

looking forward

JAN. 28. 2022



From the Vice Principal

Watching weather apps and the various meteorologists making predictions about our upcoming Nor'easter has been amusing this week. I believe one day my app varied hourly, widely ranging from predictions of 6.5 to 15.8 inches of snow. The experts have been watching the European model and the US model, waiting until they more closely match before finalizing their predictions for snow total regions. Also playing into their predictions is analyzing past storms with similar atmospheric conditions.

I tend to find odd spiritual connections to unrelated things. Listening to the meteorologists this week has reminded me of many Second Coming conversations throughout my life. "We are definitely living in the last days!" is thrown around every time a big event happens such as 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, the Cloned Sheep "Dolly", Earthquakes and Tsunamis, etc. I've even heard it used around presidential elections or when something happens at a local level that stirs up strong emotional opinions. Shortly after the event though, life settles back into routine once again, that is until the next disconcerting event, then the phrase gets thrown around all over again.

Like this upcoming winter storm, as Christians we believe Jesus is coming, and probably sooner than later, but we don't need to know the details. We just need to be ready by staying connected to our Redeemer. That's the most important goal we strive to accomplish here at SLA: helping our young people grow in relationship with our Creator, the One in complete control of all things. One way we accomplish that is through Week of Prayer. Our high school student led WOP actually starts this coming Monday. It's such a privilege to hear from our young people sharing their personal testimonies and perspectives on God. It's always such a blessing! Please be praying for our campus as this happens because we also recognize that the devil will want to prevent the incredible spiritual impact from our special week.

As for this Nor'easter, enjoy the beauty of newly fallen snow no matter the amount, and have fun with your family with uninterrupted quality time! Enjoy the beauty and treat of being locked in your home with your family safe and sound. Prepare ahead for potential strong winds and power outages, remembering that time spent together as a family is an opportunity for treasured memories!

Blessings,

Ginnie Hakes



BE 12 tips on raising a confident child from Child Mind Institute

CONFIDENT

1. Model confidence yourself
2. **Don't get upset about mistakes**
3. Encourage them to try new things
4. **Allow kids to fail**
5. Praise perseverance
6. **Help kids find their passion**
7. Set goals
8. **Celebrate effort**
9. Expect them to pitch in
10. **Embrace imperfection**
11. Set them up for success
12. **Show your love**

To read the complete article click here:

https://childmind.org/article/12-tips-raising-confident-kids/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=publ_e_d_nl_2022-01-25&utm_content=cta1_12-tips-raising-confident-kids

