

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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Sunset Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we enter the final stretch of our school year. March is always a busy and exciting month, filled with opportunities for our students to showcase their hard work and growth.

As we enter into March, we are rapidly approaching the Arizona Academic Standards Assessment (AASA) for all students third-sixth grade. With this in mind, I want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of attendance. This state assessment is an opportunity for our students to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have gained throughout the year. Regular attendance leading up to the test is crucial, as teachers will be reviewing key concepts and providing support to ensure students feel confident and prepared.

We kindly ask for your partnership in making sure your child arrives on time each day, well-rested, and ready to do their best. Please avoid scheduling appointments or vacations during testing days, as every day in the classroom is valuable. Your support makes a significant difference in your child's success!

March brings so much fun as well and we are thrilled to invite all of our families to our annual Spring Fling on March 6! This event is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the season with activities, food and fun. We love seeing our students and families enjoying time together, and we hope you will join us for an evening of excitement and connection. Stay tuned for more details!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school. As we move through the final months of the year, we remain committed to providing a positive and enriching educational experience for every child. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to support your family.

Thank you for all of your support and go Stallions!

Isaac Hurguy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 1-28 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 12- EARLY RELEASE @ 1:45 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13—KONA ICE

--PTO MEETING @ 5:30

FEBRUARY 14-VALENTINE'S DAY

ARIZONA STATEHOOD DAY

FEBRUARY 17- PRESIDENTS DAY (NO SCHOOL)

FEBRUARY 20—FIRST GRADE FIELD TRIP

FEBRUARY 25—FOURTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

FEBRUARY 27—KONA ICE

FAMILY BOOK CLUB @3:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 30-- RAMADAN

MARCH 3—READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

MARCH 5—EARLY RELEASE @ 1:45 p.m.

MARCH 6—SPRING FLING 4:30-6:30. p.m.

MARCH 7- SPIRIT ASSEMBLY @ 8:30 A.P.

MARCH 12—EARLY RELEASE @ 1:45 p.m.

MARCH 12—SIXTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

MARCH 13—KONA ICE

MARCH 17-21----SPRING BREAK

MARCH 17—ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 26—EARLY RELEASE @ 1:45 p.m.

Important Phone Numbers

602-347-3300 Office

SNOffice@wesdschools.org

602-347-3311 Attendance Line

602-347-3310 Health Office

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).

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Save the Date for Future Charger Night on Feb. 20

Calling all families of sixth grade students! Discover all of the educational possibilities awaiting your soon-to-be middle schooler by attending Future Charger Night on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Cholla Middle School, located at 3120 W. Cholla St., Phoenix, AZ 85029. This will be a great opportunity for you and your future seventh grade student to tour the beautiful campus, meet the awesome staff, and learn about the programs and school culture that make Cholla Middle School a great place to learn and grow! We hope you can be there to prepare for the next exciting step in your child's education! To learn more, please call 602-896-5400.

Aparten la Fecha para la Noche de los Futuros 'Charger' el 20 de febrero

¡Llamando a todas las familias de los estudiantes de sexto grado! Descubran todas las posibilidades educativas que les esperan a sus hijos quienes pronto serán estudiantes en la escuela intermedia asistiendo a la Futura Noche 'Charger' el jueves 20 de febrero de 4:30 a 6:30 p.m. en la Escuela Intermedia Cholla, ubicada en 3120 W. Cholla St., Phoenix, AZ 85029. ¡Esta será una gran oportunidad para que ustedes y sus futuros estudiantes de séptimo grado recorran la hermosa propiedad escolar, conozcan al increíble personal y aprendan sobre los programas y la cultura de la escuela que hacen de la Escuela Intermedia Cholla un gran lugar para aprender y crecer! ¡Esperamos que puedan estar allí para prepararse para el próximo emocionante paso en la educación de sus hijos! Para obtener más información, favor de llamar al 602-896-5400.



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WESD DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss or a traumatic event? The 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.

Site Council

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Want to be more involved at your child’s school?
Join site council. Get more details from the front office.

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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 or 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.



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.

Social Services Corner – Stress Management

As we approach the state testing period, it is important to prioritize mental well-being and manage any stress you may feel. Here are some helpful tips to support you and your student during this busy time. Together, let's create a positive and supportive environment as we prepare for testing!

Stress Management Tips for Students

- 1. Establish a Daily Routine – keeping your schedule consistent can help you stay organized and reduce anxiety
- 2. Mindfulness – deep breathing, stretching, or prayer/meditation can calm your mind if it feels noisy up there
- 3. Get Moving! – engage in regular physical activities, which boosts your mood and energy levels; regular movement improves sleep quality as well!
- 4. Get Plenty of Zzz’s – Kids need eight-10 hours each night which helps with learning, mental sharpness, and memory
- 5. Healthy Habits – Eat foods that are good “fuel” for your body and try to reduce salt and sugar where you can (we know they are delicious) and drink lots of water
- 6. Reach out for Support - Don't hesitate to reach out to friends, teachers or family if you're feeling overwhelmed; simply sharing your feelings can lighten the load.



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STUDENTS/CHARACTERS OF THE MONTH— JANUARY

Congratulations to the following students for making STUDENT OF THE MONTH—

Athena F., Asmia R., Ricardo G., Lillianna L., Jenaih C., Jaxon G., Roxana A., Olivia B., Harper N., Ava S., Alexis C., Abigail C., Hassan A., Serenity B., Melanie G., Audrina M., Valentina H., David R., George W., Emilio A., Giovanni H.

Congratulations to the following students for making CHARACTER COUNTS —

Danae M., Abby W., Josiah G., Alice C., Kaiden H., Helianthus K., Aleena C., Berelli W., Armando F., Courtney T., Willow C., Dastan V., Shaw Moon S., Angelica P., Andre A., Jessie M., Isabella M., Isabella G., Sandi F., Nathan E.

****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 the pick-up line during drop off/pick up.



Support Our Students with a Tax Credit Donation

Start the new year on a positive note by supporting our students with a tax credit donation! By making a tax credit donation, you can directly impact our students' education and reduce your state tax liability (up to \$200 filing single or \$400 filing jointly). Your donation also provides our students with opportunities to participate in field trips, and succeed in extracurricular activities by funding items such as uniform replacements, equipment, and stipends for coaches and sponsors. Donating is simple! You can either visit our school office to complete a tax credit form or make your donation online at <https://bit.ly/3Ao6nZ7>. We appreciate your support!

Apoyen a Nuestros Estudiantes con una Donación de Crédito Fiscal

¡Comiencen el nuevo año con una nota positiva apoyando a nuestros estudiantes con una donación de crédito fiscal! Al hacer una donación de crédito fiscal, pueden impactar directamente la educación de nuestros estudiantes y reducir su obligación tributaria estatal (hasta \$200 con una declaración individual o \$400 con una declaración conjunta). Su donación también brinda a nuestros estudiantes oportunidades para participar en excursiones escolares y tener éxito en actividades extracurriculares al financiar artículos como reemplazos de uniformes, equipos y salarios para entrenadores y patrocinadores. ¡Donar es simple! Pueden visitar la oficina de nuestra escuela para completar un formulario de crédito fiscal o hacer su donación en línea en <https://bit.ly/3Ao6nZ7>. ¡Apreciamos su apoyo!



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