

News from SSA-Broadway

April 1, 2016



Principal's Note

Our **Family Potluck Picnic** is this Saturday. We will grill hotdogs and share the delicious dishes that our families bring. There will be a jumping castle for the kids, so bring your folding chairs and Frisbees and plan on an afternoon of fun. We will meet at Palo Verde Park (by the school) at 3pm.

We are happy to say that our **school website** has been upgraded and we are making every effort to keep it up to date and full of the information you want and need. You can find calendars, lunch forms, applications, and more. If you would like to make a suggestion for the website, let us know at Broadway@SonoranSchools.org and we will check with our WebMaster.

The **2016-17SY calendar** has been finalized and is included in this newsletter. We are working hard to keep you informed so you know important events and can plan your vacations.

We have a lot going on this **summer** at our campus. Camp Invention is a week-long day camp; summer school will be available for students who need extra help to catch up to their grade level; and, we will have Summercare with our Aftercare Staff.

Next week we begin **AzMerit Testing** for grades 3 through 8. They will take writing next week and other subjects later in the month. This is our mandatory state testing that all Arizona schools do. These tests are computer-based, but they are not all multiple choice. More information about these tests are included in this newsletter, as well as the schedule. If you have any questions, you can contact your Homeroom Teacher or [Mrs. Saadet](#), our Test Coordinator.

Daily attendance is important all year. Regular attendance contributes to success in school. During **test week**, it is crucial that all students are on time so they understand all the instructions and have enough time to complete their tests without worry. Please make every effort to bring your child to school each day, on time.

We know our teachers have prepared our students for state testing and our students shouldn't be stressed about it. This is their opportunity to show us what they know.

Coming Events

- 4/2 – Saturday tutoring
- 4/2 – Family Picnic
- 4/4 – AzMerit testing begins this week
- 4/4 – Parent Booster meeting, 5:30
- 4/6 – SoM Assemblies
- 4/7 – Chipotle fundraiser
- 4/7 – Open House, 5pm – 7pm
- 4/9 – Saturday tutoring
- 4/12 – Volunteer Breakfast
- 4/13 – Ice cream floats for sale
- 4/15 – Last day for 2015 Tax Credits
- 4/16 – Barnes & Noble Bookfair
- 4/29 – Half Day
- 4/29 – Elementary Culture Night
- 5/2 – Spirit Week / Book Fair
- 5/13 – K-8 Field Day
- 5/19 – Last day of school

Enrollment Information Sessions / Open House

Each Open House begins with a presentation and an opportunity to ask questions. Then, we have tours of the school by our staff and more answers. As always, we have refreshments. Tell your friends and family to join us for an Open House to see if SSA-B is the right school for their children.

