

# SUNSET Newsletter

Sunset children, families, and staff are dedicated to creating successful students who are empowered to grow and thrive socially, emotionally, and academically.



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## Message from the Principal: Isaac Hurguy

Dear Sunset Families,

Welcome back to a new school year. We're thrilled to have your children back at Sunset Elementary. It's been a wonderful start to the year, filled with excitement and enthusiasm. We're already seeing amazing things from our students!

As we continue to move forward in the year, I want to remind you of the importance of regular attendance. Consistent attendance is crucial for your child's academic success. It allows them to fully engage in lessons, build strong relationships with classmates and teachers, and develop important life skills.

Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school and on time.

As we progress with our year, we also encourage you to get involved in our school community. There are many ways to support your child's education and make a difference. Consider attending PTO meetings, joining the site council, or volunteering for school events. More information will be coming your way regarding all of these opportunities. Together, we can create a positive and supportive learning environment for all our students.

It has been a true honor getting to serve the Sunset community,

### Important Phone Numbers

602-347-3300 Office  
[SNOoffice@wesdschools.org](mailto:SNOoffice@wesdschools.org)

602-347-3311 Attendance Line

602-347-3310 Health Office

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 2 – Labor Day**

**September 4- Early Release**-Students dismiss @ 1:45

**September 5- Kona Ice**

**September 6- Spirit Assembly – Wear grade color**

**September 11-Patriot Day- Wear Red, White, Blue**  
**Early Release**-Students dismiss @ 1:45

**September 18- Early Release**-Students dismiss @ 1:45

**September 19- Kona Ice**

**September 24 – Picture Day**

**September 25- Early Release**-Students dismiss @ 1:45

**September 30 -Vision and Hearing Screening**

**October 7-11 – Fall Break**

**October 22-25 – Parent Teacher Conferences**

**November 11 – Veterans Day**

**November 28-29 – Thanksgiving Break**

**December 23-January 6 – Winter Break**

## TAX CREDIT

You can do something great for the students at SUNSET and reduce your tax liability at the same time by making a tax credit donation! You decide where your money goes!

You can donate online with a credit card using this web address:

<https://wesdonlinepayments.revtrak.net/tax-credit-donation/#/list>

When you make a school tax credit donation, you are enhancing the education of a child. Your donation can go to the program you specify, or you may permit the school to designate which of its extracurricular programs your donation will support.

## WESD DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss or a traumatic event? Washington Elementary School District offers services to families through the federal McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The act requires that children and families who are in a temporary living situation be offered services and support. Services provided can include enrollment assistance, nutrition services, clothing or school supplies, community referrals, and in some cases, transportation. If you are living in any of the following temporary circumstances: with another family or friend due to financial hardship, living in a shelter, transitional housing, in a hotel/motel, you may fit the criteria for assistance under this act. Please contact the office at 602-896-5600 to inquire further about qualifying for this program.



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Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

# ParentVue

## Sign Up for ParentVUE

Now that the new school year has begun, it is the perfect time to sign up for ParentVUE! All parents and guardians can use this free, digital tool to access their child's assignments, grades, attendance and more. If you are logging in for the first time and do not have an email, you can obtain an activation key by visiting our office. If you have an email, you can request account activation online. Please visit <https://www.wedschools.org/ParentVUE> to get started today.

## Sign Up for ParentVUE - Spanish

¡Ahora que el nuevo año escolar ha comenzado, es el momento perfecto de inscribirse en ParentVUE! Todos los padres y tutores pueden utilizar esta herramienta digital gratuita para tener acceso a las asignaciones, calificaciones, asistencia de sus hijos y más. Si están iniciando sección por primera vez y no tienen un correo electrónico, pueden obtener una clave de activación al visitar nuestra oficina. Si tienen un correo electrónico, pueden solicitar la activación de la cuenta en línea. Favor de visitar <https://www.wedschools.org/ParentVUE> para comenzar hoy.

## Health Office Reminder

As a reminder, we ask parents to do a symptom check of their students before sending them to school. Please keep your student home if they have a fever, have been vomiting. Your student must be fever-free, vomit-free and diarrhea-free without medication for 24 hours before they return to school. Please call the health office with any questions at 602-347-3310.

### Site Council

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Isaac Hurguy

Want to be more involved at your child’s school? Join Site Council. Get more details from front office.

### PTO Board

Shari Blanchard –President  
TBD –Vice President  
Kristina Subject–Secretary  
Kenneth “Shane” Blanchard –Treasurer

## Reminder of Immunization Requirements, for Students 11 Years of Age or Older

Arizona School Immunization Law states that **ALL STUDENTS 11 YEARS OF AGE or older (regardless of grade) must have one dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MV). These students are also required to have one dose of Tdap vaccine if five or more years have passed since their last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine dose.**

Please provide updated immunizations records to the health office as soon as your student receives them.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the school health office at 602-896-5610.

