

November 2023

# Paw Print

*Together, We Grow at Coronado Elementary*



## ROCK STAR WINNERS!



## What's Happening at Coronado?

Coronado Family,

October was a great month full of many different activities! We had the finish of our School Marathon where students completed over 10,000 miles. We also had our second annual Trunk or Treat that was a big success.

As we move forward into November, we look forward to Big Little Day, which is always a great day! As a staff, we know that November also means it is time for the Chili Cook-Off which is always a great and tasty competition here!

As the year continues, I look forward to seeing great growth in all of our amazing students!

Tyler Burnett  
Principal, Coronado Elementary

# Counselor Notes

During the end of October, we had a great time with spirit week at school celebrating Red Ribbon week. I wanted to offer some suggestions about talking to your children about the dangers of illegal drugs and tobacco products.

A warm, open family environment – where children are encouraged to talk about their feelings, where their achievements are praised, and where their self-esteem is bolstered – encourages children to come forward with their questions and concerns. When children don't feel comfortable talking to parents, they're likely to seek answers elsewhere, even if their sources are unreliable. Children who aren't properly informed are at greater risk of engaging in unsafe behaviors and experimenting with drugs.

## **Preschool to Age 7**

Before you get anxious about talking to young children, take heart. You've probably already laid the groundwork for a discussion. For instance, whenever you give a fever medication or an antibiotic to your child, you have the opportunity to discuss the benefits and the appropriate and responsible use of those drugs. This is also a time when your child is likely to be very attentive to your behavior and any guidance that you provide. Start taking advantage of "teachable moments" now. If you see a cigarette ad in the convenience store, talk to your child about smoking, nicotine addiction, and what smoking does to person's body. This can lead into a discussion about other drugs and how they can potentially cause harm. Keep the tone of these discussions calm and use terms that your child can understand. Be specific about the effects of the drugs: how they make a person feel, the risk of overdose, and the other long-term damage they can cause.

## **Ages 8 to 12**

As your children grow older, you can begin conversations with them by asking them what they think about drugs. By asking the questions in a nonjudgmental, open-ended way, you're more likely to get an honest response. Children this age usually are still willing to talk openly to their parents about difficult subjects. Establishing a dialogue now helps keep the door open as children get older and are less inclined to share their thoughts and feelings so openly. Even if your question doesn't immediately result in a discussion, you'll get your children thinking about the issue. If you show your children that you're willing to discuss the topic and hear what they have to say, they might be more willing to come to you for help in the future. News, such as steroid use in professional sports, can be springboards for casual conversations about current events. Use these discussions to provide your children with information about the risks of drugs.



# Nurse News

The school year is just flying by, here we are in November already and the Holiday season will be getting underway! With all the busyness this time of year brings, it is important to make sure your child is getting plenty of rest. School age children need between 9 and 11 hours of sleep every night. We are busy learning and working all day, it is important that your child be rested and ready to learn!

Please remember that if the temperature is above 32 degrees, we will plan to go outside for recess—please dress your student accordingly and send coats, hats, and gloves if needed.

Here is a friendly reminder of when to keep your child home from school:

- Diarrhea, must be symptom-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- Vomiting, must be symptom-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school (so if they threw up last night, they should stay home today—and they will tell us if they threw up last night!).
- Fever over 100.4, must be fever-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- Rash from unknown cause, please bring a physician note saying that the rash is non-contagious.

If your child has any symptoms on the list of possible Covid symptoms, please keep them home until the symptoms are resolved, or a physician has seen them and cleared them to return to school.

We must have a current working phone number for you and an emergency contact in case of emergency or illness. It is helpful, and recommended, to have a plan in place in case your child is ill. Who will pick them up? Who will stay home with them? With a plan already in place, an illness can be less disruptive to your life. Please do your part to keep everyone healthy. Students work and play closely with one another so germs can spread quickly!

Jessica Owens



# Science/Social Studies

For the month of November, we are learning about some interesting topics with fun, hands-on learning in Science, Critical Thinking and Social Studies.

