

January 2024

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SADDLEBACK ELEMENTARY

NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

January 11th

PTO Meeting

6:00 pm
(Library)

January 15th

MLK Holiday

No School

January 18th

**2nd Quarter Awards
Assembly**

8:30 am-3rd – 5th Grade
9:15 am-K-2nd Grade
(enter through MPR)

January 23rd

**1st and 2nd Grade
Musical**

Performance

6:00 pm-1st Grade
7:00 pm-2nd Grade

Jan. 29th – Feb. 2nd

Scholastic Book Fair

Jan. 31st – Feb. 2nd

**Parent/Teacher
Conferences**

Early Release @ 1:10 pm



A Message from Your Principal

Dear Saddleback Families,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the 2023-24 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break and had opportunities to enjoy family and friends.

As we embark on the 2nd semester of school, teachers will be diving even deeper to ensure students master the grade level concepts needed by the end of the year. Before break, students took the midyear FastBridge and SchoolCity assessments. These assessments help us gauge the learning progress of our students. Data from these assessments help to guide instructional approaches and strategies in the classroom. To help students make progress academically, teachers provide instruction using researched based, district adopted curriculum. Students who need additional support are provided targeted intervention, small group instruction, or are provided opportunities to use online instructional programs that are specific to their needs.

The academic progress of students is a joint effort. Engaged parents are a key factor in helping students and schools succeed. With families, schools and communities working together as partners, student achievement is enhanced and children are better prepared to do well in school.

As we enter the new year, I would like to extend an opportunity for you to help the students of Saddleback. Did you know that you can claim an Arizona School Tax Credit as a donation to Saddleback Elementary? All Arizona individual taxpayers are eligible to participate, regardless of whether they have children in school or not. An individual can contribute any amount up to \$200, and a couple filing jointly may contribute up to \$400. Donations directly help to fund educational field trips and offset the cost of activities and programs. You can donate by simply writing a check, or donating online. If you wish to use a debit card, the donation may be made online at musd20.org/give. I hope that you will take this wonderful opportunity to help our students. We appreciate your support.

Please be sure to mark down the important dates for this month on your calendar.

Educationally Yours,

Dr. Marchelle Hasan, Principal

Important Reminders

Check out our school website:
<https://www.musd20.org/ses>

In the Spotlight

We would like to thank one of our special sponsors, Mr. Jose T. from Culvers for providing incentives to our students for positive behavior and demonstrating excellence in their academics. We appreciate the partnerships from our community vendors!

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