King Arthur

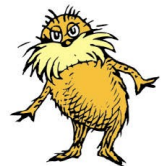
5TH GRADE

- Don Quixote
- Little Women
- Tales of Sherlock Holmes, including "The Red Headed League"
- A Midsummer Night's Dream
- A Tale of the Oki Islands
- Morning Star and Scarface: The Sun Dance
- Native American trickster stories (for example, tales of Coyote, Raven, or Grandmother Spider)



6TH GRADE

- Apollo and Daphne
- Orpheus and Eurydice
- Narcissus and Echo
- Pygmalion and Galatea
- Julius Caesar
- The Prince and the Pauper
- The Iliad
- The Odyssey



7TH GRADE

- "The Gift of the Magi"
- "The Necklace"
- "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"
- "The Tell-Tale Heart"
- The Call of the Wild
- Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
- Cyrano de Bergerac
- Diary of a Young Girl
- Pygmalion

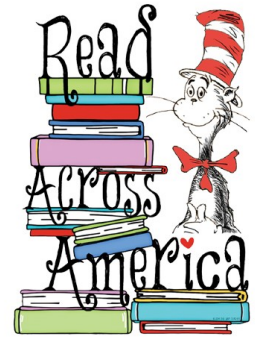
8TH GRADE

- "The Bet"
- "Dr. Heidegger's Experiment"
- "God Sees the Truth But Waits"
- "An Honest Thief"
- "The Open Boat"
- Animal Farm
- The Good Earth
- Twelfth Night
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings



Student Council

Read Across America week will be **March 4-8**. There will be a coloring contest with a different picture for each grade, guess the amount of fish in the bucket in the library, K-2 will have student athletes come in to read to them during their library time on March 6th, and **March 6th will be Dress as a Character Day**. Students are allowed to dress as a character from the attached list from their current grade and below (for example: 3rd can dress in 3rd, 2nd, 1st, or K characters). There will be prizes for the coloring contest and the guess the fish game. Winners will be announced on March 20th during the morning assembly.



Jeans Day will be on **March 22, 2024**.

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 and get a stamp by the front office.

End of Quarter 3 celebration will be on **March 29th**. The Student Council has permission to host a "Blast from the Past" day. Students will be able to dress in clothes from any decade between 1920 and 2000. The clothing must still be school appropriate, shoulders covered, torso covered, no sandals, no inappropriate words or pictures, and no masks.

*Classroom teachers will reserve the right to make final dress code decisions.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Board Notes

Hello from the SRA Board of Directors,

During the February meeting, the Board approved the purchase of voting software to use in the next Board election. The goal is to improve transparency around the election process. The Board also decided to implement the use of exit surveys for departing families beginning this spring.

The Board decided to table approval of the second reading of the 2024-2025 school-year calendar. There are two calendar options under consideration at this time.

As the expansion project continues, the Board discussed several construction options that would leave open the possibility of renting the facility in the future.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. March 20. All meetings take place at SRA and stream online via Zoom. To view agendas and meeting minutes, visit the Board of Directors page on the website and click on the link for BoardDocs.

Best,

Eve Newman
Snowy Range Academy Board Chairman

PTA News

Papa Murphy's fundraiser

Papa Murphy's family night fundraiser has moved to MONDAY, March 18. Mark your calendars and order some pizza to ease back into busy school nights after spring break.

Spring Scholastic Book Fair

Get ready SRA community, the Scholastic Book Fair is coming back for our Spring Book Fair that will be held the week of March 25-29.

To make this the best book fair yet, we'd appreciate your consideration to co-chair and/or volunteer to help with setup, clean up, etc. To sign up, please visit the signup genius created here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABAD2FA0FBC25-48166023-2024>

PTA Elections

Are you ready to help with PTA in the 2024-2025 school year? Consider being a PTA Board member. It's an easy and fun way to help students, teachers, and the entire school community.

Uniforms

NU2U has a small selection of uniforms downstairs. To donate, please donate to the PTA consignment bucket in the lobby or consign on your own account and specify SRA uniforms to be added to the SRA section downstairs.

You can also utilize SRA Facebook page "SRA Classifieds" to buy, sell, trade, or give away uniforms and much more.

Teacher Appreciation Week

The PTA is looking for one or more volunteers to organize Teacher Appreciation Week. Let's show our awesome teachers and staff just how much we appreciate them! Contact the PTA (pta4sra@gmail.com) to let us know you're interested in organizing the event!

Next meeting

No March meeting, the next will be held April 8 at 6:30 pm in the SRA library. Email pta4sra@gmail.com with any questions or visit "PTA 4 SRA" Facebook page.



