



*S.S. Dixon Intermediate School*  
**February 2019**



### **Mrs. Gooch's Good News**

January was a busy month. We celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, had a great Literacy Week including Literacy Night, finished 100 days of school, and completed STAR reading and math test B! Classes will complete mid-year Unify progress monitoring for science by February 6<sup>th</sup>. As shared earlier in the year, progress monitoring is completed 3 times a year to measure students' knowledge and proficiency of the grade level standards. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like more information about your child's performance.

During this time of the year when it seems more people are sick, I want to remind families that students must be free of a fever without medication for 24 hours to attend school. Please send in a note any time your child is absent from school. If your child goes to urgent care, a physician, or ER, please ask for a note for school. This guarantees the absence will be excused. Any time a student reaches absences that equal more than 10% of the school year, you will be notified with a letter from the school (example—we have completed 100 days of school so 10% would be 10 days). For some students we may require a doctor's note for future absences to be excused. If absences continue to accrue, it may be necessary to write a truancy plan. Good attendance in school leads to better performance and work habits.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, your family is invited to join us at 6:00 for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual STEAM Night. Your child should have brought home a beige information sheet. We must have all RSVP's in by February 8<sup>th</sup> so that we can make sure we have enough materials for all who attend. The THEME is a secret, but each child who returns the RSVP will bring home an envelope that contains important confidential information. There are some strange things going on at the school and it has our staff and students wondering if they are related to STEAM night???. It is going to be a great event and we hope you will plan to join us.

Yearbooks can be ordered online through [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) until February 27. Did you know that any time you make a purchase at Office Depot and mention our ID number: 70023237 you help us earn 5% of qualifying sales? Please share concerns or areas in which you believe we could improve. More information about SSDI: <https://www.santarosa.k12.fl.us/schools/dis.html>.

### **Mrs. Hendricks' Happenings**

Valentine's Day is coming up! Encourage your child to show caring and compassion all month! As always, we are working hard to make sure there is a positive and safe environment for all students and staff. Thank you for being patient and understanding while we have been implementing the new visitor access system. Please remember, you will need to present your ID and state the reason for your visit before being granted access to the building. If a person doesn't have ID, they must be escorted into the building by an employee. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to provide the safest environment possible. We have had cooler days lately, so please make sure your child dresses appropriately and they have a jacket with them. Be sure to label the jacket or any other items your child brings to school. It's the best way to ensure the items are returned. Remind students to double check our lost and found items if their jacket or any other items go missing.

Car Riders - please double check your current pick-up tags. Many of the tags have faded and are hard to read. If you notice fading, please re-write your child's name with a dark colored marker. All cars **must** display a pick-up tag indicating the child's name in the parent pick up line. Without a tag, you will be asked to park and come into the front office to show your id before your child is released to you. Additional tags can be purchased for \$1.00 in the front office.

During the school year children may be exposed to head lice. We would encourage parents to frequently assess their child for signs and symptoms of this pesky bug. If you have concerns that your child may have head lice, you may speak to our school Health Tech. She will be happy to provide assistance and/or provide information regarding head lice treatment.

## 2019 STANDARDIZED TESTING

Here are the dates for Florida Standards Assessment testing (all paper based):

FSA English Lang Arts	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	April 1 & 2
FSA Writing Test	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	April 3
FSA Writing Test	5 <sup>th</sup> grades	April 4
FSA Math	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	May 1 & 2
FSA English Lang Arts	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	May 1 & 2
FSA Math	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	May 6 & 7
FSA English Lang Arts	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	May 1 & 2
FSA Math	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	May 6 & 7
NGSSS Science	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	May 8 & 9

Please do not schedule appointments for your children during these days. Please encourage your child to do their best on all assessments. A parent letter is located on our website with specific information about the testing requirements. For information and or practice tests visit: <https://fsassessments.org/> and <http://www.fl DOE.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/science.stml>.

