



*S.S. Dixon Intermediate School*

January 2019

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

I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas and that your new year has begun on a positive note. We want to welcome new students and families to SSDI. We also want to share some staff changes. Mr. New retired and Mr. Justin King will assume the role of Art Teacher. Mrs. Ashley Frobenius will be our new interventionist transferring to us from CDAC. Mr. John Smith transferred to Berryhill Elementary to become their guidance counselor. Ms. Kristen Smith is moving from behavior paraprofessional to guidance assessment assistant. We will hire a new person for the behavior paraprofessional position. I am proud to share that SSDI was one of seven schools who met the qualifications to be classified as a Five Star School. During January, all students will take Test B of the STAR Reading and Math assessments and Unify Science assessment. These assessments are given three times each year and helps teachers determine if students are moving towards proficiency of the grade level standards. WE HAVE CHANGES FOR ENTERING THE BUILDING—PLEASE SEE THE SECTION BELOW.

As we begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks, our teachers will spend some time reviewing the students' code of conduct, classroom expectations, and rules. As a reminder, the code of conduct can be found on our school's website as well as the district website. Students are expected to be aware of the rules explained in the code of conduct. Hard copies are available by contacting the school.

The week of Jan. 28- Feb. 1 is set aside by the state to Celebrate Literacy. We will have an evening event on January 24<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming home soon. We hope your family will be able to join us. 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>.

### **VISITOR ACCESS SYSTEM**

All of the front doors will be locked after 8:25 am and all visitors must be identified and buzzed into the building. When looking at the school, the door farthest to the right will be the door visitors will use. You must have your drivers' license or other form of picture identification. You will push the button located on the panel attached to the wall. Someone in the front office will greet you to determine the reason for your visit (ex. check student out, have lunch with my child, volunteer in the classroom/media center). You will present your ID and the staff will let you know if the door has been unlocked and remind you to come into the office to get a visitors' badge. If a person doesn't have ID, they may be escorted into the building by an employee. Please be patient as we adjust to this new standard and remember that Mrs. Caraway is also answering phone calls and handling other requests. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to provide the safest building possible.

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

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas Break and are ready for everything 2019 has in store!! Even though it hasn't felt much like winter outside, I'm sure cold weather will be upon us soon. On cooler days, 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. **Safety:** If you use parent pick-up line, all cars must display a pick-up tag indicating the child's name. If you do not have a tag you will be asked to park, so that you can 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. We all know how important each day will be throughout the rest of this school year. Here are some suggestions for helping make the remainder of this year successful for your child... 1) Keep bedtimes consistent 2) Make sure your child maintains a healthy diet 3) Encourage your child to meet specific goals for the month- such as perfect attendance in January and/or improving homework/classwork grades 4) Be mindful of attendance and tardiness. By working together, we can help all our students meet their academic goals.

Please join me in congratulating SSDI's 2018-19 School Related Employee of the Year, Mrs. Marjorie Tinch. Mrs. Tinch is a wonderful role model to our students and does a fantastic job working with the students in Mrs. Flanders and Miss Wilchar/Mrs. Longhurst's classes. Mrs. Tinch will be honored at the District's Award Banquet in March.

### **NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER**

Students are encouraged to read the Sunshine State books. The monthly book club meeting will begin in February. The first book is Wish.

### **NEWS FROM P.E.**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Coach Williams, Coach Ward, and I hope that you had a happy holiday season! We will begin the new year with our *fishing unit*, Jan 8-18. Following that will be *golf* from Jan 22-Feb 1. Running Club will resume on January 11. Please encourage your student to wear closed toed shoes to PE each day to avoid injury to their feet. By January 8<sup>th</sup>, your student should bring home a separate red letter from the PE department. Please take time to look over the information about our **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kids Marathon** held at SSDI. Parents will need to register students by the strict and important deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> if he or she is interested in participating in this awesome event this year! Lastly, please mark your calendars and plan for our **Bicycle Safety Unit** which will run from February 19-March 7 and **Field Day/Kite Day** on March 13. Students may bring their bikes from home to ride during our Bicycle Safety Unit, but must bring their own lock so they can lock it up each day. Every student will need a helmet to ride. More information will be sent home about our Bicycle Safety Unit. Have a wonderful January!  
Coach Keller, Coach Williams & Coach Ward

### **NEWS FROM PTSO**

**Box Tops:** We continue to collect General Mills' Box Tops, so please keep saving them. Our next Box Top Collection date will be this Friday, January 11.

### **POP TABS**

Students may bring in pop tabs and give them to their teacher. Each grade level has a container that is weighed and the winner for November is 5<sup>th</sup> grade with 20 pounds! Third grade had 5 pounds and 4<sup>th</sup> grade had 6 pounds. 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 January 9, 2019, at 9 am.

## TITLE ONE

Parents are encouraged to view the district's webpage (parents & community—departments—C.I. A.—federal programs) for more information about the district Title 1 program. Documents relating to our Title 1 program are available on our website or parent resource center. 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 any 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 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.pfd>  
<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5390/urlt/0081015-mathfs.pdf>

## STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students for winning at the school's 5<sup>th</sup> grade spelling bee. 1<sup>st</sup> place: Ozy Salmon, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Zoey Mattes, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Griffin Cox. Ozy will represent SSDI on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sandy Sansing Spelling Bee. Best wishes Ozy!

These students made it to the final National Geo Bee. We are proud of them and look forward to watching them compete on January 17<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Bodden Atkinson, Vivian Otts, Kalyn Pinckard, Karl Schultz AND 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Alex Collell, Logan Jumonville, Kailynn Murphy, Adam Penrod, Dade Shrecengost, Shrinithi Sridhar, and Allison White.



## January's Calendar of Events



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| Jan 7        | STUDENTS RETURN; begin 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks                                     |
| Jan 9        | SAC Meeting 9 am   |
| Jan 11       | Box Tops Collection; Pie in the Face (PTSO) for winners of cookie dough fundraiser |
| Jan 14       | Sandy Sansing's Spelling Bee   |
| Jan 16       | Class and Club Pictures  |
| Jan 17       | National Geographic Competition Final Round  |
| Jan 18       | Report Cards   |
| Jan 21       | Martin Luther King's birthday NO SCHOOL  |
| Jan 24       | Literacy Family Night; TasteBUDS spirit night                                      |
| Jan 28-Feb 1 | Literacy Week (special event ideas will be sent home soon)                         |
| Jan 31       | PBIS event—book character dress up \$5 Patriot Bucks                               |