SPECIALS



TOLERANCE

Snowy Range Academy uses a character education curriculum called Character First Education. As defined by Character First Education, tolerance is: showing respect for others who are different from me. Tolerance focuses on being willing to listen to others, remembering that not everyone's the same, looking for ways to connect with others, know the difference between what is "popular" and what is "right", help others, help yourself and grow. Learning more about tolerance will give our SRA students' a wonderful opportunity to learn about the diversity that we have in our student population and their families. I have worked at Snowy Range Academy for many years and have had the pleasure of teaching students from many different cultural heritages, including students from Kenya, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Ethiopia, Turkey, South Korea, Vietnam, Ghana, China, Japan, Nepal, Albania, Jamaica, Mongolia, Russia, Brazil, Chile, India, Uzbekistan, Libya, Egypt, France, Armenia, and Canada. At the University of Wyoming, I minored in Cultural Anthropology, so you can imagine how delighted I am about learning from others and their cultural background. In conclusion, learning tolerance will help all students at SRA treat others with respect and kindness regardless of their background, beliefs, physical or cognitive abilities, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, experiences or family situation.

Linda Thompson, actress, quotes it best when she says, *"Our uniqueness, our individuality, and our life experience molds us into fascinating beings. I hope we can embrace that... and we may all challenge ourselves to delve into the deepest resources of our hearts to cultivate an atmosphere of understanding, acceptance, tolerance, and compassion. We are all in this life together"*.



This month in PE

3rd – 5th grade students will begin a pickleball season while the 6th-8th graders will focus on golf, frisbee golf, and other target games. K-2nd graders will finish basketball then begin striking with bats and fielding balls as practice for a new field day softball station. Thanks and have a great March!

ART



“You don’t take a photograph, you make it” ~ Ansel Adams



Kindergarten- Elements of Art: Color & Line:

Featured Art: *Snap the Whip, Tahitian Landscape, Children’s Games*

1st Grade- Elements of Art: Texture:

Featured Art: *Native American Baskets, Little Fourteen-Year-Old-Dancer, Young Hare, Marea Azul, In the Beginning was Chaos*

2nd Grade- Realism vs Abstraction:

Featured Art: *Young Hare, Passenger Pigeon, Cat and Bird*

3rd Grade- Native American Art:

Featured Art: Navajo Sand painting, *Nellie Two Bear Gates (Valise), Anasazi Pueblo (Chaco Canyon)*



4th Grade- The Art of Africa & The Art of China:

Featured Art: *Second Born, Girl Balancing Knowledge, Chinese brush calligraphy (writing and painting), silk scrolls, Tang Dynasty Scroll*



5th Grade- Native American Art (contemporary):

Featured Art: *Mask, Old Woman with Labret, Women’s Voices at the Council, The Wisdom of the Universe*

Middle School- Contemporary Art

Featured Art: *Basquit Untitled (1981), various Keith Haring works (80s), Descent into Limbo (1992), De Style (1993)*



March Spanish

Kindergarten- Hola Niños: Unit 2, Food, and Clothing

First- Unit on Mexico: Geography, History, and Culture

Second- Immigration with reading *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Third- Spanish pronunciation training

Fourth- Short Spanish stories: *El Bebé Sucio* and FLEX Unit 1:1

Fifth- *Don Quixote* digital narratives

MUSIC



All Classes will be preparing for SRA's Core Knowledge Music Festival (SRA's all school music concert).
The performance is on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Laramie High School Theater.

Kindergarten:

Composer: *Camille Saint-Saens: "Carnival of the Animals"*
Songs: *John the Rabbit; A Ram Sam Sam; Pin Pon; Ella Fitzgerald: A Tisket, A Tasket*



First Grade:

Composers: *Jazz: Louis Armstrong; Duke Ellington*
Songs: *Frere Jacques; La Raspa; Take Me Out to the Ballgame; There's a Hole in the Bucket*

Second Grade:

Composer: *Bach; Mozart; Mendelssohn: Keyboard Instruments*
Songs: *De Colores; Erie Canal; Do-Re-Mi; Swing Low Sweet Chariot; When Johnny Comes Marching Home*



Third Grade:

Violin Unit

Fourth Grade:

Composer: *Mozart: "Variations on a French Song"*
Songs: *Loch Lomond, Waltzing Matilda, Cockles and Mussels; I Love the Mountains; Down in the Valley; My Grandfather's Clock*

Fifth Grade:

Ukulele Unit

Songs: *God Bless America; Battle Hymn of the Republic; Fifty Nifty United States; Red River Valley*

Middle School:

Instrument ensembles









March 2024

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America

ASSEMBLY RECITATION SCHEDULE

- * March 6: Character
- * March 20: 5A & 5B
- * March 27: 2A & 2B

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1  Field Trip— 5th Gr to UW Symphony	2  Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss	
3	4  Field Trip— 4th Gr Snow- shoe	5  Field Trip— 5th-8th All City Honor Choir LHS	6 DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER 	7 Community Information Night 6-7	8  Field Trip— 5th Gr UW Planetarium	9	
10	11 	12 Enjoy Your SPRING BREAK 			14	15 	16
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