## MILITARY FAMILIES

The Military and Family Life Program is for students of active duty service members or retired service members (within six months) as well as students with active duty siblings. This program serves all branches including Coast Guard, National Guard, and the Reserves. Non-medical counseling support is provided to students and their families to resolve day-to-day issues such as self-confidence/self-esteem, resolving conflict, behavior management, angry feelings, sibling/parental relationships, stressful situations, and deployment and reintegration issues. Within this program, military students also have the option to participate in a lunch group in which they connect with each other. For further questions or to be provided with a consent form, please contact the school office at (850) 995-3650 or check out the school website.

## NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

We celebrated Literacy Week with several special events. We had over 350 people attend our literacy family night, "Read Around the Campfire". We were so excited to have Michael P. White, illustrator of The Library Dragon and other books, visit our school as part of Literacy Week activities. During his presentations, Mr. White showed students how to draw a variety of characters and they were able to draw along with him. He demonstrated character drawing as well as airbrushing to color in his pictures. Wish is the February Sunshine State book. Book club will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45 am in the media center. Students must read at least 3 of the 15 books to vote on their choice of Sunshine State Book.

## NEWS FROM P.E.

During the first two weeks of February PE will be doing our Volleyball unit followed by our Bicycle Safety unit. Bicycle Safety will begin February 19<sup>th</sup> and continue until March 7<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited to be able to offer this unit to your child. Our school is one of only a few schools in the county certified to teach this unit. During this unit, your child may bring their personal bike and helmet or they may use one of the bicycles kept at school. If you choose to bring a personal bike, we ask that their first and last name be written on their bike and helmet in two locations in permanent marker. Your child may bring their own lock and lock their bike outside their classroom or to one of the rails near the P.E. area. The P.E. department will lock up bikes without locks this year under the PE cover, and those bikes will remain locked until the

end of the unit unless they are being used. You will not have access to bikes we lock up after school hours or on the weekends. Please be advised that the school and the P.E. department cannot be responsible for any bikes that are left on school grounds (locked or unlocked). **HELP WANTED:** During Bicycle Safety, any parents/grandparents/guardians is welcomed to come out and help with our "new rider" program. Just remember volunteers must have a volunteer form on file in the office. If interested and you need a form, please contact the office, PE department, or your child's teacher and one can be sent home to you. Your child will be required wear a bicycle helmet to participate. If your child does not have a helmet and cannot afford one, please let us know via a note with their name and their teacher's name. They will be provided a loaner helmet, but they will have to cover their hair with a net or bag that we can provide. These helmets will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis during each class period. We recommend that all students keep their helmets in their classroom. This will ensure that they will not miss out on riding a bike that day. Students without a helmet will participate by "walking" their bike around to demonstrate safety procedures. Students who do not know how to ride a bike will participate in our "new rider" program which will help them learn to ride a two wheeled bike. Field/Kite Day will be March 13<sup>th</sup>!

Important Kids Marathon Upcoming Dates:

**Jan. 18-March 4:** Logging time for those registered for and participating in our Kids Marathon

**Feb. 4:** All Marathon T-shirt orders are due **March 5:** All marathon log sheets due

As always, please feel free to reach out to a PE coach with any questions or concerns.

Cordially, Coach Keller, Coach Williams, and Coach Ward

## **NEWS FROM PTSO**

**Box Tops:** We continue to collect General Mills' Box Tops, so please keep saving them. So far this year we have received \$2181.00. We appreciate our families collecting and sending them in.

The **Coupon Fundraiser** begins Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and ends Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate families supporting SSDI. Please refer to the flyer for the prizes students may earn. Turn in dates are Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **POP TABS**

Students may bring in pop tabs and give them to their teacher. Each grade level has a container that is weighed and we announce the winner each month. The pop tabs are donated to the Ronald McDonald House of NWFL and they use the money to pay their utility bills.

## **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Our school improvement plan, agenda, and minutes from meetings are posted on our website. The document is a working document and can be updated during the year. Parents are welcome to send suggestions. Our next meeting will be held on February 13, 2019, at 9 am.