## Science:

- Kindergarten – Animals and the Earth: Earth Systems & Sunlight [Why do bears hibernate? Migration: Where do bugs go in the winter? What's that red thing on a turkey? Sunlight warms the earth.]
- 1st – Animals, Organisms & Ecosystems, Earth Systems [Why are polar bears white? How do animals help their babies survive? Introduction to traits. How can the sun help you if you are lost? What do shadows do when you aren't looking?]
- 2nd – Animals, Organisms, Ecosystems & Interdependent Relationships, Earth Systems [External animal parts. If you floated down a river, where would you end up? Why is there sand at the beach? Where do flash floods happen? What's strong enough to make a canyon?]
- 3rd – Animals, Organisms & Ecosystems, Earth Systems [Why do dogs wag their tails? Variation of traits, Adaptations and the environment. Where do clouds come from? How can we predict when it is going to storm?]
- 4th – Animals, Organisms & Ecosystems/Patterns of Earth's Features [How does your brain control your body? Could a volcano pop up in your back yard? Why do some volcanoes explode? Will a mountain last forever?]
- 5th – Animals, Organisms & Ecosystems/Water and Land on Earth, [Why do you have to clean a fish tank but not a pond? Why did the dinosaurs go extinct? Water Cycles, Water quality and distribution How much water is in the world? When you turn on the faucet, where does the water go?]

## Critical Thinking/Social Studies:

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th:

Learning how to connect the dots between ideas or concepts, solving problems, thinking creatively, and applying knowledge in new ways

Students will view a photograph [Social Studies or Science related] and think about and answer the following questions:

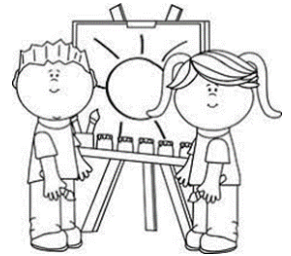
- What is going on in this picture?
- What do you see that makes you say that?
- What more can you find?

Based on personal reflection and understanding, these skills assist students in determining how to understand the world around them.

The students are also having fun with critical thinking puzzles and games as well as logic puzzles.

# ART

You cannot imagine how much creativity we experienced as we did our collages last month! We even managed to start our clay projects at the end of the month! Those will be fired and ready for painting at the end of November. The first of the month, Fourth and Fifth grades will be creating a “Moonlight Moose” as they experiment with chalk pastels. They will learn about tints, shades and how to demonstrate texture. First through Third grades will create a picture of themselves on ice skates. Their ice skates will be assembled with paper, yarn and popsicle sticks. Students will learn about proportion and patterns as they create socks to go with their skates. We have fun in the art room as we use the art elements to create!



## American Education Week

Take the time to celebrate greatness in your school community during November 13 - 17 for American Education Week! SPS is growing greatness and we wanted to share some of the latest news. Our district is proud of who we are and proud of what we do!

- SPS is always looking for new and engaging ways to make STEM approachable and fun. At South Middle School, students are learning how to fix, fly, and fine tune their technical skills with the brand new Drone Club. Students meet once a week to practice using a simulator and take turns piloting the drones around the classroom.
- The Growing Greatness Award is a new program celebrating the staff in our buildings. Our very first winner in September was Jayne Benson, an FNS cook. Congrats to this amazing staff member, whose work supports our teachers and students! This award is sponsored by Nex-Tech.

Check out our district social media pages from November 13-17 to learn more about the greatness that takes place every day, thanks to the amazing staff and community in our buildings.





# St John's Missionary Baptist Church

Apply directly from their website for  
the food outreach program provided.

Deadline for both applications is  
Noon on October 31st, 2023

**<http://stjohnsmbc.com/>**

Thanksgiving Pick up: November 18,  
11am-1 pm. NO DELIVERIES

<https://firstcov.breezechms.com/form/5f35e488>

Christmas Pick up: December 16,  
11am-1 pm. NO DELIVERIES

<https://firstcov.breezechms.com/form/5f35e4>



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# Ark Church Thanksgiving Grocery Giveaway

Saturday November 18th, 2023 @ 8:30 am  
Dean Evan Stadium - 1201 Markley Road



## ANGEL TREE

### THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE 2023 APPLICATIONS

**Applications for  
Angel Tree and Toys (12 yrs and younger)  
will be taken the following days**

**Monday- Nov. 6    Wednesday-Nov. 8    Friday – Nov. 10  
Monday – Nov. 13    Wednesday - Nov. 15    Friday - Nov. 17  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Applications will be taken in person only  
1137 N. Santa Fe**

Each applicant **MUST** provide proof of total  
household income, names, ages,

**AND** identification

for **EACH** household member

(i.e. School ID, Med. Card, Birth cert.,etc.)

**Questions please call 785-823-2251**





# November Calendar

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

2 - Bingo Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.

20 - Big/Little day

3 - Rock Rally 2:00 p.m.

21 - Site Council 11:30 a.m.

7 - PTO 6:00 p.m.

22-24 Thanksgiving Break

10 - Veteran's Day Assembly 2:00 p.m.



## Contact Us

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