

# *S.S. Dixon Intermediate School*



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

It is hard to believe there are only 2 months of school left for the 19-20 school year! March is a fun month with Field Day, Kite Day, PI Math Team Competition, and Spring Break. When we return from spring break we begin what many consider a stressful time of the year known as the testing season. To me, it is a time for our students to shine. They can show how much they know! Please encourage your student to do their very best on any assessment they might take. Please do your best not to schedule appointments on testing dates because most students do better when they can take the assessment on the same day as their classmates in their own classrooms.

*National Breakfast Week* will be celebrated March 2-6. Parents are welcomed to come and join their child for breakfast. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, we have a group of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in the Pi Math Competition at Pensacola High School. They will compete individually and in teams against other schools from Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties. *Field day/kite day* will occur on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Our students participate in individual and team events. After our morning field day activities, students go outside to fly kites. It is always a pretty sight seeing the kites in the air! Please plan to come out and join us! **Spring Break** begins with a planning day on March 13<sup>th</sup> and continues with no school from March 16-22. Students return to school on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tutoring (**math camp**) for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will begin on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Identified students are bringing home information this week.

You don't want to miss out on the 19-20 YEARBOOK. Please be sure to visit Jostens.com or send in \$30.00 to place your order. You may contact Mrs. Ballard if you have questions- [ballarda@santarosa.k12.fl.us](mailto:ballarda@santarosa.k12.fl.us).

Our Annual Report Card can be found on our website, in the binder located at the parent resource center, or by visiting <https://edudata.fldoe.org/ReportCards/Schools.html?school=0331&district=57>. **School choice** dates are April 10-May 25. If you are interested in attending a school outside the zone where you live, you will need to download the form located at the district website, complete it, and send it to the appropriate person listed on the form. Completion of the form does not guarantee approval to attend the school of choice.

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' Happening**

**Welcome to March!** The weather can be erratic this time of year. Please make sure your child dresses appropriately each day and has a jacket on days when the temperature is expected to drop. If your child has lost a jacket, please remind them to double check our lost and found area. **Safety** - Car Riders - double check your current pick-up tags. 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. Visit the front office to purchase a pick-up tag. **Quick Fact** - Chronically absent students tend to perform lower than their better-attending peers on math and reading assessments and chronic absences can be associated with a lack of certain social skills, including a child's ability to pay attention, work independently, adapt to change, and persist in tasks. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school (2 days per month), negatively affects a student's academic performance. With testing season quickly approaching, regular attendance and promptness are good habits and are greatly appreciated.

## 2020 STANDARDIZED TESTING

Here are the dates for Florida Standards Assessment testing:

FSA English Lang Arts	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	April 1 & 2
FSA Writing Test	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	April 1
FSA Writing Test	5 <sup>th</sup> grades	April 2
FSA Math	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	May 7 & 8
FSA English Lang Arts	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	May 5 & 6
FSA Math	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	May 7 & 8
FSA English Lang Arts	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	May 5 & 6
FSA Math	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	May 7 & 8
FCAT Science	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	May 11 & 12

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.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/science.stml>.

## NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

Voting for students' favorite Sunshine State book will take place on April 14<sup>th</sup>. To be eligible to vote, students must have read or listened to at least 3 of the current books. Our spring book fair will begin April 6<sup>th</sup>. Information about volunteering will be available soon.

## NEWS FROM P.E.

Bicycle safety is off to a great start!

Bike safety will continue until Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Students may pick up their bikes that afternoon, Thursday, March 5, or Friday, March 6. We ask that all bicycles be removed from the school grounds by 3 p.m. on March 6 as we have to begin preparing for Field Day. Field Day/Kite Day will be held on Wednesday, March 11 here at SSDI. Students may bring a kite of their own to fly or fly with a friend. Students may purchase a Kona Ice during their lunch time on Field Day. If they wish to purchase Kona Ice, they need to bring their money the day of Field Day. No Kona Ice money will be collected and held by teachers. Kona Ice ranges in price from \$3-\$5. After Spring Break we will do our spring physical fitness testing. We hope you all have a safe, enjoyable and relaxing Spring Break March 16-20! Coach Keller, Coach Williams, and Coach Ward

## NEWS FROM PTSO

It is time to start looking for parents to serve as PTSO board members for the 20-21 school year. Please consider serving! **Box Tops:** Please continue to collect box tops. **Coupon Fundraiser:** We appreciate the families who were able to support SSDI during the coupon fundraiser. The list of top winners will be available soon.

## 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 March 25, 2020, at 9 am.

## TITLE ONE

SS Dixon Intermediate's Parent & Family Engagement Plan was sent home with students (electronically or paper copy) and is also available on our website. There are other resources in the parent binder, including the School Improvement Plan and Annual School Report Card. 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 be sure to request a form to complete and return to school. It takes about a month to receive approval from the school board. If you only plan to go on field trips, you only have to complete the field trip attendance 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>). All of the students' textbooks are located on classlink. To access textbooks, click on: Think Central for reading, Pearson for math and science, and McGraw Hill for social studies. If your child says they forgot their book at school you can access a copy on classlink so they can read or complete homework. Another great site to help with math is Mr. Math Blog, <http://www.mrmathblog.com>. Students are also able to access Imagine Math and Freckle which provide additional practice.

The following websites have English Language Arts (lafs) and Math (maths) 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>

If you are looking for information about FSA testing, please visit: <http://fsassessments.org/>



## March's Calendar of Events



1-5	Bike Safety
2-6	National School Breakfast Week
7	Pi Math Competition math team at Pensacola High
11	Field Day & Kite Day
12	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks
13	Planning Day NO SCHOOL
16-20	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
25	SAC Meeting @ 9 am