



September 1, 2017  
**Sedona-Oak Creek  
 District Update**



**Big Park Community School Awarded International Baccalaureate Candidacy**



Principal Debbie Jones is “grateful for the hard work of staff members, parents and community members who made this possible! With the support of our Board of Education, Superintendent, Site Council and the administration of the Sedona Oak Creek Unified School District, we are well on our way to becoming an IB World School!” Click the IB link above to learn more about the IB philosophy and commitment to high-quality, inquiry based learning, exemplified in this recent eclipse lesson. ....



**Curriculum Task Force Summer Work Taking the Lead in Aligned Learning** Looking ahead to the district’s next AdvancED



accreditation in 2019-2020, new Curriculum Director Deana DeWitt and teacher leaders representing all district schools are mapping and aligning district curricula to the [Arizona College and Career Ready Standards](#). Teachers’ summer preparation has them hitting the ground running for Continuous School Improvement. Also a priority is ensuring the success of the district’s new faculty with mentorship and induction support.



**Welcome New Spectacular Staff and Fantastic Faculty — a great combination of homegrown & newly arrived expertise.** New teachers include Red Rock alumni returning to serve the community as recent university graduates and veteran teachers relocating from the Midwest and Pacific Northwest. This excellent new crew is off to a great start with added support. Welcome! And Thank You!



**Upcoming Events**

**September 1—Big Park**  
7:15-8:45 am



**September 2—Saturday Clean Up at Big Park**  
with Sedona Rotary Village Satellite 1-3pm

**September 4—Labor Day No School**



**September 7—Scorpion Swim v. Northland Prep**  
Sedona Community Pool 4pm

**September 8—Scorpion Football v. Holbrook** 7pm

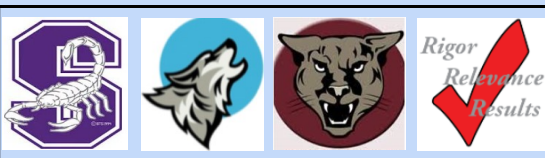
Visit Sedona Red Rock High School Website for full [calendar of athletic events!](#)

**Sept. 8 & 9—Verde Valley Forum** “Strengthening PreK-12 Education in the Verde Valley Region”  
Apply at [vvforum.org](#).

**Sept. 11—AZ Supt. of Public Instruction Diane Douglas** “We Are Listening” tour—  
West Sedona School 6pm



**September 12—Governing Board Meeting** SOCUSD District Office 6pm



**West Sedona School Partners with RAIN Grant** - West Sedona Principal Scott Keller will host the September 6 RAIN (Rural Activation & Innovation Network) meeting supporting STEM in the Verde Valley. The [RAIN Grant](#) promotes innovative STEM resources in rural communities. The [Verde Valley Sci-Tech](#) organization has championed local STEM education for four years and is now partnering with the RAIN grant committee. [Click here](#) to see West Sedona School featured by Arizona Science Center!



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**September 13**—Verde Valley Joint Board Meeting w/ State Superintendent Finalists - SPAC lobby 6pm

**September 13**—Parent Night for H.S. Juniors SRRHS Library 5:30 pm Don't miss it! Junior year is key to college success!

### 11TH GRADE PLAN

**September 24**— Sedona 30 Fundraising Event at Seven Canyons—Tickets at [Sedona30.org](#)

**September 26** - **Blood Drive** at Sedona Red Rock High School 8:15am-2pm

**September 27**—9th & 10th Grade Parent Night SRRHS

**October 14**—West Sedona Carnival 11am-5pm



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### In the Spotlight



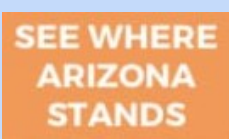
drea Bagnell is rocking Scorpion Sports Med! Check out this [awesome article](#) from Sedona Red Rock News!



**Thank You Rotary Clubs of Sedona, Oak Creek, and Red Rocks for Supporting Literacy and Preparedness** in the Verde Valley through continued backpack donation and sponsorship of Dolly Parton's [Imagination Library](#) book club delivering free books throughout the Verde Valley to children ages 0 to 5. Sign up your kids, grandkids, and neighbors today!  
**Coming in October:** Kindness Days building good will and better friendships through community partnership

### News and Resources

**Expect More Arizona's Education Progress Meter** is charting communities' progress toward the goal of increased post-high school education for Arizona youth.



[AZMERIT in the News... and What Parents Should Know](#) as the time draws near for students' 2016-17 results to arrive in the mail

**Sedona School Support Groups Rock Educational Opportunity!**  
Check out the fantastic PTA and booster sites. Sponsor Student Success!



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