



Sentinel Peak High School Newsletter

End of Quarter 1

October 15, 2021

From Our Principal, Mr. Nogami



Dear Scorpions and Scorpion families,

We have completed the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. The first quarter was a huge success. I want to celebrate the hard work of the teachers, students, and staff.

December graduation will be on **Tuesday, December 14, at 6:00 pm**. We are tracking 13 potential December graduates! We will share more information regarding December graduation as we get closer.

Our next site council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 27, at 9:30am**. Please attend if you are available. We will offer this meeting via Zoom and in-person.

~ Mr. Nogami



Mrs. Hejl

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Upcoming Events

Fall Break - NO SCHOOL	October 18-22
Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL	November 11
Desert Museum Field Trip	November 12
AZ Theater Field Trip	November 18
Early Release (11:36 dismissal)	November 24
Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL	November 25-26
Graduation (6:00pm @ FWHS)	December 14
Finals	December 13-16
Records Day - Quarter 2	December 17
Winter Break - NO SCHOOL	December 20-31
First Day of Third Quarter	January 3

Mrs. Federico MATH



Mrs. Federico

First quarter is now complete! We are very proud of all of our students. Many worked hard to complete the coursework and have passed their classes with their effort.

Next quarter I will be teaching two classes of Algebra 2B and one class of Algebra 1B.

I am available to stay after-school most days if any student needs extra help on missing assignments or any questions about the lessons.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!

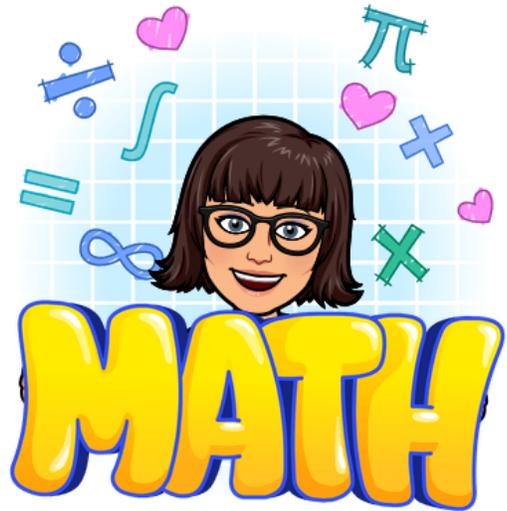
~ Mrs. Federico

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"Life is a math equation. In order to gain the most, you have to know how to convert the negatives into positives."

~ Unknown

SPED News

Quarter one was a fantastic start to the school year with spirit days, activities, presentations, and students completing their final classes. We are so proud of the graduates. Congratulations!

Mrs. Galvez is on campus every day during the school day and in after school study hall Monday through Thursday from 2:45 until 4:30. Study hall is an opportunity to get ahead or catch up after an absence. With each 60 hours of study hall or work experience, you can earn 0.5 elective credit. Mrs. Galvez can be reached on her office phone: 696-8899.

Mrs. Lucas is on campus on Wednesdays. She is available for tutoring and help with writing or other assignments. If you would like help during after school study hall, please make an appointment by calling her office: 696-8596 or sending an email: linda.lucas@fwusd.org.

Attendance matters! Keep coming to school consistently, Scorpions. We look forward to seeing you every day.

~ Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Galvez



Mrs. Lucas

Mrs. Galvez



As first quarter ends, we are all grateful to be back in school.

English II-A students expressed surprise and intrigue at the ending of **Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes**. Many students said it was their favorite “school” novel. Creative assignments for this unit included **“Whose bag is it?”** demonstrating items essential to each character.

English III-A students staged a trial, prosecuting [spoiler alert!] George for killing Lennie. **Prosecutors Josman Ortega and Gaby Magana** were a good match for defense attorneys **Nicole Lucero and Julian Olivas**. The jury found him guilty of one count and not guilty of the other. **Of Mice and Men** also allowed the students to show their creativity by creating a real estate ad for the property George and Lennie hope to buy. (see photos)



Ms. Hankin

Students in English II-A and English III-A again showed their **persuasive writing** skills using Sentinel Peak’s unique **SPLAT 2 (Sentinel Peak Language Arts Test)**, which replaced DAP. For this assessment, students read timely articles, and then compose a persuasive essay citing material from the readings.

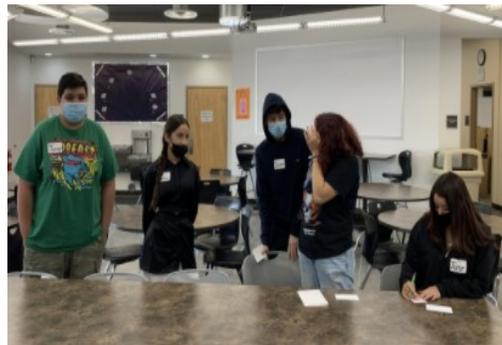
English IV-A students completed the challenging text of **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**, making it timely by exploring the relationship of the **Essential Question**, **“Are humans inherently good or evil?”** to current events. Readings and discussions force the students to examine how we each determine what is good and what is evil. The second half of the quarter focused on the concept of **duality** in Victorian times and today. Students creatively prepared a wanted poster for the murderer of Sir Danvers Carew and a visual representation of the symbolism of doors.

