

# SUNSET Newsletter

*Inspiring Excellence Together*



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**Principal: Mandi Jones**

**May 2022**

## Message from the Principal

Thank you for your presence, support, and commitment as we navigated the 21-22 school year together. I am deeply grateful for our community's generosity and active participation throughout the year. We saw evidence of our partnerships during daytime and evening events, supply donations, parent-teacher conferences, etc. Thank you for pouring your time and energy into our school.

According to Robin Sharma, "The way you start your day determines how well you live your day." We agree, and this is why we look forward to connecting with your precious children every day during our Gate Greetings. It is an honor to see our students' smiling faces and welcome them to school as they unknowingly remind us why we step foot on campus every day.

As we look back on the school year, many wonderful memories come to mind. We enjoyed celebrating our students and staff at monthly spirit assemblies, watching our students sing during choir concerts, engaging with families at the Spring Fling, and recognizing our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade honor students at Honors Night.

We are committed to not only meeting our students' needs, but also helping them exceed their perceived capabilities and potential. In an effort to accomplish this goal, we facilitated daily W.I.N. (What I Need) time twice per day in grades K-2 and once per day in grades 3-6. During this 30-minute block, we provided students with differentiated learning experiences in the area of reading and math. Teachers and support staff met regularly to analyze student results, group students by skill deficits and strengths, and plan lessons. We are proud to share that we have seen significant growth and mastery of skills in all grade levels because of our targeted instruction and W.I.N. Time implementation!

I may be a bit biased, but I believe we have the BEST students, families, staff, and community! We support one another, work through challenges together, and celebrate individual and collective successes. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our school community! We can't wait to see you when school starts back up on Monday, August 8, 2022!

## Open Enrollment Forms Due!

Open Enrollment forms for the 2022-2023 school year were sent home in March. This application must be completed each year if you live outside our attendance boundaries, and is needed to be considered for continuing enrollment.

Please return the completed forms to your child's teacher or the front office. Your prompt response is appreciated! Please contact the front office at 602-347-3300 if you have questions or need another form.

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

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

## Calendar of Events

**5/18 Early Release  
Wednesday**

5/20 1:45 p.m. Kindergarten  
Celebration

5/20 3:05 p.m. Kona Ice

5/23 1:15 p.m. and 2:10 p.m.  
Talent Show Performances

**5/24 LAST DAY FOR  
STUDENTS – Early Release**

5/24 1:15 PM 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Walk  
and Celebration

5/24 Quarter 4 Report Cards  
Go Home

5/31 – 6/23 Summer School

6/8 Front Office is Closed for  
Summer

7/20 Front Office Opens

8/8 First Day of School!

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

### Site Council

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Corinn Klues

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Congratulations to our District Art Show Winners!

These students' art may be viewed on our district website:  
[www.wesdschools.org](http://www.wesdschools.org). Click on the Virtual Art Show link and then the Sunset logo.



Helena D.	Lexi S.	Yensy M.	Cristopher N.	Rilyn M.
Yumna A.	Sanel O.	Colton F.	Joshua H.	Alina C.
Sonja M.	Noah C.	Maolisa H.	Joanna T.	Xavier C.
Melisa S.	Malyah B.	Jorleny C.	Hajira S.	Ravyn T.
Haisha S.	Ghadeer A.	Ethan G.	Elyzabeth K.	Amie G.
Jourdan T.	Danna G.	John S.		



If you or someone you know has a child turning five before September 1, 2022, please be sure to get them registered for the 2022- 2023 school year!

Our free, full-day program offers research-based curriculum that addresses reading, writing, math, science, social studies, physical education 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.

Employees of the Month

Congratulations to our amazing employees of the month!



**Brenda Savage:** Ms. Savage is an amazing teacher who is always going above and beyond for our students and team. She prioritizes students' needs and doesn't hesitate to help. Her second grade teammates say she is truly one in a million. She's always there for them and is ready to take on any task that needs to be completed. As a teacher, she expects her students to grow and offers them a challenging experience so they will reach her goals. Her attitude toward her students is filled with love, discipline and understanding. She exemplifies what a master teacher is.

**Destini Briggs:** Ms. Destini is a very kind and caring assistant. She is a team player and will seek out help when needed. She has a calm demeanor and students respond well to her. She is patient, kind, and goes out of her way to help students in need. The student she works with has made amazing growth! She is very dependable and fills in to help anywhere when she is needed.

We are very fortunate to have Ms. Savage and Ms. Destini on our Sunset team!

Congratulations to our April Students of the Month!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Haskins: Sarahi Z.  
Miss Lerner: Ricky M.  
Miss West: Liam P.  
Mrs. Harris: Philip N.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Miss Cota: Malcolm C.  
Ms. Demory: Yaretzi M.  
Ms. Savage: Elliot P.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mrs. Dill: Kenia R.  
Miss Duran: Amy M.  
Mrs. Snead: Austin S.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Miss Bailey: Revan A.  
Mrs. Mettler: Liam C.  
Mrs. Eck: Isbeet H.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Mrs. Jones: Keira B.  
Miss Scott: Mia B.  
Ms. Spina: Joseph L.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mrs. Klemencic: Angel S.  
Miss Marple: Alexandria F.  
Mr. Stevens: Rylan L.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ms. Douglas: Joseph M.

Miss Klues & Mrs. Barber: Leo H.

Mrs. Konecny: Delilah L.