Thursday, 4/7, 5pm to 7pm

Saturday, 4/23, 12noon to 2pm

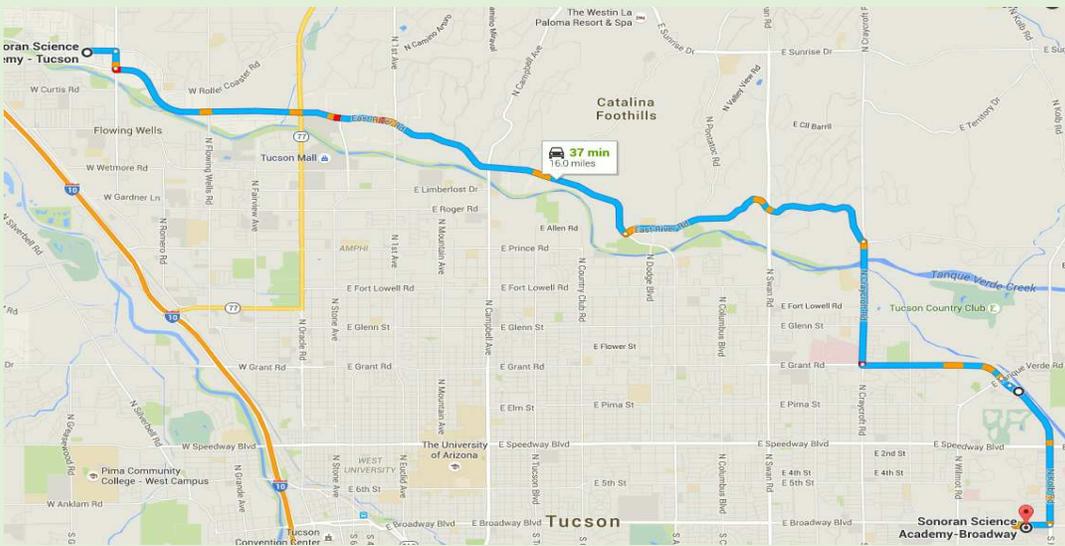
Saturday, 5/7, 12noon to 2pm

Thursday, 5/12, 5pm to 7pm

2nd grade trip to Colossal Cave



Good news! We are planning to offer **bus service to SSA-Tucson high school campus** next year for our current Broadway students who would like to attend high school there. We are working with a minivan / bus transportation company. As long as we have at least 6 students, we can start the program with a minivan and add more as needed. The cost will be \$120 per month to be paid from August to May (10 months). The bus will pick up students from the Broadway campus at 7:20 each morning. They will leave the SSA-Tucson campus at 4:20 to allow students to stay after for clubs and tutoring, arriving back at Broadway around 5pm. If you are interested in this service, please fill out this short [interest form](#) so we can estimate how many are interested. Another option we are looking at is a bus stop around Grant and Craycroft and one at River and Alvernon for the same price.



April 2016

Character Trait of the Month COOPERATION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1st Grade Field Trip	2 Family Picnic 3pm - 6pm
3	4 AzMerit Testing begins	5	6 SoM Assemblies Nacho Sale	7 Chipotle fundraiser EIS / Open House 5pm - 7pm	8	9 Saturday tutoring
10	11	12 Volunteer Breakfast	13 Ice cream float\$	14	15 Last day for 2015 Tax Credits Progress reports	16 Barnes & Noble Bookfair 9am - 2pm (No tutoring)
17	18	19	20	21	22 Kinder Field Trip	23 EIS / Open House 12 noon
24	25	26	27	28	29 Elementary Cultural Night Half Day	30

SSA-B 2016-2017 Parent Calendar

July 2016

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

January 2017

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

August 2016

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

February 2017

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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27	28			

September 2016

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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March 2017

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October 2016

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31				

April 2017

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

November 2016

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

May 2017

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

December 2016

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
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 First and Last Day for Students

 Holidays

 Vacation Days

 Early Release Days

 HD Half Day / Teacher In-Service

Registration - Last Name A-L	9am-5pm, 7/27/2016
Registration - Last Name M-Z	9am-5pm, 7/28/2016
Tucson Cluster In-Service	7/28/2016
Registration Make-Ups	7-10am, 2-6pm, 7/29/2016
First Day of School	8/1/2016
Back to School Night - Grades K-2	3:30-5:30pm, 8/9/2016
Back to School Night - Grades 3-8	3:30-5:30pm, 8/11/2016
Clubs/Tutoring Start	8/15/2016
Progress Report (1)	9/2/2016
Labor Day, No School	9/5/2016
Parent Teacher Conference	9/6-9/2016
Remembrance Day	9/11/2016
Half-Day, Teacher In-Service	9/16/2016
Progress Report (2)	10/7/2016
Fall Break	10/10-14/2016
Progress Report (3)	11/10/2016
Veterans Day, No School	11/11/2016
Half-Day, Teacher In-Service	11/18/2016
Thanksgiving, No School	11/24-25/2016
Half-days, MS Final Exams	12/20-22/2016
Semester 1 Last Day	12/22/2016
Semester 1 Report Card (4)	12/22/2016
Winter Break	12/23/2016 - 1/9/2017
Teacher In-Service, No School	1/9/2017
First day of Second Semester	1/10/2017
MLK Day, No School	1/16/2017
100th Day	1/17/2017
Panoramic Picture day	TBD
Progress Report (5)	2/10/2017
Science Fair	2/15/2017
Parent Teacher Conference	2/13-16/2017
Half-Day, Teacher In-Service	2/17/2017
Rodeo Break, No School	2/23-24/2017
Picture Day(Spring Prepaid)	TBD
Progress Report (6)	3/17/2017
Spring Break	3/20-24/2017
Progress Report (7)	4/13/2017
Good Friday, No School	4/14/2017
AzMerit/AIMS	TBD
Half-Day, Teacher In-Service	5/12/2017
Half-days, Final Exams	5/17-19/2017
End of Year Report Card (8)	5/19/2017
Last Day of School	5/19/2017
8th Grade Graduation	5/19/2017