*“The best laid
plans of mice
and men
often go
awry.”
~ Robert Burns*

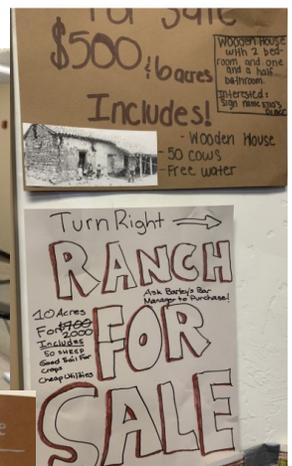
~ Ms. Hankin



Left:
*The infamous
Judge Hankin*

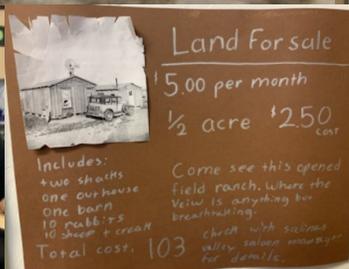


Right:
*The jury deliberates
the verdict*



Samples of the “real estate ads” students created from **Of Mice and Men**.

Right:
*Students
prepare for the
trial of George
for killing
Lennie.*



Mr. Nilson EDGENUITY



Mr. Nilson



**“Follow
One
Course
Until
Success”**

SPHS students are working hard on Edgenuity. Students are completing classes at an astounding pace!

Most students have earned at least one credit by completing two or more Edgenuity classes. Keep up the good work and attend study hall to get ahead or catch up. Graduation is right around the corner!

~ Mr. Nilson

SPHS Wellness

I hope you are having a healthy year! At Sentinel Peak, we have a wellness committee responsible for providing students with information and activities for a healthy lifestyle.

Some of the activities this year will include **Wellness Week, Saturday Hikes, Healthy Eating, Tobacco and Vaping Awareness**, etc.

We look forward to promoting a healthy lifestyle and hope you will provide reinforcement of these concepts at home. Have a great day!



It's been a fun start to the year. We have scoured the campus for hidden army men for prizes, been "bean boozled," dressed in crazy socks, wore pink for Breast Cancer Awareness and created many more fun memories.

We now have our homecoming theme, **Candyland**, and are looking forward to amazing the district with our creativity and imagination. Please stay after school and be a part of the homecoming float.

Mr. Finley US HISTORY/GOVERNMENT

Greetings all!

It is crazy to think that we have already gone through the first quarter. If your student was in my class, know that I enjoyed having them and hope that I will have them again.

The last few weeks have been quite crazy but have also been a lot of fun. In **government**, we have gone through political parties, the media, elections and even Congress. Students even participated in several simulations. That is something I plan to continue in the future because they were getting a different experience in learning this way.

US History was also a joy as we continued to explore our country's history in a thematic method. They went through three units that were based off the first few phrases of the Preamble. "We the People" "To Form a More Perfect Union" and "Establish Justice." Like government, we went through different simulations as I like to break up the process of note taking or reading. This will also be a practice I will use in the second quarter.

~ Mr. Finley



Mr. Finley



"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."

~ John Wooden

SPHS Fun!

Students enjoyed the Crazy Socks Spirit Day! They had to spin a wheel to earn prizes or be "bean boozled!" Other pictures show the CPR Class taught by Mr. Nilson as well as some fun at the cadet program. Students help teachers in the classrooms at Richardson Elementary and Hendricks Elementary.



College and Career Services

Hello Scorpions,

I can't believe we have one quarter down and three to go. We are excited to announce that four of our recent graduates have enrolled at Pima Community College. Our first FAFSA Parent Night of the year will be on November 16 at 6 P.M. We will have representatives from Pima Community College here to help answer questions and walk families through the financial aid process. If you have any questions before then, please feel free to contact me.



Mrs. Alhilfi



We also had 22 students take the ASVAB Career Exploration test. This test allows students to explore different careers and shows their expected growth, required education, and average salaries. Students will also have access to the accompanying database for the next two years.

As always, I am here to be of any help possible.

~ Mrs. A

"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

~ Abraham Lincoln

Rise and Shine!



Mr. Nogami poses with Jason, who completed all of his classes in September.

Way to go, Jason!

Our first Students of the Month! Students of the Month are given a breakfast, a certificate, a shirt and a gift card from the Andra Heart Foundation.

Congratulations, Scorpions!

From left: Stephen, Deven, Cody, Julio and Rosa



Mrs. Lucas is all smiles with Kendrick, who was nominated for Building Blocks Student of the Month for October by Ms. Hankin.

Congratulations, Kendrick!

