



# Sierra School of Gilbert

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## Quarter 3 Wrap-up

We are grateful for our exceptional staff and all the time and effort they put into celebrating Global School Play Day. On February 4<sup>th</sup>, students had the opportunity to join over 600,000 children participating across 75 countries in this inspirational day celebrating play as an integral part of child development. Students participated in a variety of messy play activities and had loads of fun.

The state testing window opens in April for all students. Additional information will be provided regarding your child's specific testing information. While we may not be able to get everyone excited about upcoming tests, we can set up the environment to increase the likelihood of success and decrease the likelihood of stress and anxiety. For students with more intensive test anxiety, talking with the school counselor to develop a plan might also be helpful.

Thank you to the parents, guardians, grandparents and everyone that supports us. It's a team effort and we cannot do it without each other.





We love donations! Teachers are in need of the following items for upcoming activities:

- Blue construction paper
- Green construction paper
- Seed packs (flowers)
- Clear plastic cups
- Shaving cream
- Clear glue

### Garden Update

The garden has exploded this winter. Thank you to Ms. Sarah who keeps the students learning about horticulture, and to those who donate to our school garden.



### Upcoming Events

- March 13 - 27 - Spring Break
- Tuesday, March 28 - school resumes
- April 7 – Spring Holiday (no school)
- April 21 – Earth Day Celebration
- April 26 – ½ day (noon dismissal)
- May 25 – ½ day (noon dismissal & last day)



- 3/11 - Special Day for Special Kids @ McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
- 4/1 - FREE World Autism Community Day of Celebration @ Scottsdale Ranch Park
- 4/2 - World Autism Day
- 4/4 - Autism Awareness Night hosted by the Phoenix Suns





## Student Spotlight

Sebastian has found a sense of pride in his volunteerism in the community at Sal's Pizza. He is also working at the thrift store making sure he puts on his EMPLOYEES ONLY apron before organizing inventory in the store. He really loves going to work and is increasing the time spent completing tasks before taking a break. He also gets to practice communication skills with fellow employees and new friends he's made while at work. Way to go, Sebastian!



## Welcome New Staff!

We have a few new faces to share with you. Mr. Russell has been supporting our Skills 1 classroom since January. Ms. Dorothy joins our Skills 2 classroom and Ms. Aly joins our HS Community-Based Instruction classroom. Welcome to the Team!



*We wish everyone a safe spring break!*

## Shout out to our Community Partners!

These businesses and organizations partner with us to provide vocational and leisure activities in a supportive environment for our students. Thank you to the following:

Social Spin

Imagine 3-D Mini Golf

Sal's Gilbert Pizza

Grace Community Church

Dessert Industries

Ability 360