

Calendar for Rest of the Year

- Wednesday, January 31 – Early Release @ 1pm
- Thursday, February 15 – Early Release @ 1pm
- Monday, February 19 – No School (President’s Day)
- Wednesday, March 7 – Early Release @ 1pm
- Saturday, March 17 to Sunday, March 25 – Spring Break (returning on Monday, March 26)
- Friday, March 30 – No School (Staff In-service)
- Wednesday, April 18 – Early Release @ 1pm
- Friday, May 25 – Early Release @ 1pm (Last Day of Classes)

Science Fair

SWEC will be participating in the annual Science Fair on Tuesday, February 27th. Like the recent Culture Fair, this will be a chance for students to showcase science-related concepts for their fellow students and staff from several other Menta campuses. It will follow the format of other traditional science fairs, where students will have the opportunity to address a real-world science problem and present their experimental findings.

End of Year Event

SWEC students have been invited to participate in a competitive and team-building event at the end of this year. Students will design and build small “soap box derby” style race cars and then match up against other Menta schools in Arizona. This will be the first time such an event will take place, and we are excited about the opportunity to showcase the skills of our students. There has not been a date set on this event as of yet.

Grades and Progress Reports

Grades went home in the mail and to the districts last week. If there are questions about these grades and progress reports, especially if there is a report that they did not arrive home, please let us know ASAP.

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PBIS and R-Cards

One of the important parts of the program here at SWEC is the use of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

PBIS is a multi-tiered approach to social, emotional and behavior support. PBIS improves social, emotional and academic outcomes for all students, including students with disabilities and students from underrepresented groups. (PBIS.org)

Part of the program is recognizing positive behavior through the use of intentional language and tangible tokens that can be exchanged for items in the SWEC Student Store on Fridays or other incentives such as special lunches or other opportunities. These tokens were recently redesigned by Mr. Payne and staff to reflect our commitment to the PBIS framework.

So when your student talks about their R-Cards and using them for incentives, you will understand a bit more about what they are referring to.