



# ST. MICHAELS ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION 3rd Quarterly Newsletter

Greetings!

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year has arrived! 10 months have passed very quickly!

The year's end always brings with it a tremendous sense of accomplishment. So many things have been accomplished this year! From Staff Orientation at the beginning of the year to the 1st Annual 5K Run/Walk on Earth Day – our staff and students have been involved in an extraordinary number of activities. Of course, we should not forget the tremendous amount of learning which has taken place during the year. Throughout all of these activities our staff and students have demonstrated great character!

Unfortunately, this year is the first time in many years we are not having a graduation at SMASE. We simply do not have students in the preschool, middle school or high school age categories that qualify for graduation. We hope to have a year-end celebration for all to recognize everyone's hard work and accomplishments for the year.

SMASE is unfortunately losing a few staff at the

end of the school year.

After working at SMASE for 2 years, Ms. Jessica Gross, Special Education Teacher will unfortunately not be back at our school next year. Her dedication, passion and commitment to the Multi class will be greatly missed. She took charge and had an excellent team to work with. We wish her all the best!

Ms. Sami Rapp, IT Technician, will be moving to the Phoenix area. She will start her teaching career at a Public School. She has helped the school tremendously with her expertise in the IT field and has also worked with the students in the Therapy Department. Good Luck Sami!

Extended School Year (summer school) will begin on June 4, 2018 for 7 weeks. Your child will be home for 2 weeks before ESY begins.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Michelle Spencer,  
*Executive Director*

## 1st Annual SMASE Earth Day 5K

"The 1st Annual Earthday 5K was a success! More than \$1800 in funds were raised in entry fees and donations from our Sponsors. Fun was had by all. We look forward to an even bigger event in 2019! Thanks again to all who participated and contributed to the event!" - Dalinda Cantu, RN and organizer of this event.



## Important Dates

- May 18th- Last day for Education Program
- May 28th- SMASE closed for Memorial (No DTA)
- June 1st- SMASE closed for NN Holiday (No DTA)
- June 4th- ESY begins (Educational Program)

# Mardi Gras Prom



# Special Olympics Summer Games



The 50th Special Olympics Summer Games took place from May 3rd through 6th in Phoenix. SMASE had 18 athletes compete in a variety of track and field events including the 100 m run, 25 m wheel chair race and softball and tennis ball throws. Opening ceremonies included the National Anthem performed by a Special Olympian! After the ceremony there was a huge dance party that our students enjoyed. Our athletes did amazing, winning gold, silver and bronze metals! When students were not competing they enjoyed art activities, snacks and face painting in the Olympic Village.