## **TITLE ONE**

The district's parent and family engagement plan is located on our website. All of our title 1 documents are located in the Parent Resource Binder. As a reminder, parents may request information about the qualifications of their child's teacher and/or paraprofessionals. To do so, please contact the school's office and request information from Mrs. Gooch or Mrs. Hendricks. Please contact the school with questions.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

If you haven't completed a volunteer application and plan to chaperone any field trips or help in the classroom, please make sure to request a form to complete and return to school. If you only plan to go on field trips, you may request only the field trip form.

## WEBSITES

We hope you are using Classlink to access programs students may use at home in addition to checking grades on the parent portal, putting money online in your child's lunch account, or checking the SafeStop bus tracker. Please contact your child's teacher if you need log in or password information. Classlink may be accessed on the district's webpage or SSDI webpage (<https://santarosa.k12.fl.us/SSDI>) The following websites have English Language Arts (lafs) and Math (mafs) standards listed for grades K-12.

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5390/urlt/0081014-lafs.pdf>

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5390/urlt/0081015-mathfs.pdf>

## Student Recognitions

**All County Chorus:** The following students will represent SSDI at the All County Chorus performance in April. Congratulations to: Logan Carmichael, Gracie Hall, Kailey Hinson, Ali Husky, Olivia Ikier, Britten Kettler, Cambree Klein, Mya Lacsamana, Minnie Love, Bella Lynch, Mia Phillip, Ashley Pickard, Shrinithi Sridhar

**PI math competition:** The following students will represent SSDI on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the annual math competition at Pensacola High School. **4<sup>th</sup> grade:** David Bailey, Gavin Beal, Owen Bradley, Richard Chi, Gavin Fierro, Brody Ford, Rylynn Fowler, Zachary Ladd, Paige Loefflerr, Josiah McMath, Michael Mendez, Vivian Otts, Taise Shelton, Rose Shiel, Kamdyn Staszak, Junior Sohr-Sweat, Anniston Walker, Grant Weber, Kylin Williamson, and Issabella Woodcock **5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Jade Anderson, Reese Angerson, Logan Carmichael, Alex Collell, Sydney Crow, Aidan Dao, Ben Fluharty, Teagan Hart, Sam Hogue, Bowen Iorg, Micah "JT" Leslie, Ini Ogundiminegha, Obi Onyemauwa, Adam Penrod, Ozy Salmon, Garrett Sauls, Dade Shrecengost, Aiden Vuorinen, Dante Walker, and Allison White.

**Sandy Sansing Spelling Bee:** Ozy Salmon did a great job representing us!

**National Geography Bee:** The winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Adam Penrod, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shrinithi Sridhar, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vivian Otts.

**Robotics Club:** These students will represent SSDI at the Robotic Competition on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Kinsley Alger, Arionna Alexander, Amaya Antonio, Kincaid Carlson, Nolan Cheshire, Camden DeLange, Paisleigh DeManss, LeLia DeRamus, Kendyll Foles, Nathan Frenkel, Solomon Frye, Josh Herndon, Leah Iorg, Tate Jernigan, Oliver Johnson, Colton Khune, Chace Lingle, Liam MacMurray, Elizabeth Maugus, Madison McGowan, Braden Motes, Kristin Pusins, Kellan Shaffer, Reese Shehan, Charlie Smith, Mia Southard, Ty Stinson, Myriss Stoute, Clara Walker, and Shelby Zigler.



## February's Calendar of Events

4	Deadline to purchase a Marathon T Shirt
8-25	Coupon Book Fundraiser (PICK UP DATES: 2/15 and 2/25)
8	Midterms
12	5 <sup>th</sup> grade ACES to Escape; STEAM Night 6:00-7:30 pm
13	SAC Meeting @ 9 am; Early Release day for Professional Development
18	NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day
19	Bike Safety begins (20 <sup>th</sup> )
22	Book Club Meeting @ 7:30 am
27	FINAL date to order YEARBOOK online at Jostens.com; Pride Stride

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PBIS Dress Up Day-PJs (must be school appropriate) \$5.00 Patriot Bucks;  
Spirit Night at TASTEBuds