

# Sonora Elementary School

September, 2023

## Home of the Bobcats



### Principal's Message:

We are off to a very good start here at Sonora Elementary School. With the excitement of the first day of school, the continued excitement of school and many events so far, as the month has passed, and with your wonderful children on a daily basis, I am happy and proud to be a Bobcat. There is so much that happens here at Sonora Elementary on a daily basis. With standards-based instruction, additional learning intervention and extension during W.I.N. (What I Need) time, in-school and extra-curricular options for our students, there are many opportunities for student growth, academically, athletically, and socially. Every single student is valued for what they bring to our school every day and I strive in making it a safe and positive experience for your student. Thank you for being a part of our school.

- Mr. Chris Boyles, Principal

### Student Activities:



The school year got off to a great start, with multiple events to strengthen our school climate and spirit. On Friday, September 1st, Sonora Elementary hosted a rally for our 6th through 8th grade students. With the planning and design from a group of wonderful 8th grade leaders, the rally was a great success. The competitive games were fun to watch, with musical chairs, 'dizzy' basketball, and paper airplane engineering challenge, to name a few of the games. It was a great way for our students to build a connection and engagement with their peers and their school.

Later that evening, we hosted a 7th and 8th grade dance. It was a large turnout, with all students enjoying their time and the music with a professional DJ. Check out the decor, the theme was 'Under the Sea'.



Finally, on September 8th, we hosted SSS Family Movie Night, with a showing of Super Mario Brothers on our big screen. It was the best turnout we have had in a while, thank you for coming out. If you missed these events, don't fret, there will be more fun events coming soon!

### Student of the Month, September:



We are happy to announce Jillian Ferreira as our September Student of the Month. Jillian is a 4.0 student, while staying busy with basketball, volleyball and softball. She is a leader on campus, always volunteering her time to bring positive experiences for our students through rallies, dances, and other school events. She is creative and energetic in her efforts, which make these activities the best these can be. Jillian had the opportunity this past summer to travel to Martha's Vineyard to visit family and went to Fenway Park to watch her beloved Red Sox play a game. She feels the secret to her success is being nice to others and fulfill your school obligations. Her teachers describe her as someone you can always count on, outgoing, positive, and hardworking. Great job, Jillian.

### TK/K Celebrate the Turn of the Season:

The Fall Fairies came to Mrs. Lane's TK and Mrs. Webster's TK/K class to celebrate the first day of Fall. Children went on a Fall hunt and collected the first signs of Fall and ate delicious apple treats.

Pictured Below (L to R): Miss Eden, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Lane, and Miss Summer.  
Pictured Right: Mrs. Lane with a lovely TK fairy.



### New Upper Primary Playground:



Our Bobcats are loving our new play structure on the upper primary playground. It was completed in early September.

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### SSS Pumpkin Patch:

Sonora Elementary is excited to host the first SSS Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, October 8th, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. This event will be open to the public, not just Sonora Elementary students and families. There will be activities for the kids, refreshments for sale, and 1,000 pumpkins to choose from. SSS is looking for volunteers to help set up for the event on Saturday, October 7th, in the afternoon/evening and for volunteers to help at the event on Sunday. Contact Erin Rhoades, erinrhoades76@gmail.com.

### 4th Grade:



Pictured Left: Mrs. Katz leading a campus-wide Star-Spangled Banner, every Friday morning.



Mr. Boyles reading The Energy Bus For Kids, with a message of positivity.

### Parent Volunteers:

For the 2023-2024 school year, all parent volunteers in the classroom and on field trips will need to complete the new Parent Volunteer Policy paperwork. Please stop by our School Office for this paperwork and complete the document. A new protocol is all parent volunteers will now **need to obtain fingerprint clearance** through Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools. The fingerprinting process/clearance will be free of charge to our parents, Sonora School District will be paying for this fee.

### Positive Behavior Systems:

We are excited to see our students earning Brilliant Bobcat Passes and Golden Paws for their positive behavior and character on campus. We love acknowledging the good!

### Sonora Elementary History:



Pictured here is Mr. Robert Cowden, Principal of Sonora School during many years of troubled times, in the 1930s and 1940s, with the Great Depression and WWII. Mr. Cowden was very creative in ways to have positive student events and earn money for the student body. Mr. Cowden also set up games and took athletic teams to other schools to play. To this day, descendants of Mr. Cowden are a part of our school, Mrs. Emerald is his great-granddaughter, and his great-great-grandchildren attend SES.

### Sonora Elementary Athletics:

Girls Basketball and Co-Ed Cross Country are in full swing.

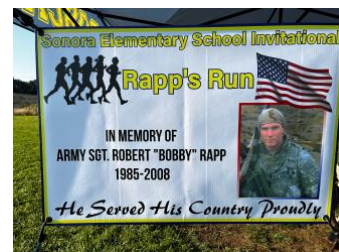


7th Grade Girls Championship Team

To begin the basketball season, our 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball teams competed in the County Preseason Tournaments. These events were hosted by Motherlode Christian School for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams and

Soulsbyville Elementary for 6<sup>th</sup>. All three teams competed strongly and we have high hopes for a successful season, as they put the hard work in for team success. The regular season has begun. so come out and cheer them on!

Our Cross Country season kicked off with our runners competing at Sonora Elementary's 15th Annual Rapp's Run on September 20th. We are proud to have hosted 17 schools and 198 runners in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.



This annual event is in honor, appreciation and memory of Army Sgt. Bobby Rapp, who was a student and athlete at Sonora Elementary. Bobby was a runner for Sonora El and every year it is our privilege to honor his memory.

### Picture Day:

Did your student miss Picture Day a couple of weeks ago? Did they take a photo that you're not completely satisfied with? Don't worry, Shooob Photography will be back on campus on **Wednesday, October 4th** for all students for Picture Re-Take Day. Please communicate to your child's teacher or let the School Office know you will be taking a photo on this day.

### Calendar:

10.4	School Picture Retakes
	7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball v. Tenaya (HOME)
10.5	6th-8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Columbia
10.8	SSS Pumpkin Patch @ Sonora El, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
10.9	6th-8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Soulsbyville
10.10	6th-8th Grade Girls Basketball v. Summerville (HOME)
10.11	Minimum Day
	Cross Country Team @ Westside Run
	6th-8th Grade Girls Basketball v. Toyon Middle School (HOME)
10.12	Girls Basketball & Cross Country Team/Individual Photos
10.17	SES Parent Information Night, 5:00 pm
10.18	Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
10.20	3rd Grade to Pinecrest Field Trip
10.23 - 10.27	Red Ribbon Week
10.24	7th Grade Drugstore Project Experience at Tuolumne County Fairgrounds
10.26	Jeff Kurr Assembly (2nd - 5th Grade)
10.27	1st/2nd Grade to Pinecrest
11.1	NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workday