Upcoming Dates

January 25-30: Texas

Basketball Tournament

January 31- Feb 4: 9-12

Student Week of Prayer

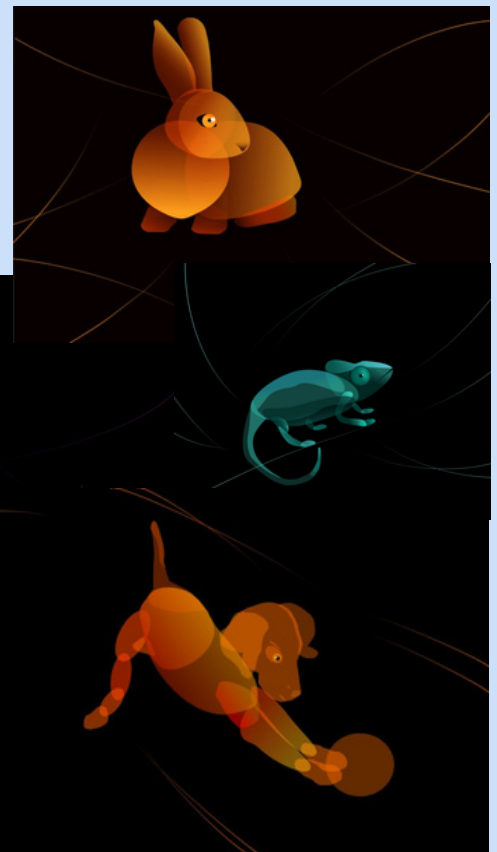
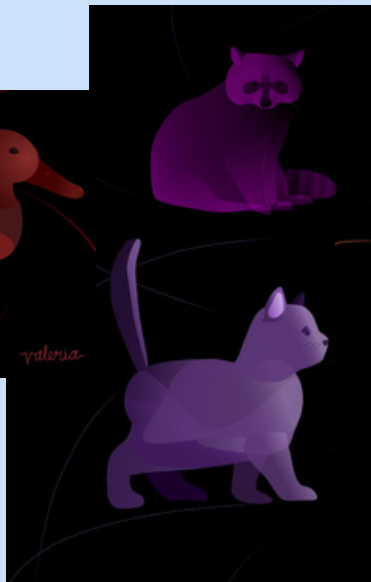
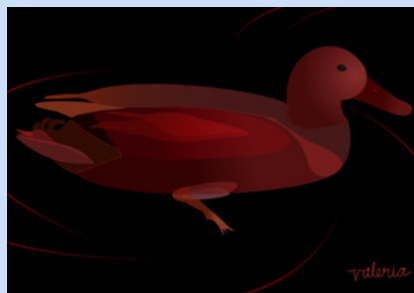
February 1: First day of Black History Month

February 7: Juniors ASVAB testing

February 14-18: Spirit Week

February 21-25: Winter Break

Graphic Design I students and their animal creations. Rachel won first place with her Bunny!



Student Spotlight

This week we are getting to know sisters,
Amalia and Sophia

We asked them the following questions
and here were their answers!

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Tacos

S: Popcorn

Q: What's your favorite SLA memory?

A: Being in Kindergarten and cheering when
we saw the new bus pull into the parking lot
for the first time

S: Going to the BIG E

Q: Who is your favorite Bible character?

A: David, despite his shortcomings he was still faithful to God

S: Noah. He reminds me that when I feel afraid God is ALWAYS with me

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?

