

SUNSET Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

We are halfway through the school year, and have so much to be thankful for!

Families, thank you for your participation in our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser. Your hard work helped us earn money for our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)! Our PTO supports students and staff through a variety of activities, experiences, meals, instructional materials, etc. We look forward to putting the hard-earned money to good use! Thank you!

We would also like to thank our families and staff for attending our Winter Festival! What a joy it was to see so many of you participating in our crafts, games, Pie-a-Teacher station, face painting, etc. Thank you for spending your evening with us during a very busy time of the year.

Did you know our 4-6 grade students participated in classroom spelling bees and the top two students from each class moved on to our Sunset Spelling Bee?! It was impressive watching our top spellers compete at the school level and we look forward to seeing our winner compete against other top spellers in the District!

As we wrap up 2022 and look forward to all that 2023 has in store, we want you to know that our Sunset families are at the top of our list of things we are grateful for. Please enjoy this special season, soak up time with your loved ones and always remember your kids have our hearts.

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

Winter Break

Friday, Dec. 16 – Monday, Jan. 2



School Resumes
Tuesday, January 3
Happy Holidays!

Check out our Sunset Elementary Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SunsetElementarySchool>

Calendar of Events

12/15 2:00-2:20 p.m.
Kindergarten Choir Concert

12/15 Kona Ice

12/16-1/2 Winter Break –NO SCHOOL **Monday, Jan. 2, has been added as a holiday.

1/3 School Resumes

1/4 Early Release

1/4 Quarter 2 Report Cards Go Home

1/6 8:30 a.m. Spirit Assembly
Theme: Pajama Day!

1/11 Early Release

1/12 Kona Ice

1/16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day -NO SCHOOL

1/18 Early Release

1/19 4:15 p.m. PTO Meeting

1/23 100th Day of School

1/24 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Kindergarten Open House

1/25 Early Release

1/26 Kona Ice

1/26 4:00-8:00 p.m. Peter Piper Pizza Night @ Metro Center Location

1/26 4:00 p.m. Site Council Meeting @ Peter Piper

2/1 Early Release

Wednesday Early Dismissal
All grades release at 1:45 p.m.

Site Council
Mike Bailey
Sandy Bogard
Mandi Jones
Corinn Klues
Ellie Jacovino
Katherine Bailey

PTO Board
Laura Alarcon –President
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Kindergarten Open House

The Future is Bright in Kindergarten! If you or someone you know has a child turning five before September 1, 2023, please join us for our kindergarten open house event on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. You will have the opportunity to meet teachers, explore classrooms, and receive important information about the WESD KidSpace childcare program, transportation services, school meals and so much more! We look forward to meeting our newest kindergartners! To learn more about kindergarten enrollment, please call 602-896-6950 or visit <https://www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten>.



¡El Futuro es Brillante en Kindergarten! Si ustedes o alguien que conozcan tienen un niño(a) que cumplirá cinco años antes del 1^{ro} de septiembre, 2023, favor de acompañarnos en nuestro evento de “Open house” de Kindergarten el martes, 24 de enero, 2023, de 5:00 a 7:00 p.m. ¡Tendrán la oportunidad de conocer a los maestros, explorar los salones de clase y recibir información importante acerca del programa del WESD de cuidado de niños KidSpace, servicios de transportación, comidas escolares y aún más! ¡Esperamos con anticipación conocer a nuestros más nuevos estudiantes de kindergarten! Para aprender más acerca de la inscripción para kindergarten, favor de llamar al 602-896-6950 o visitar <https://www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten>.



The WESD is thankful for your support. As we enter into the season of giving, please consider making a tax credit donation to our school! Your donation provides WESD students the opportunity to succeed in extracurricular activities and will fund items such as uniform replacements, equipment, field trip transportation and stipends for coaches and sponsors. Taxpayers may receive up to a \$400 tax credit if filing jointly (\$200 if filing single) on their state income taxes by contributing to the Washington Elementary School District. Donating is simple. Please visit www.wesdschools.org/taxcredit and you can enhance the education of a child in just a few steps. Thank you for your support! For more information, please call 602-347-2737.

Sunset Yearbooks

Back by popular demand, we’ll have a Sunset Yearbook this year! To place an order, please go to: order.remembermeyearbooks.com and enter access key 2FN69LSPFR.

Yearbooks are \$21.00 each (price increases to \$25.00 after April 14).

Dedication spaces are available for purchase for \$10.00, and are 1/8 of a page. Please come into the front office if you’d like to purchase a dedication space. There are limited spaces available, so these are first come, first served!

Employees of the Month



Congratulations to our amazing employees of the month!

Corinn Klues: Miss Klues wears many hats on our Sunset campus. She is our 6th grade math teacher, After-School Academy coordinator, Site Council member and our Sunset technology leader. She implemented a house system in 6th grade that our students love! She also dedicated her own time to learning about and building thinking classrooms. She easily adapts and is willing to help out in any way she can because she has a big heart. The students love her creativity and how dedicated she is to them.

Heather Bryson: Miss Heather is our office technician, so you’ll see her warm smile when you walk into the front office and her friendly voice when you call on the phone. Heather puts our students first and loves them with her whole heart. She has the ability to calm students down when they are frustrated and she always steps up and helps whenever there is a need. Miss Heather looks at a situation and is able to problem solve very quickly! She trains new office staff and is so knowledgeable about all aspects of her position that she’s able to answer any questions that arise.

Congratulations to our November Students of the Month!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Haskins: Kai B.
Miss Lerner: Berelli W.
Miss West: Emmitt M.
Mrs. Harris: Kingsley F.

2nd Grade

Ms. Demory: Isbeet H.
Ms. Meyer: Genae B.
Ms. Savage: Isabella C.

4th Grade

Ms. Cota: Rosalia P.
Miss Duran: Nathan E.
Mrs. Snead: Jordan P.

1st Grade

Miss Bailey: Darien E.
Ms. Journey: Leiliana P.
Mrs. Mettler: Malia J.

3rd Grade

Mrs. Jones: Rayna C.
Miss Scott: Sophia N.
Ms. Spina: Kamea E.

5th Grade

5th Grade: Amy M.
Mrs. Heidbreder: Ianna L.
Mrs. Klemencic: Itzel H.

6th Grade

Mrs. Barber: Isabella L.

Miss Klues: Lily M.

Ms. Vasquez: Nayelli T.