

SUNSET Newsletter



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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 fifteen-minute conference on February 7, 8 or 9. Teachers sent home gold conference scheduling forms and will soon send home blue confirmation forms. Please note the date and time of your conference and plan to arrive approximately five minutes before your start time. 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!

The WESD is thankful for your support. Please consider making a tax credit donation to our school! Your donation provides WESD students the opportunity to succeed in extracurricular activities and will fund items such as uniform replacements, equipment, field trip transportation and stipends for coaches and sponsors. Taxpayers may receive up to a \$400 tax credit if filing jointly (\$200 if filing single) on their state income taxes by contributing to the Washington Elementary School District. Donating is simple. Please visit www.wesdschools.org/taxcredit and you can enhance the education of a child in just a few steps. Thank you for your support! For more information, please call 602-347-2737.



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



Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Tues. Feb. 7 – Thurs. Feb. 9

Feb. 7-10 are early release days at 1:45 p.m.

Check out our Sunset Elementary Facebook Page:

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

Calendar of Events

1/16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day -NO SCHOOL

1/18 Early Release

1/19 4:15 p.m. PTO Meeting

1/24 100th Day of School

1/24 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Open House

1/25 Early Release

1/26 Kona Ice

1/26 4:00-8:00 p.m. Peter Piper Pizza Night @ Metro Center Location

1/26 4:00 p.m. Site Council Meeting @ Peter Piper

2/1 Early Release

2/3 8:30 a.m. Spirit Assembly
Theme: Wear Disney Attire

2/7-2/10 Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release

2/9 Kona Ice

2/13-17 Scholastic Book Fair

2/14 8:25 a.m. 2nd Grade Choir Concert

2/15 Early Release

2/16 4:15 p.m. PTO Meeting

2/20 Presidents Day -NO SCHOOL

2/22 Early Release

2/23 Kona Ice

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

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Kindergarten Open House

The Future is Bright in Kindergarten! If you or someone you know has a child turning five before September 1, 2023, please join us for our kindergarten open house event on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. You will have the opportunity to meet teachers, explore classrooms, and receive important information about the WESD KidSpace childcare program, transportation services, school meals and so much more! We look forward to meeting our newest kindergartners! To learn more about kindergarten enrollment, please call 602-896-6950 or visit <https://www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten>.



¡El Futuro es Brillante en Kindergarten! Si ustedes o alguien que conozcan tienen un niño(a) que cumplirá cinco años antes del 1^o de septiembre, 2023, favor de acompañarnos en nuestro evento de "Open house" de Kindergarten el martes, 24 de enero, 2023, de 5:00 a 7:00 p.m. ¡Tendrán la oportunidad de conocer a los maestros, explorar los salones de clase y recibir información importante acerca del programa del WESD de cuidado de niños KidSpace, servicios de transportación, comidas escolares y aún más! ¡Esperamos con anticipación conocer a nuestros más nuevos estudiantes de kindergarten! Para aprender más acerca de la inscripción para kindergarten, favor de llamar al 602-896-6950 o visitar <https://www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten>.

Girls Basketball

Congratulations to our girls basketball players!

Melisa S., Grace R., Mia R., Jayla W., Riley C., Lily M., Dylan D., Jennel C., Jada W., Neveah S., Nayelli T., Aniya R., Mikayla S., Amie G., Joy A., Jai'lynn W., Emy R., Lizerene V., Amy M. and Jayde T.

Their first game is at Cholla on Monday, Jan. 23 @ 6:30 p.m.



Sunset Yearbooks

Back by popular demand, we'll have a Sunset Yearbook this year! To place an order, please go to: order.remembermeyearbooks.com and enter access key 2FN69LSPFR.

Yearbooks are \$21.00 each (price increases to \$25.00 after April 14).

Dedication spaces are available for purchase for \$10.00, and are 1/8 of a page. Please come into the front office if you'd like to purchase a dedication space. There are limited spaces available, so these are first come, first served!

Employees of the Month

Congratulations to our amazing employees of the month!



Kayley Klemencic: Ms. Klemencic is one of our amazing fifth grade teachers. She works hard to build relationships with all of our fifth-grade students. She oftentimes works with students on her lunch break if they need help with assignments or are behind on their work. She is very organized and goes above and beyond to find resources for the fifth-grade team. She does many things ahead of time for the team. She has a warm and caring personality and it is clear how passionate she is about teaching!

Marisa Barnell: Miss Marisa is an assistant in our CCK classroom. She is a self-starter and jumps in to help anywhere she can, not only in her classroom, but campus-wide. She has a positive, happy attitude and is kind to all staff and students. Miss Marisa is a wealth of knowledge with our special education students and understands each of our students' unique needs. She is always thinking of our CCK students by purchasing fun materials for the classroom. Miss Marisa helps out with translations and continuously asks what else she can do to help. She is a blessing to our CCK classroom!

Congratulations to our December Students of the Month!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Haskins: Kaliyah G.
Miss Lerner: Justjohn M.
Miss West: Roxana F.
Mrs. Harris: Milo C.

2nd Grade

Ms. Demory: Gabriel H.
Ms. Meyer: Abbas A.
Ms. Savage: Madysn T.

4th Grade

Ms. Cota: Daniel G.
Miss Duran: Zaylee V.
Mrs. Snead: Rilyn M.

1st Grade

Miss Bailey: Nishe W.
Ms. Journey: Damari K.
Mrs. Mettler: Angelina M

3rd Grade

Mrs. Jones: Zaylon C.
Miss Scott: Valentina M.
Ms. Spina: Leilani D.

5th Grade

Ms. Swift: Javier P.
Mrs. Heidbreder: Jared L.
Mrs. Klemencic: Rylee B.

6th Grade

Mrs. Barber: Mia R.

Miss Klues: Ja'ni W.

Ms. Vasquez: Romeo C.