



SFCS Weekly Bulletin

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STORYTELLING ASSEMBLIES ON MARCH 13TH

SFCS is excited to present internationally known Native American storyteller Dovie Thomason who will be performing for students on Wednesday, March 13th at 9AM for gr. 5-8 and at 10:30AM for gr. TK-4. Thank you to Ms. Thomason and the Mariposa Arts Council for this special event!

CAASPP PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Please see the letter for parents/guardians of grades 3-8 students attached to today's bulletin with information and resources regarding this year's statewide testing.

THANK YOU, SAVOURY'S!

Thanks to all who purchased delicious tortes from Savoury's! The fundraiser earned \$610 for SFCS. Huge thanks to Mirriam Platto and Savoury's for the generous support!

MS. MIRANDA'S MATERNITY LEAVE

Ms. Miranda will begin maternity leave on Monday, March 18th. We are pleased to have Ms. Dana Swarth serving as her longterm substitute. Ms. Miranda and her husband look forward to the birth of their son in April. We can't wait to meet our newest member of the SFCS family!

UKULELE CONCERT ON MARCH 21ST

Ms. Starchman's third and fourth grade "ukelittles" will be performing a ukulele concert on Thursday, March 21st at 2:30PM in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome to watch these students share much of what they have learned in music this year.

THANK YOU, CARA GOGER!

Executive Director of the Mariposa Arts Council, Cara Goger, worked with grade 3/4 students to take photos in the style of Dorothea Lange, the Room 3 artist of the month. Before taking photos, Ms. Goger shared a presentation on Dorothea Lange and photography tips. The students' photos will be presented in Room 3 soon.

STUDENT EYE SCREENINGS ON MARCH 12TH

SFCS will have the opportunity to perform vision screenings on all students on Tuesday, March 12th through a partnership with the Mariposa Lion's Club. A letter with further information was sent home last week. If you would like to opt your child out of the vision screening, please contact the office today.

PI DAY CARNIVAL ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

In celebration of the mathematical constant Pi (3.14), Ms. Contreras' seventh and eighth graders are planning a Pi Day Carnival with a variety of math games for all students on the afternoon of March 15th. (There is a conflict on the actual date of 3/14, so the celebration has been moved to Friday.) Students will earn tickets for a piece of pie. This is one of the few times per year that sweets will be provided on campus, in accordance with our Wellness Policy. If you would like to assist that day or donate to cover the cost of this special event, please contact the school office.

HELP NEEDED WITH SAND BAGS

SFCS has areas of our school that flood on occasion. Thanks to a donation from Foster's Ace Hardware, we have 50 sandbags. We now need help getting them filled with sand and brought back to school. Sand is available for free at the Mormon Bar Fire Station across from the fairgrounds. If you can help, please contact the office. Thanks!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *Every Monday - Early release at 2PM*
- **Tues., 3/12 - Student Eye Screenings**
- **Wed., 3/13 - Storytelling Assemblies, 9AM for gr. 5-8 and 10:30AM for gr. TK-4**
- **Fri., 3/15 - Pi Day Carnival, 1:30-2:45PM**
- **Thurs., 3/21 - Rm. 3 Ukulele Concert, 2:30PM**
- **Sat., 4/6 - Chili Cookoff, 12-2PM at The Alley**
- **Wed., 4/10 - Enrollment window closes for the 2019/20 school year**

SFCS Home School Enrichment: Week of March 11, 2019

The Core Virtue for March: Compassion

11 Monday:

TK/K	11:40-2pm	Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Spanish and PE
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12 Tuesday:

All Welcome	10-2:30 pm	Vision Screenings, 10:00-2:30PM, call the office for more information
3rd/4th	11:40-3:15	Lunch, Rotations: Garden, Spanish, PE Rotation
5th-8th	12:35-3:05	Music Classes: Band, New Instruments, Violin & Guitar Please let me know if you are interested.

13 Wednesday:

TK-4th	9am	Storyteller Dovie Thompspon Assembly
5th-8th	10:30	Storyteller Dovie Thompspon Assembly
5th/6th	11:40-3:15	Lunch, Garden, Tech, and PE

14 Thursday:

7th/8th	11:40-3:15	Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Tech and P.E.
1st-8th	12:35-1:05	Piano Classes, please contact me if you are interested.
TK/K	1:50-2:20	Music Class
1st/2nd	2:35-3:00	Music Class

15 Friday:

All Welcome	11:40-3:15	Lunch, Pi Day Assembly
1st/2nd	11:40-3:15	Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Spanish and PE

Coming Up:

Wednesday, April 3 Field Trip to Fresno Chaffee Zoo

SFCS Links to Blogs, Web Sites and Curricular Connections:

[Subscribing](#) to classroom blogs and websites is a great way to get ideas from what is happening at school. [The Home School Blog](#)

- [Mrs. Stillwell's TK/K's Blog](#) and [Curricular Connections](#)
- [Mrs. Baumann's 1st and 2nd grades' Website](#) and [Curricular Connections](#)
- [Ms. Starchman's 3rd and 4th grades' Blog](#) and [Curricular Connections](#)
- [Ms. Miranda's 5th and 6th grades' Blog](#) and [Curricular Connections](#)
- [Ms. Contreras's 7th and 8th grades' Blog](#) and [Curricular Connections](#)
- [The SFCS Garden Blog](#) - all grade levels
- [The SFCS Tech Blog](#) - all grade levels & [5-8th Grade Tech Exploration](#)



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Dear Grades 3-8 Parents/Guardians:

One way we measure student progress on academic standards is through the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Students across California in grades 3–8 and high school take these assessments each spring. These tests were created specifically to gauge each student's performance in English language arts/literacy (ELA), mathematics, and science. Given online, the tests are computer-adaptive, allowing more precise measurement of individual skills. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills so your child can get the support needed to be successful in school.

This year, your child will take the following tests, depending on his or her grade level:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for ELA and mathematics: 3rd-8th Grade
- California Science Test (CAST): 5th & 8th Grade

To help your child get ready for the test you can:

- Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Encourage your child to give their best effort on each portion of the test.
- Take a practice test with your child.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.
- Make sure your child arrives at school on time for each testing date. **Our school testing schedule will be as follows:**
 - Grades 3-4: April 9, 10, 11, 16, 17
 - Grades 5-6: May 6-10
 - Grades 7-8: May 13-17

To learn more about these tests, please go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding Web page at <http://bit.ly/ParentGuides2019>. Practice and Training Tests can be found on the CAASPP Web Portal at <http://bit.ly/Practice-TrainingTests>. Here, parents/guardians can experience the kinds of questions that students will encounter on the tests. Each year, a parent/guardian may submit a written request to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of the CAASPP assessments for that school year.

If you have any questions regarding your child's participation in statewide assessments, please contact your child's teacher or inquire in the school office.

Sincerely,

Mindy Bolar
Principal/Superintendent