

# SUNSET Newsletter

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**Principal: Mandi Jones**

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## Message from the Principal

Our Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences are right around the corner! We look forward to seeing you during your 15-minute conference on February 8, 9, or 10. Teachers will be sending home conference confirmation forms soon. Please note the date and time of your conference and plan to arrive approximately five minutes before your start time. If you would prefer to meet virtually, please reach out to your child's teacher to make arrangements. As you prepare for this valuable meeting, please keep the following tips in mind:

1. Ask your child questions, such as: What is your favorite subject? What are you having a difficult time with? How can I better support you?
2. Jot down questions you'd like to ask the teacher during the conference.
3. Check out your student's grades on ParentVUE.
4. Be on time for your conference.

Thank you for supporting your child's education by participating in Parent-Teacher Conferences!

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

## Boys Basketball Games



1/13 Home vs. Sahuaro	2/4 Away @ Sahuaro
1/20 Home vs. Tumbleweed	2/14 Away @ Tumbleweed
1/24 Away @ Sahuaro	2/17 Home vs. Sahuaro
1/27 Home vs. Tumbleweed	2/22 Away @ Tumbleweed
2/1 Away @ Lakeview	2/25 Home vs. Lakeview

**Games begin at 4:00 p.m. and last one hour**

**Check out our Sunset Elementary Facebook Page:**

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

## Calendar of Events

**1/26 Early Release  
Wednesday**

1/28 Kona Ice

2/1 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Kindergarten drive-thru event  
for 2022/2023 incoming  
Kindergarten students

**2/2 Early Release Wednesday**

2/2 Progress 3 reports go  
home

2/4 Spirit Assembly Theme:  
Dress Like You're 100 Years  
Old

**2/8 – 2/11 Early Release  
Parent/Teacher Conferences**

2/11 Kona Ice

**2/16 Early Release  
Wednesday**

**2/21 President's Day –NO  
SCHOOL**

**2/23 Early Release  
Wednesday**

2/25 Kona Ice

**3/2 Early Release Wednesday**

3/4 Spirit Assembly Theme:  
Sports Day

**3/14 – 3/18 Spring Break –  
NO SCHOOL**

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

### Site Council

Mike Bailey  
Sandy Bogard  
Mandi Jones  
Corinn Klues

### PTO Board

Stormy Meyer –President  
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Governing Board: Tee Lambert, President • Nikkie Whaley, Vice President  
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**Now Enrolling Kindergarten Students**

If you or someone you know has a child turning 5 before September 1, 2022, please be sure to stop by our All Aboard to Kindergarten Tuesday, February 1 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. You'll have the opportunity to meet the teachers, principal and staff, and receive information about our KidSpace childcare program, school meals and so much more!

Our free, full-day program offers research-based curriculum that addresses reading, writing, math, science, social studies, physical education, music and art with time for fun and interaction! You can learn more about our kindergarten program, meet the teachers and take a virtual tour by visiting [www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten](http://www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten).

Please be sure to share with your friends and neighbors who have little ones! For more information about kindergarten enrollment, please visit <http://www.wesdschools.org/registration> or call 602-896-6950.

**Ahora Inscribiendo a Estudiantes de Kindergarten**

Si ustedes o alguien que conocen tiene un niño que cumplirá 5 años de edad antes del 1º de septiembre, 2022, favor de asegurarse de ir a nuestro evento 'Todos a Bordo a Kindergarten' el martes, 1º de febrero de 5:00 a 6:30 p.m. Tendrán la oportunidad de conocer a los maestros, al director(a) y al personal y recibir información sobre nuestro programa de cuidado de niños 'KidSpace', comidas escolares, ¡y mucho más!

¡Nuestro programa gratuito de día completo ofrece un plan de estudios basado en investigación que aborda lectura, escritura, matemáticas, ciencias naturales, ciencias sociales, educación física y arte con tiempo para divertirse e interactuar! Pueden aprender más sobre nuestro programa de kindergarten, conocer a los maestros y tomar una gira virtual al visitar [www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten](http://www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten).

¡Favor de asegurarse de compartirlo con sus amigos y vecinos que tienen pequeños! Para más información sobre la

**Plan Ahead.....**

**Early Release Days for Parent/Teacher Conferences: Tuesday, Feb. 8 – Friday, Feb. 11**  
**All KG-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students will be released at 1:45 p.m.**



**March 14 – 18 NO SCHOOL!**

**Employees of the Month**

**Congratulations to our amazing employees of the month!**



**Therese Vasquez** is one of our amazing speech therapists. She is a team player who goes above and beyond to encourage, support and assist team members however she can. She is always willing to lend an extra hand when needed and is always looking for additional and creative ways to help our staff and students. She makes games out of speech therapy and provides prizes when speech is over. She makes sure to communicate with her students' grade-level teachers on their needs and how to provide support in the classroom. Miss Therese is a positive person who cares about everyone!

**Yvonne Hernandez** Yvonne is creative in the classroom, taking initiative in adding fun decorations throughout the Special Needs Preschool room. She works with a diverse group of students, supporting students who need help during circle time and running small groups daily. She notices student successes. She is always punctual and gets everything set up and ready for students to arrive in the morning. She helps around the school by doing extra duties.

**Congratulations to our December Students of the Month!**

**Kindergarten**

**Mrs. Austerman: Suni D.**  
**Miss Lerner: Alejandro "Ronnie" G.**  
**Miss West: Maolisa H.**  
**Mrs. Harris: Anthany B.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Miss Cota: Brady B.**  
**Ms. Demory: Ernesto B.**  
**Ms. Savage: Javier A.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Mrs. Dill: Miguel C.**  
**Miss Duran: Brooklyn H.**  
**Mrs. Snead: Rylee B.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

**Miss Bailey: Rosemary S.**  
**Mrs. Mettler: Lexi S.**  
**Ms. Cooper: Violet V.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Mrs. Jones: Jovanni H.**  
**Miss Scott: Mason L.**  
**Ms. Spina: Zainab K.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Mrs. Klemencic: Esmeralda C.**  
**Miss Marple: Mia R.**  
**Mr. Stevens: Emma M.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Ms. Douglas: Archer C.**      **Miss Klues & Mrs. Barber: Brian S.**

**Mrs. Konecny: Audry F.**