

Reef Sunset Middle School

Diamondback Newsletter

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Congratulations to the RSMS Class of 2023! The 8th graders made GEAR UP's first year at RSMS an amazing and eventful year! We are excited to see them transition from Diamondbacks to Buccaneers! Keep working hard and be the light that shines through!

8th Grade Promotion Trip



Students from Reef Sunset Middle School at Six Flags after they enjoyed all of the rollercoaster rides. One of our students received a prize after winning a carnival game!



118 students attended their 8th grade promotion trip. The students were able to go on the rollercoasters in groups and enjoy the park for the day!

8th grade GEAR UP students attended their Six Flags Promotion trip on Sunday, May 21st. A few students were able to take a picture with Daffy Duck!

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GEAR UP Staff at 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony



The GEAR UP Team was present for the 8th grade promotion ceremony. From the left we have Ms. Valerie, Ms. Rosario, Ms. Mendoza, Dr. Hartfield, Ms. Emely, Ms. Hernandez, Mr. Eddie, and Mr. Ayala.

GEAR UP Student of the Month



Pictured is Jorge Quintana (8th) who received GEAR UP Student of the Month for the month of May.

GEAR UP recognizes students every month for their academic achievements. This month, Jorge Quintana (8th) was awarded student of the month for May. Jorge is a hard-working student and continuously pushed himself this year to reach his goals. Congratulations to Jorge for his dedication!

Tutoring Available

Tutoring is available for any 7th and 8th grade student who needs additional support in ELA and/or Math. Mr. Ayala and Ms. Valerie are available afterschool Monday through Friday. Ms. Emely is available afterschool Monday's and Friday's.

Seeking Support?

If you are going through a hard time and need someone to talk to or if you want guidance to overcome a challenge, reach out to Ms. Hernandez for social emotional support. **Availability: Thursdays**



Cinco de Mayo Dance



Pictured on the left is the GEAR UP Team. On the right is Ms. Valerie, Ms. Emely, and Mr. Ayala.

GEAR UP was in attendance on Friday, May 5th for the RSMS Cinco de Mayo Dance. RSMS was able to raise money for the 8th grade promotion celebration.

College and Career Readiness Workshops

In our last workshop, students will take time to reflect on the semester and gain a better understanding of their growth throughout the year. Students will also get a lesson on social emotional learning and the impact that it has on their every day progress as a student.

Upcoming Topic: Stress Stations

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Mental Health Workshops

GEAR UP supported Mental Health Month by providing four different hands-on workshops every Friday in May.



Two of the four Mental Health Workshops consisted of students coloring and using paint to customize their own rocks!

Important Dates

- 05/31/23 - **8th Grade Promotion Ceremony**
- 06/02/23 - **Last Day of School**
- 06/12/23 - **Summer School begins**

Summer Break '23!



Mrs. Bermke's art classes decorated the RSMS wall with summer-themed posters. Have a great summer Diamondbacks!

Student Reminders:

- **7th graders: 4th quarter grades are due on Thursday, June 1st!**
- **ATTENTION 7th and 8th graders: please take our GEAR UP Survey! Find the link in your school email or scan the QR code below!**



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