

SUNSET Newsletter

Inspiring Excellence Together



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Principal: Mandi Jones

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Message from the Principal, Mandi Jones

Dear Sunset Families,

Welcome to the 22-23 School Year!

What a joy it has been to be a part of our wonderful Sunset family for the past 16 years! As we venture into a new school year, we would like to start by sharing our new vision statement: Sunset children, families, and staff are dedicated to creating successful students who are empowered to grow and thrive socially, emotionally, and academically. The foundation of realizing this vision is rooted in safety. We will continue to make decisions with your child's safety at the forefront of our minds.

Our students' needs and interests, alongside the Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards (AZCCRS) shape our instructional process. As we prepare to teach your children, we will focus on creating and nurturing relationships, AZCCRS, utilizing data to drive instruction, character education, and maintaining a rigorous, engaging learning environment.

Together, we will continue Sunset's legacy of partnership, unity, and increasing success. It takes a collaborative effort on behalf of our students, parents, staff, and surrounding community to not only meet our students' needs, but to help them exceed their capabilities and perceived potential. If you are interested in being part of our ongoing collaborative process through participation in our Site Council and/or Parent Teacher Organization, please contact our office at 602-347-3300.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the year at pick-up, drop-off, family events, etc. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to discuss.

Please do not drop off your student prior to 8:05 a.m.

Your child's safety is our primary concern.

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>

Calendar of Events

**8/31 - Early Release
Wednesday**

9/2 - 8:30 a.m. Spirit
Assembly Theme: Wear
Rainbow Colors

9/5 - Labor Day –NO SCHOOL

**9/7 - Early Release
Wednesday**

9/8 - Kona Ice

9/9 - Honor Grandparents &
Patriot Day –Wear Red, White
and Blue

**9/14 - Early Release
Wednesday**

9/15 - Dot Day "Make A
Difference Day" –Wear Polka
Dots

9/15 - 4:15-5:00 p.m. PTO
Meeting

**9/21 - Early Release
Wednesday**

9/22 - Kona Ice

9/22 - 4:00-4:45 p.m. Site
Council Meeting

9/23 - Hearing & Vision
Screening

**9/28 - Early Release
Wednesday**

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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Attendance Matters!

Sunset School, a proud member of the Washington Elementary School District, is pleased to support the #AttendanceMattersWESD campaign! In an effort to raise awareness of the importance of attendance, the #AttendanceMattersWESD campaign encourages parents to make every effort to have their child in school each day, on time. Although missing just one or two days each month might not seem like a lot, it can have a significant impact on the academic and social progress of our students. Follow along with us throughout the school year as we share celebrations and the importance of coming to school each day!

Did You Know?

- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance. Students should be in their classrooms at the scheduled start time.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

What You Can Do

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.

For more information, tips and resources on attendance, please visit: <https://www.wesdschools.org/attendancematterswesd>.

¡A (Sunset School), un miembro orgulloso del Distrito Escolar Washington, le complace apoyar la campaña #AttendanceMattersWESD! En un esfuerzo por aumentar la concientización de la importancia de la asistencia, la campaña #AttendanceMattersWESD anima a los padres a esforzarse al máximo para que sus hijos lleguen a la escuela todos los días, puntualmente. Si bien faltar solo uno o dos días por mes no pudiese parecer mucho, puede tener un impacto significativo en el progreso académico y social de nuestros estudiantes. ¡Acompáñennos a lo largo del año escolar a medida que compartimos celebraciones y la importancia de venir a la escuela cada día!

¿Lo Sabían?

- Los estudiantes todavía pueden atrasarse si faltan solo uno o dos días de vez en cuando.
- Llegar tarde a la escuela puede llevar a baja asistencia. Los estudiantes deben estar en sus salones de clases a la hora de inicio programada.
- Las ausencias y llegar tarde puede afectar a todo el salón de clases si el maestro tiene que detener el aprendizaje para ayudar a los niños a ponerse al día.

Lo Que Pueden Hacer

- Establezcan una rutina regular para la hora de dormir y para la mañana.
- Dejen lista la ropa y las mochilas la noche antes.
- Mantengan a sus hijos saludables y asegúrense de que sus hijos tengan las vacunas requeridas.

Para más información, sugerencias y recursos en cuanto a la asistencia, favor de visitar: <https://www.wesdschools.org/attendancematterswesd>.



Congratulations to our elected Student Council Officers!
We’re looking forward to a great year!

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| President: Ameer S. | Treasurer: Mia R. |
| Vice President: Riley C. | Historian: Zahraa A. |
| Secretary: Alexandria F. | |

Student Council’s Make Your Day Store

Students may visit the Make Your Day Store every Thursday after school to “spend” their Make Your Day tickets on great prizes! The table is set up at the front of the school near the flagpole. Students may also save their Make Your Day Tickets for quarterly in-school events such as a popsicle party and extra recess!

Our Sunset staff collaborated and created a new vision statement!

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Do you have a toddler at home? Beginning August 16, 2022, join the WRIC for Laugh and Learn activities every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Our special programming this month is Pajamas and a Movie! Come watch Sing 2 and enjoy some snacks in your comfy pajamas on Wednesday, August 31! Don’t miss it!

For questions, call Sunset WRIC at 602-347-3344.

