

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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Calendar of Events

Message from the Principal

Hello, Sunset Families!

We have made it to the fourth and final quarter of the 23-24 school year! We are excited to see what these final weeks have to offer. We would like to thank you for braving the weather and joining us at our annual Spring Fling! Our staff, PTO and volunteers put in a lot of work to make sure our families had a wonderful time.

The state testing window is quickly approaching. Students in grades three-six will take the Arizona Academic Standards Assessment (AASA).

Testing Start Time

During testing days, all grades will have a modified daily schedule. This will ensure that students have as much time as possible and will not feel rushed. All testing sessions will begin promptly after breakfast by **8:45 a.m.** Students who arrive after **9:00 a.m.** will be placed into a buddy classroom and will test on a makeup day. Once a student begins a test, **it must be finished that same day.** Please avoid scheduling medical appointments or any out-of-town visits during testing days. It is so important that all students are present and on time these days. However, we know that things happen and we are willing to work with families as much as possible! In case there is an unexpected emergency absence, please contact your child's teacher right away.

How can I support at home?

We know that Sunset parents are amazing advocates for their child's education. We thank you for always supporting and encouraging your learner every day! We encourage you to continue open dialogue with your student, ask questions and check in with their feelings. Help them feel at ease and remind them that we are all here to support academic and social emotional success. A few extra tips:

- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before any test.
- Arrive at school on time so that they have enough time to eat a good breakfast prior to testing.
- Review the importance of a quiet testing environment, even on the day they are not testing.

We are looking forward to a successful testing season, and seeing how much our students have grown!

03/27 - Early Release Wednesday

03/28 – Kona Ice

03/28 – Site Council
3:45 p.m.

03/28 – PTO 4:30 p.m.

04/02 – Individual and
Class Photos

04/03 - Early Release Wednesday

04/05 – Spirit

Assembly – Decades
Day (50s, 60s, 70s, 80s,
etc.)

04/10 - Early Release Wednesday

04/11 – Kona Ice

04/17 - Early Release Wednesday

04/18 – Site Council
3:45 p.m.

04/18 – PTO 4:30 p.m.

04/23 – Peter Piper
Pizza Night 4 – 6 p.m.

04/24 - Early Release Wednesday

04/25 – Kona Ice

04/26 – No School

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/pickup.

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 or showing signs of COVID. 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.

Check out our Sunset Elementary Facebook Page:

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

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

Site Council

Mike Bailey
Sandy Bogard
Aimee Wojciechowski
Corinn Klues
Katherine Bailey
Shari Blanchard

PTO Board

Shari Blanchard –President
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Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent



Our school is proud to continue participating in the #AttendanceMattersWESD campaign! The theme for 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/attendancematterswesd>. Thank you for your support!

¡Nuestra escuela está orgullosa de seguir participando en la campaña #AttendanceMattersWESD (WESD Asistencia Importa)! El tema 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 apoyo!

Students of the Month

Kinder: Jenaih C., Jheremy M., Lucas B., Brandon S.

Second Grade: Sonja M., William M., Richmond T.

Fourth Grade: Isabella G.L., Nia B., Valentina H.

Sixth Grade: Emy R.G., Soleil C.G., Sophia B.

First Grade: Harlee R., Kimberly H., Makaylah R.

Third Grade: Isabella C., Cleo L., Lola W.

Fifth Grade: Mia B., Tiffany V., Fernando A.

Employees of the Month

Corinn Klues
Monica Burruel

Student Council's Make Your Day Store

Students may visit the Make Your Day Store every Tuesday and Thursday before school to "spend" their Make Your Day tickets on great prizes! The table is set up in the courtyard by Mrs. Mucklow's classroom. Students may also save their Make Your Day tickets for quarterly in-school events such as a popsicle party and extra recess!