A: Something in science, possibly a Pharmacist

S: A Nurse or EMT



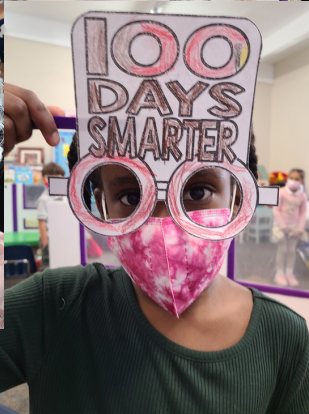
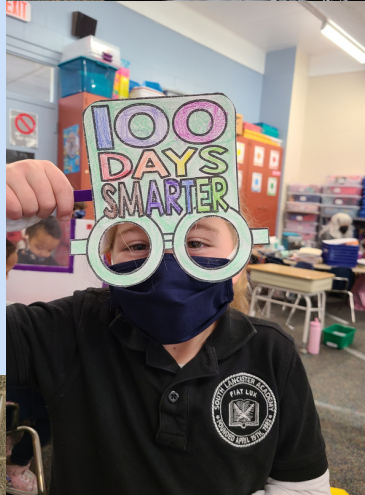
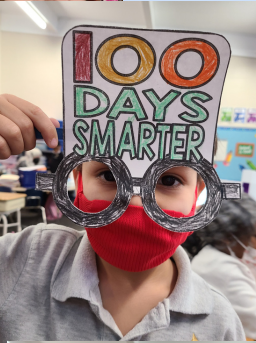
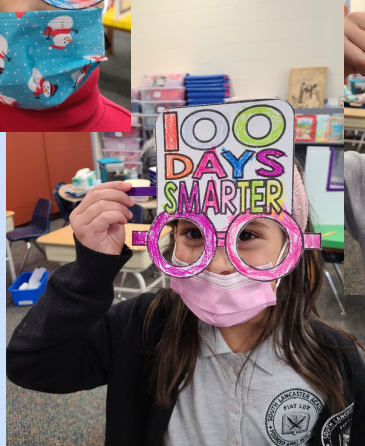
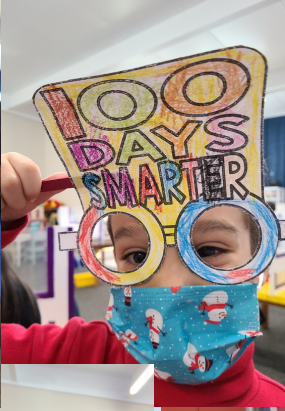
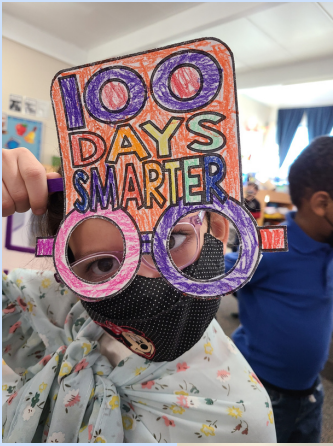
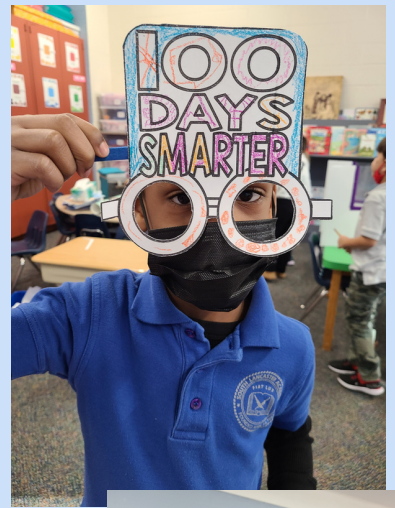
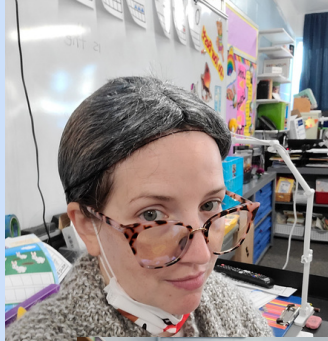
Sports Schedule

- January 31- 5pm BJV @ Blackstone Mill
- January 31- 5pm GV @ Blackstone Mill
- January 31- 6:30pm BV @ Blackstone Mill
- February 1- 5pm BJV @ Sizer
- February 1- 5:30pm BV @ Clinton
- **February 3- 5pm BJV vs. Clinton**
- **February 7- 5pm GV vs. Immaculate Heart**
- February 7- 6pm BJV @ Ayer
- February 7- 6pm BV @ Innovation
- February 9- 4:30pm GV @ Immaculate Heart
- February 9- 6pm BV @ Immaculate Heart
- **February 10- 5pm GV vs. Ayer**
- **February 10- 6:30pm BV vs. Ayer**

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

- **PARENT ALERT** is a mass notification system comprised of text messaging, voice calls and email. It is designed to send messages to thousands of individuals in minutes. In cases of emergencies, Parent Alert provides instantaneous communication to the school community. It is very important that you keep your information updated at the school. **Please do not call the teachers, administrators or staff.**
- In bad weather when it is unsafe to drive to school, parents can expect teachers to conduct class remotely and/or provide "blizzard packs."
- Communication is very important to keep learning uninterrupted.
- **Please be aware that "Snow Days" are automatic "Remote Days". All grades, Preschool-12th grade, will zoom whenever weather prevents safe travel to school and a snow day is called. If a delayed start is called, Mrs. Girma's classroom will zoom that day. The teacher will be in contact with you regarding the details when such a situation arises.**

SNAPSHOTS OF THE HAPPENINGS AT SLA



100
DAYS
OF
SCHOOL



Bulletin boards

Our elementary teachers make beautiful bulletin boards, here are two celebrating winter and Black History Month!

Varsity B-BALL trip to TX

