



SMSA Booster Club

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"I believe that fortitude is key. More than anything, be consistent. Go at it. Go at it. Go at it. When you succeed, don't forget the responsibility of making someone else succeed with you."- Antonia Novello, Former Surgeon General.

Welcome everyone to the Saguaro MSA Booster Club's twelfth Newsletter. A copy of the previous newsletters is available on the MSA Booster Facebook page.



A BIG congratulations to our Saguaro Sabercat's Robotics Team! They are going to the World Robotics Competition in Houston next month! It was truly a team effort! It was their community outreach program that put them over the top and propelled them into the finals. It's not just about the robot, the team's philanthropic work exciting the next generation is what impressed the judges!





A big shout out to Skowronek family for hosting a beautiful MSA Valentine Party. A bigger shout out to all the students and parents that made the party a success!!



BLOCK your date for our next social event



April 10th Bingo Night

We are seeking ~\$10 gift card donations; General Booster meeting at 6pm; Bingo Night starts at 7pm ***More details coming soon***

Support our next fundraiser



PANDA IN THE COMMUNITY

Date: March 27, 2024

Time: 09:00 AM to 09:30 PM

Location: Store# 3288 9164 E. Talking Stick Way



Melody Makers

The Melody Makers project, initiated by MSA students, aims to introduce 3rd-5th grade students to the interdisciplinary relationship between STEM and music. Through engaging lessons, interactions, professional development for teachers, and lesson publication, they inspire future generations of students, musicians, and engineers. At Navajo and Echo Canyon Elementary, students explored 3D printing using TinkerCAD software to design their own pet rocks, and received 3D printed

recorders along with music lessons. By fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and an appreciation for the arts, this project facilitates the transfer of math and science skills to young learners.



Mu Alpha Theta update

- *St. Jude Math-a-thon: with local elementary schools, group will likely bring math competition into the elementary schools*
- *M3 challenge: 14 hour math competition, March 3*
 - *Team of 5 filled already*
 - *They find out what they are working on at 7am that day*
 - *ie, '23 topic: E -bikes and effect on environment*
 - *The competition includes research, math, and writing*
- *Math league: After school events at the end of March - selecting dates now (perhaps Mon and Wed)*



MSA Graduation Event

- *Student and Parent volunteers needed on May 15 for MSA Grad Event*
- *Parent help needed at 4pm for set up and at end (~7-9pm for tear down)*



Our kids are super busy as always!! SMSA Events for March & April

Events open for all

03/27: ACT Study

04/13: SMSA STEAM Showcase

04/04: Resume Review

TBD: MSA T-Shirt Contest (details coming out soon)

5/15: MSA Awards

Robotics

3/13 - 3/16: FRC regionals robotics competition at Chaparral High School.

3/20 - 3/23: FRC regionals robotics competition.

4/17- 4/20 FRC Championships

Science Olympiad

4/6: State Science Olympiad



Tax credit

Arizona law allows taxpayers to receive a dollar for dollar tax credit of up to \$200 for individual filers and up to \$400 for married filers for contributions made to SUSD schools? You can claim the tax credit when filing your Arizona State Income Tax return for 2023 if you donate before April 15 and for tax year 2024 if donate anytime now until next spring.



MSA Booster Board Members

- *Shanda Carrithers and Melanie Abts as Co-Presidents*
- *Swati Ghorpade as Vice President*
- *Scott Skowronek as Event Coordinator*
- *Sara Uribe as Treasurer*
- *Alix Wilson as co-secretary*
- *Jackie Bartoletti as co-secretary*
- *Sumana Mandala was the Past President*
- *Additional parent volunteers:*
 - *Deb Baptiste (on-needed tasks)*
 - *Candace Gimbel (fundraising)*
 - *Melissa Berry, Katrina Lee (events)*



MSA Booster Board positions are opening for next year. We're looking for enthusiastic parents to join, contribute and be a part of shaping our students' future. Contact saguaromsa@gmail.com to get involved!



MSA Fundraising Report

*Highlights: \$5k donation received from **Tyler Skowronek's grandparents Marilyn & Ralph Wilson***

Through the generosity of our MSA families, we hope to raise funds this year to support our growing program and activities. If every family donates just \$25-\$50 we can reach our goals and provide our students, staff, and Saguaro Community with excellent opportunities!!







MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS: All donations are appreciated! MSA Boosters is a registered 501c(3) and we will provide a receipt for your records

Please include your name, the donation amount, and your address. Ways to Donate:

- Zelle: saguaromsa@gmail.com
- PayPal: Search Saguaro Math and Science Academy Boosters
- Check: Payable to "Saguaro MSA Boosters". Mail to: MSA Boosters, 6250 N 82nd St, Scottsdale, AZ 85250
- Passive donations - Fry's: Log into your Fry's account and select Saguaro MSA as a Community Rewards designation. Fry's/Kroger will mail a check every quarter to MSA. All donations are 100% utilized for MSA students, MSA teachers, and MSA events. Thank you so much for your generosity!



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