NEWSLETTER

November 2026

Important update: Christmas Program moved to Wednesday, December 16th

HELLO NOVEMBER

As we dive into November, we're embracing the season of learning, gratitude, and growth. Students are engaged in exciting activities and deepening their understanding each week. Here's a look at what's happening this month!

NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH

November is National Native American Heritage Month. SFPES will celebrate by having a "Spirit Week" Nov. 16-20, 2026. Wear any native attire and/or jewelry each day during this week. Each day is open for what you want to wear (jewelry, traditional hair style, clothing, moccasins, etc.).

CHILLY WEATHER

Outdoor recess is an important part of your child's school day. It gives students a chance to enjoy fresh air, stay active, and play in ways that aren't always possible indoors. Whenever it's safe and practical, we will make every effort to hold recess outside. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for our chilly mornings and warm afternoons. As the weather gets colder, we will monitor temperatures to determine inside recess.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

When: November 19, 2026

Time: K-2 @10:00am, 3-5 @11:00am, and 6-8 @12:00pm

Location: School Cafeteria:

Welcome parents & grandparents to eat with your child(ren).

TURKEY TROT

Ms. Boyd is planning a fun activity for PE where students will get to participate in a fun race activity known as a Turkey Trot on Wednesday, November 18th. Officer Montoya will be joining the fun with our students. Come cheer on our students-2nd & 3rd grades: 12:30-1:00pm, kindergarten & 1st grade: 1:00-1:30pm, 4th & 5th grades: 1:30-2:00pm; and Middle School: 2:15-2:45 p.m. This is an outdoor event.

CLASSROOM NEWS

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Kindergarten

Kindergarten News from Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Sandoval. Happy Fall! We had a wonderful and successful field trip to the Galloping Goat Pumpkin Patch, and we are also proud to share that seven students were eligible for the Attendance Incentive field trip to ELEVATE! Congratulations to our attendance award recipients: Hannah for Perfect Attendance, and Mila, Darrion, Elena, Joseph, Noah, and Ariyah for Faithful Attendance. We would also like to wish Leighton a very happy birthday on November 1st!

1st Grade

On October 16th, we had our First Quarter Awards Assembly. Faithful Attendance: Evangeline, Malika, Jesslynn, Jordan, Kenyah. Perfect Attendance: Zander. Honor Roll: Evangeline, Trevor, Jesslynn, Zander, Jordan. Students that earned attendance awards will attended the Elevate Fieldtrip on October 20th. WAY TO GO!!!

1st Grade

We are celebrating our 10 first-grade students who had fewer than 2 absences during the first quarter and 6 students who made Honor Roll! The 10 first-grade students earned the opportunity to attend our attendance field trip to Elevate Trampoline Park. Way to go! Let's keep working toward our next goal: all 15 first-grade students attending the next attendance field trip! Everyday counts, and we are excited to see even more students reach their attendance and academic goals.

3rd Grade

We are working on writing a How-to article, reading about how plants and animals live together and continue to learn strategies to solve multiplication problems. The students receive math homework 2 to 3 times a week. Please check student blue home folders for homework, flyers from the school about upcoming events and graded work. The students are all working hard to learn new skills and applying them in their work. Thank you for all your support!

4th & 5th Grade

Fourth & Fifth Grade are learning, Growing, and Celebrating Together! The weather is changing, fall festivities are just around the corner, and our students are working hard to build their reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking skills. We have many wonderful learning activities taking place in our classrooms, and we are excited to share some of them with you!

4th Grade

Let's Debate! One of the most exciting activities in our classroom is classroom debate! Students participate in role-playing activities, explore different points of view, and formulate opinions about selected topics. They learn to support their ideas with reasons and evidence while listening respectfully to others.

MS ELA

In ELA, students are exploring personal narratives about meaningful childhood experiences that teach important lessons about life. They are learning how writers use personal experiences to share their thoughts, feelings, and reflections. Students will write their own personal narratives about an event from childhood that helped shape who they are today. We will also explore how people from different generations can influence one another through shared experiences, advice, and life lessons. Through reading and discussion, students will examine important milestones on the journey from childhood to adulthood. They will identify how challenges, decisions, and relationships can lead to personal growth and a deeper understanding of the world. By the end of the unit, students will strengthen their storytelling skills and recognize how life experiences help us learn, grow, and connect with others.

Congratulations to Charlyn for taking 1st place in our school Spelling Bee!

MS Science

Science Spotlight: Catching Water!

Where can we find the water we need to survive? Middle school Science students are discovering how scientists are developing innovative technologies to capture potable (drinkable) water from the ocean and even the air!

Students are researching these amazing solutions and creating visual aids to share what they learn in their "Catching Water" presentations. From thermal desalination and reverse osmosis to atmospheric water harvesting, students are exploring how technology can turn seawater and moisture in the air into usable water. They are also learning about rainwater harvesting, fog collection, and dew collecting.

Each technology offers a unique approach to helping communities access this essential resource. Through their research, students are discovering how science, engineering, and creativity can help address global water challenges. We are proud of our young scientists as they explore ways to help communities access one of our most important resources—clean, safe water!

Thank YOU!

A huge thank you to our families, staff, and Tribal Programs for making our 1st Annual Trunk-or-Treat a success! The students had a SPOOKTACULAR time and are looking forward to next year. If you have ideas for a schoolwide activity, come join ATO.