***Wednesdays are early release days.

***School tours at 9am and 2pm Thursdays by appt.

Approved by Governing Board
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SSA-Broadway Summertime 2016



Expedition Earth



May 23rd — July 22nd



Prices

Weekly	\$125
Daily	\$30
Registration	1 Child -\$40
	Family - \$75

Registration includes summer tee shirt.

Discounts are available for summer school students.

Program is closed :

- May 30th for Memorial Day
- July 4th for Independence Day



Check out our [Facebook](#) page
for a video starring
Ms. Stroud's 3rd grade class!



WHAT TECHNOLOGY TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS??

- * **Writing Guide & Dictionary/Thesaurus Tool:** Students will have access to the writing guide tool and the dictionary/thesaurus during the entire writing test.
- * **Scratch Paper:** We will provide scratch paper (plain, lined, or graph) to all students.
- * **Expand/Collapse Passage:** Expand/enlarge a passage for easier readability. These can also be collapsed if needed.
- * **Zoom In/Zoom Out:** Students will be able to enlarge the font and images in the test. Undo zoom in and return the font and images in the test to original size.
- * **Highlighter:** Highlight text in a passage or item.
- * **Line Reader:** Students can track the line he or she is reading.
- * **Mark (Flag) for Review:** Students can Mark an item for review so that it can be easily found later.
- * **Pause/Start:** Students can pause and restart the test throughout the testing session to allow for breaks as needed.
- * **Review Test:** Students can review the test before ending it.
- * **Strikethrough:** Cross out answer options for multiple-choice and multi-select items.
- * **Text-to-Speech Instructions:** Instructions can be read aloud to students. All students will have headphones provided for each testing session.
- * **Tutorial:** There is a short video about each item type and how to respond that we will show students prior to the test beginning.



NOT ALL MULTIPLE CHOICE

AzMERIT is not ALL multiple choice answers. Here are some types of questions students may see:

MATH

- Multiple Choice
- Short Answer
- Drag-and-drop
- Interactive

ELA - Writing & Reading

- Writing From Sources
- Two Part Questions
- Multiple Choice
- Select Multiple Answers
- Finding Evidence
- Short Answer/Essay

- Ensure that your child gets plenty of rest the night before the tests.
- Ensure that your child gets a healthy breakfast.
- Be sure that your child arrives on time to school each day.
- Bring a water bottle and healthy snacks to school.
- Leave your child an encouraging note that they can read just before they get started.



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Camp Invention is coming to:

Sonoran Science Academy - Broadway
6880 East Broadway Blvd.

Tucson, AZ 85710

June 13 - 17, 2016

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Directed by: Seljan Saadet

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2016 AZ-Merit 3-8th Grade Math, Reading and Writing Test Schedule

	Mon, April 4	Tu, April 5	Wed, April 6	Th, April 7	Fr, April 8
9:15-10:45	3S-3G/Writing	4th-5th/Writing	8th/Writing	6th-7th/Writing	

	Mon, April 18	Tu, April 19	Wed, April 20	Th, April 21	Fr, April 22
8:15-9:40	6th-7th/R1	8th/R1		6th-7th/R2	8th/R2
9:45-11:10	3S-5th/R1	3G-4th/R1		3S-5th/R2	3G-4th/R2

	Mon, April 25	Tu, April 26	Wed, April 27	Th, April 28	Fr, April 29
8:15-9:40	6th-7th/M1	8th/M1		6th-7th/M2	8th/M2
9:45-11:10	3S-5th/M1	3G-4th/M1		3S-5th/M2	3G-4th/M2