## Badge Reminder

**Parents, please make sure your students have their ID badges. If they are lost, they can purchase a new one from the office for \$2.00 (which includes ID, z-pass, pouch and lanyard).**

**\*\*Please do not drop off your student prior to 8:05 a.m. Your child’s safety is our primary concern. \*\***

Please do not park in pick up line during drop off/pick up



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## #AttendanceMattersWESD

Our school is proud to continue participating in the #AttendanceMattersWESD campaign! The theme for the month and the school year is Showing Up Together. The districtwide campaign was initiated last school year with a focus on emphasizing the importance of being in school each day and improving student attendance across the WESD. We are excited to share that the attendance rate for the 2022-2023 school year was 91.95%, which was an increase of 3.95% from the previous year. Additionally, the WESD reduced chronic absenteeism by more than 11%! Thank you to all our students and families who helped contribute to these achievements!

This year, the districtwide goal is to increase daily attendance by 2% and decrease chronic absenteeism by 8%. Please help us achieve these new goals by ensuring your child attends school each day. Remember, every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning!

Here are a few tips of what you can do to help your child achieve perfect attendance: • Set a regular bedtime and morning routine for your child.

- Lay out your child's clothes and pack their backpack the night before.
- Keep your child healthy by ensuring they receive their required vaccines.
- Try to schedule medical appointments for your child after school hours or on the weekends.

Let's show up together and make attendance a priority this school year! For more tips, information and resources, please visit: <https://www.wesdschools.org/attendance matters wesd>. Thank you for your support!

## Become A Volunteer

Volunteers provide a tremendous service for the students and staff of the Washington Elementary School District, and the District encourages volunteer participation in its schools. The varied talents and expertise of parents, guardians and community members greatly enhance the educational process. Areas in which volunteers can help include tutoring, special presentations, assisting in the classroom, and joining District councils, school site councils and various committees.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please visit the [WESD Volunteer Opportunities web page](#) for more information and to complete an application.





## #AttendanceMattersWESD

¡Nuestra escuela está orgullosa de seguir participando en la campaña #AttendanceMattersWESD (WESD Asistencia Importa)! El tema del mes y del año escolar es Presentarnos Todos - ‘Showing Up Together’. Iniciamos la campaña el año escolar pasado enfatizando la importancia de estar en la escuela cada día y mejorar la asistencia estudiantil en todo el distrito. Estamos emocionados de compartir que el índice de asistencia para el año escolar fue del 91.95%, el cual fue un aumento del 3.95% del año previo. ¡Además, el WESD redujo el absentismo crónico en más del 11%! ¡Gracias a todos nuestros estudiantes y familias quienes ayudaron a contribuir a estos logros!

Este año, la meta de todo el distrito es aumentar la asistencia diaria en un 2% y disminuir el absentismo crónico en un 8%. Favor de ayudarnos a alcanzar estas nuevas metas al asegurar que sus hijos asistan a la escuela cada día. ¡Recuerden, cada día que un estudiante está ausente es una oportunidad de aprendizaje perdida!

A continuación, algunos consejos de lo que pueden hacer para ayudar a sus hijos a alcanzar asistencia perfecta:

- Programen una rutina de horario para acostarse y para la mañana para sus hijos.

- Preparen la ropa de sus hijos y sus mochilas la noche anterior.
- Mantengan a sus hijos sanos al asegurarse que reciban sus vacunas requeridas.
- Traten de programar citas médicas para sus hijos después de las horas escolares o los fines de semana.

¡Presentarnos todos y hacer de la asistencia una prioridad este año escolar! Para más información y recursos, favor de visitar: <https://www.wesdschools.org/attendancematterswesd>. ¡Gracias por su

## Become A Volunteer

Los voluntarios proveen un servicio extraordinario para los estudiantes y personal del Distrito Escolar Washington, y el Distrito anima la participación de los voluntarios en sus escuelas. La variedad de talentos y experiencia de los padres, tutores y miembros de la comunidad inmensamente mejora el proceso educativo. Las áreas en las que los voluntarios pueden ayudar incluyen tutoría, presentaciones especiales, ayudar en los salones de clase y unirse a Consejos Distritales, consejo local escolar y comités variados.

Si ustedes o alguien conocido está interesado en ser voluntario, favor de visitar a [WESD Volunteer Opportunities web page](#) para más información y para completar una solicitud.



