

# KEEPING IT SPECIAL

Salt River Elementary School

A quarterly newsletter from the Specialists teachers

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## COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY | Mr. Fernando

### Tech News: Publishing, Design, Recordings

In the 4th quarter, students get to apply what they learned over the year, using:

**Photoshop** 4th Grades were introduced to Photoshop, and image manipulation. We use a web-based application called **PIXLR** that has many of the features found in Photoshop. Students get to understand how to use filters, brushes, and layers to enhance an image.

**Publishing** Transitioning from Word and PowerPoint to Publisher opens up a whole new world to students familiar with Microsoft Word. Publisher is a powerful tool for creating anything from a calendar, or greeting card to a newsletter or book!



**Design Tools** A brand new tool this year, **Sketchpad** helps students design posters and flyers. Sketchpad comes with hundreds of clip art images, and a wide range of tools. Designs could be downloaded and used. The best part is, it's free!

**Audio Recordings.** 6<sup>th</sup> grades used microphones and free (open-source) audio recording software. In addition to trying out a pro-quality microphone in class, students could use the microphone on their headphones to record and edit a message.



## S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT

*The day rockets flew!*

The Specialists Team comes out to support STEAM Night in a big way.

This year's theme was rocketry. It was a day when students brought in their home-made rockets, for the '3-2-1 Lift-Off' Challenge.

The Specialists Team set up a few Maker-Space tables with plenty of material for origami rocket building, to building circuits, and trying out Lego-based engineering models.

STEAM Night was on April 30th.



## From The Library

Good news for Summer Reading! Salt River Elementary subscribes to a fun, new reading program that you and your child can access from home!

**Scholastic BookFlix** is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning. This engaging resource for elementary students will help early readers and reluctant readers develop and practice essential reading skills as well as introduce students to a world of knowledge and exploration.

Your children can access Scholastic BookFlix anywhere there is an Internet connection. This interactive resource will help them get excited about reading and books and extends learning beyond school hours.

Use this Link: <https://bit.ly/2ISQmOa> Username: saltriver Password: saltriver



## LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER | Mrs. Yurek

## Keyboarding During Your Vacation!

Ask your child to keep up with keyboarding on a computer at home.



Students from 2nd—6th grade, could log into EDUTYPING at [www.edutyping.com](http://www.edutyping.com). School username & passwords will work.

Students could also use a free program. **TYPING CLUB**—at [www.typingclub.com](http://www.typingclub.com). For this, no log-in is required!

## MUSIC | Mrs. Doka

### Music Notes



Thanks to all SRES Families, Students and Staff for making this a rewarding musical year for our school! I hope you enjoy some music with your families this summer and celebrate a year well done.



## Art | Mrs. O'Neill

The 1<sup>st</sup> Art Show during STEAM Night was a huge success. The artwork produced by students was absolutely BRILLIANT & AMAZING!!!!

It's been an honor and pleasure creating art with the students at Salt River Elementary. I am incredibly proud of their work!



"If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him."  
John F. Kennedy

## Farewell To Mrs. O'Neill



The Specials teachers like to wish their team member, Buffie O'Neill, every success!



## Physical Fitness Ideas for Summer Fun with Friends

- ◇ Jump in and out of a hula hoop or other object 50 times without stopping.
- ◇ Gather water bottles and stack to play bowling.
- ◇ Throw socks rolled into a ball into the laundry basket, increase distance each time.
- ◇ Flashlight Tag = shine the light on opponents in a hide and seek night game.
- ◇ While on vacation a game teach a new friend what you learned in Playworks.
- ◇ Get a some friends together and start a whiffle ball game.
- ◇ Play basketball.
- ◇ Go on a hike with family or friends.
- ◇ Grab some sidewalk chalk (four square, hopscotch and agility ladders)
- ◇ Have fun in the mud.
- ◇ Turn cups of water into a really fun game.

## PE | Coach Bryan

### PE News

#### Game Area Painting

Recently on a very warm Saturday Staff, Community Members, and school recess partner Playworks refreshed the playground painting 4 square courts, tetherball circles, and hopscotch squares. The colorful areas help students stay engaged in healthy interactive play with others during recess.



#### Triple T Basketball

Students of all grade levels have been learning to become a triple threat on the court by working on basketball related skills (dribbling, passing, shooting) during their physical education class this quarter. In addition to the basic skills and safety students also worked on their triple threat position and a jump stop.



#### Playworks Game of the Month

As part of the Physical education class, we incorporate a game from Playworks into the daily lesson. By far the favorite game this month has been Sharks and Minnows!