



# School Newsletter

## Updates

### Message from Ms. Sheila

Hello Families! I cannot believe that April is over and we have now started the last month of this school year. I look forward to all the things happening during the month of May. I cannot wait to see all the ICD projects that the students are working on. As always, I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Have a wonderful week!

Truly,

Ms. Sheila



### International Children's Day (ICD)

ICD is going virtual. We are in the process of creating an interactive website full of fun activities for our students and families to participate from home. The necessary materials to complete the activities will be handed out on Wednesday, May 19th during the pick up and drop off times (8 - 9:30 am and 3 - 3:45 pm). The ICD webpage will launch on Friday, May 21st.

Safe Travels,  
Mr. Johnny

**Kindergarten** is excited to be able to share what we are learning this year about



Australia. Our kindergarten classes are hard at work creating projects to share about the plants and animals of Australia. We will also be learning about the flag, currency, geography, and important landmarks in Australia.

**Lower Elementary Pumas** welcomes you to Italy! We have been researching



all things Italy; their flag, their language, their food, their clothing, their sports & activities, animals that live there, and celebrities/artists who are from there. We look forward to sharing their projects about Italy!

Kon'nichiwa. This year our **Lower Elementary Mountain Bluebirds** welcome you to Japan! We've learned about Japanese culture, from their food to their music and festivals, and places with a lot of significance geographically. We hope you enjoy the songs you'll hear, and the festivals you'll get to be a part of even without a plane ticket!



## Upcoming Dates/ Events

- 4/12 SBAC testing began (3rd-8th)
- 5/6 5th Grade Science State Test
- 5/13 8th Grade Science State Test
- 5/19 ICD Material pick-up
- 5/21 ICD Virtual Program  
(information to follow)
- 5/26 Last Day for Students
- 5/27 Tentative 8th Grade  
Graduation

SSMCS is currently working remotely on Thursday and Friday, please email teachers directly with any questions. For general questions please email [info@silversandsmcs.org](mailto:info@silversandsmcs.org).

Office Hours are Monday-  
Wednesday 8:30am-3:30pm



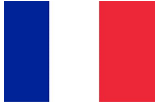
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**Lower Elementary Coyotes** welcomes you to France! Our class has been researching everything from their flag, their language, the food, their clothing, to their sports & activities, animals that live there and celebrities/artists who are from there. The Coyotes look forward to sharing their new knowledge of all things France!



**Lower Elementary Roadrunners** will be taking a close look at the People's Republic of China (which is not to be confused with the Republic of China aka Taiwan). This means that we approach our study from the idea of the fundamental needs of humans. These include both the material and spiritual needs of all people. We have done a lesson known as "Asia with Focus on China" that answers some of the primary questions about the country and its regional setting. This week our 1st years will be doing some research on the foods eaten in the People's Republic of China, while 2nd's and 3rd's will research landmarks and festivals. Thanks goes out to Ms. Rebecca for creating a Chinese lantern project for the children.



**Upper Elementary** boldly and enthusiastically welcomes you to the United States of America! We have been studying all year, and are excited to share our parade of floats, American recipes across time, and games that are distinctly of the states with you. From sea to sea, the Empire State Building to the Golden Gate Bridge, and from apple pie to baseball, we are sending our virtual stars and stripes your way. Hope you have a grand 'ole time linking-in to our ICD celebration.



**6th grade** Marketing Class will be studying The Republic of Cameroon. We will be diving into the marketing, politics, and lifestyle of Cameroonians and sharing those findings with the rest of the SSMCS families. Au Revoir!



**7th grade** has chosen the African country of Chad for ICD. The students will be researching and creating projects of their choice to represent the history, culture, geography and economy of Chad. Students will present visual representations of their projects to share with the school for ICD.



**8th grade** students will be researching the many wonderful countries on the continent of Africa. Students are learning about what daily life looks like for teenagers, the different foods and cuisines, and the amazing natural and cultural resources in Africa.



**Admin/Office** will celebrate ICD representing South America in the beautiful country of Peru! The diverse regions in Peru include the coast which is desert, the Amazon rainforest, and the Andes mountain range. Each has its own unique climates, traditions, and food. We are learning so much about Peru, and cannot wait to share with you some of the amazing and fun facts! Here is a sampling:



- ▶ Peru claims almost 4,000 different varieties of potatoes! Scientists in Peru even tested a variety of potato that would be resilient enough to grow on Mars!
- ▶ The mysterious Nazca lines are hundreds of HUGE geoglyphs that were etched into the ground of the Peruvian desert between 500 BC and 500 AD. Geoglyphs illustrate living creatures, plants, imaginary beings, and geometric figures several kilometers long which make it easier to view from the sky!
- ▶ Three-quarters of the world's alpaca population lives in Peru. Its wool is considered the world's most luxurious fabric, and comes in 22 natural colors.

