



Southern Oregon Success Academy Monthly Newsletter

May 2024

SOSA 2024 Graduation

Please join us in celebrating SOSA's class of 2024. Graduation will be held on Tuesday, June 4th, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Merlin Community Park.

GED Completer Celebration

The GED Completer Celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 29th, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Family Night

Family Night at SOSA was held this month. There was food, drinks, a raffle, and games like math bingo and trivia. The focus of family night was to equip students with new ways to help them excel in math. Check out some photos of family night below!



End of the Year Field Day Event

Please join us for our end-of-the-year event! SOSA will host a Field Day and a barbecue for students and families. This will be held on the last day of school, Wednesday, June 5th, at 10:00 am for field games and a b-b-q at 11:15 am. Families, please plan on attending field day to celebrate a year well done by your student. All adults are \$6 each and \$5 for every nonenrolled child. Payments will be accepted at the door at the time of the event, and you can pay by check or the exact amount of cash.

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Student Corner

Prom was held at the Fruitdale Grange. Students from SOSA Merlin, SOSA West, and those online were all invited. At prom, our very own Alex A. and Jean D. were crowned prom king and prom queen. A big thank you to Candice Currier for planning the event and to everyone who helped make special memories for our students.



SOSA West

April was a busy month for SOSA West middle school students. We learned about and watched the solar eclipse from Mexico, saw it through campus glasses, planted some Mother's Day flowers to take home, and practiced spelling and vocabulary by playing Scrabble. We also finished state testing. Your students have been working hard, and I hope they feel so proud. As always, thank you for sharing them with us!

Ms. Janee



Upcoming Events

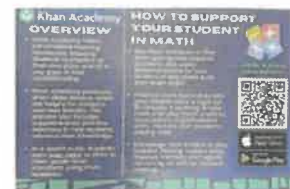
- GED Completer Celebration on Wednesday, May 29th at 4:00 pm
- Class of 2024 Graduation on Tuesday, June 4th at 6:00 pm
- Field Day on Wednesday, June 5th at the Merlin campus


SPED Office Hours

If you have a student who has an IEP, please contact Allyson Kelley, Special Education Teacher for SOSA. You can contact Allyson to set up a time to discuss added support for your student. Please call 541-862-3111 ext. 5211 or email allyson.kelley@threerivers.k12.or.us.

Math Support

Parents and families, did you know your students have free access to Khan Academy for Math? Khan Academy offers free personalized learning in a variety of subjects, including grade-level math, algebra, and geometry. At Khan Academy, your students can access short videos and practice lessons to support their learning. See flyer for details.





Staff Feature

It's time to get to know one of our teachers. Ms. Janee Strauss has worked at SOSA West for two years. She started her career in 2011 as a preschool teacher. She then worked as a Behavioral Intervention Asst. in California. In 2020, Ms. Janee worked at Evergreen Elementary as a Life Skills Asst. She completed her Bachelor's degree this year and will be starting her Master's program in August to obtain a degree in teaching. Ms. Janee loves having a smaller class size, which helps create meaningful relationships with all her students. For Ms. Janee, empathy, trust, and respect are key factors in being able to understand what skills each student needs to be successful in the future, as well as becoming a lifelong learner. Watching the students grow academically, emotionally, and socially throughout this year has been her favorite part. Ms. Janee has 4 kids and 3 grandchildren. Some things that she loves to do are crochet blankets and clothing, attend music festivals and concerts, and dance. Some things that inspire her are people who are brave enough to share their stories, struggles, and successes. Ms. Janee believes that it is important for us all to know that we are not alone, to reach out for help, and to be proud of who we are and what we have overcome.

SOSA Art Contest Winners

SOSA held an art contest thanks to one of our educational assistants, Mrs. Kirsten Edwards. Students who entered were to create an original 2-D piece of art on what SOSA symbolizes to them, for example, a school mascot. Here is a photo of all the entries. Here are the winners: Weylin's "Barry the Bat" for 1st place, Colton's "Wolf" for 2nd place, and tied for 3rd was Brandy's "SOSA Sharks" and Jamie's "Spudly the SOSA spud."



April Raffle Winner

The April incentive drawing is complete. Remember, this was for all SOSA students (both on campus and online). When you complete a class, you are entered into a drawing to win a gift card. April's winner is Johnny VanPelt. Congratulations Johnny!

MEET MS. JANE STRAUSS, SOSA WEST STUDENT RETENTION ASST.



Monthly Challenge

This month's challenge is all about creating fun memories together. Sit together as a family and see if you can come up with at least ten things you want to do together this summer. Get creative! It could be watching a family show together every week, going camping or hiking together, or even cooking more together as a family. Make sure the ideas you come up with range from easy to attain to challenging. Once you are done, place your family bucket list somewhere everyone can see it. Work to check things off throughout the summer.