

# SUNSET Newsletter



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**Principal: Mandi Jones**

**April 2023**

## Message from the Principal

Parents and guardians, thank you for laying the foundation for love and learning at home. We adore your children and are so thankful we have your support and engagement, especially in preparation for the challenging and nerve-racking testing sessions we are currently wrapping up in grades three through six. We know our teachers worked tirelessly to prepare our students for these important assessments, and we're hopeful their hard work and our students' best effort will pay off. We also want to thank Mrs. Jergenson for scheduling and organizing all testing dynamics. Please keep in mind that although these state tests are important, they are just one measure of teaching and learning. Regardless of your child's test results, they are learning, growing, and improving bit by bit every day, and we are so proud of them!

We are looking forward to our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) event on Thursday, April 27, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.! We hope you will join us for Arizona Science Center astronomy activities, student art and science fair projects on display, cup stacking, cotton candy, root beer floats, robotics, a fun craft with our wonderful WRIC ladies, and the famous silent auction. At the auction, you will have a chance to bid on staff artwork in the form of paintings, signs, birdhouses, frames, scarves, etc.!

As we wrap up the last month of school, we want to reflect on the wonderful experiences we've shared and cherish every last moment we have together. Thank you for being such a wonderful school family.

## Calendar of Events

- 4/24-28 Spirit Week
- 4/24-28 Penny Drive
- 4/26 Early Release**
- 4/26 Administrative Professionals' Day
- 4/27 4:15 p.m. PTO Meeting
- 4/27 5:00-6:30 p.m. STEAM Night
- 4/27 5:45 p.m. Third and Fourth Grade Choir Concert
- 5/1 School Principals' Day
- 5/2 4:15 p.m. Soccer Game Home vs. Ironwood
- 5/3 Early Release**
- 5/3 5:00-8:00 p.m. PTO Sonic Fundraiser 51<sup>st</sup> Ave & Peoria
- 5/4 Kona Ice
- 5/4 4:15 p.m. Soccer Game Away @ Washington
- 5/5 School Lunch Hero Day
- 5/5 8:25 a.m. Spirit Assembly Theme: Wacky Hair Day
- 5/8-12 Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/9 Teacher Appreciation Day
- 5/10 Early Release**
- 5/10 School Nurses' Day
- 5/10 5:30-6:30 p.m. Honors Night
- 5/12 8:25 a.m. First Grade Choir Concert

**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  
Dustin Norman –Vice President  
OPEN –Secretary  
Shari Blanchard –Treasurer

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



**Last Day of School**

**Tuesday, May 23**

**Early Release at 1:45 p.m.**

Check out our Sunset Elementary Facebook Page:

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

**Governing Board:** Nikkie Gomez-Whaley, President • Jenni Abbott-Bayardi, Vice President  
Kyle Clayton, Member • Lindsey Peterson, Member • Tamillia Valenzuela, Member

Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

## Spring Spirit Week 2023

- Monday, April 24- Hat Day 
- Tuesday, April 25- Hawaiian Day 
- Wednesday, April 26- Denim Day 
- Thursday, April 27- Tie Dye Day 
- Friday, April 28- School Colors Day 



### STEAM Night at Sunset

Thursday, April 27 from 5:00-6:30 PM

Sponsored by Sunset PTO

- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert at 5:45 PM
- Peter Piper Pizza (\$2.00/slice)
- Cotton Candy (\$2.00)\*\*\*
- Water & Soda (\$1.00 each)
- Root Beer Floats (\$2.00)
- Arizona Science Center Activities
- Student Artwork Displays
- Science Fair Displays
- Arts & Crafts with WRIC
- Staff Artwork Silent Auction
- Cup Stacking Contest
- Prize Wheel with Peter Piper Pizza
- Robotics Activities

\*\*\*Bring an art supply donation such as black sharpies, Crayola washable markers, air dry clay, aluminum foil, paper towels or pump hand soap and receive a coupon for a FREE cotton candy!

## Sunset Elementary

# PENNY DRIVE


April 24th- 28th

**Participation open to grades K-6**

**The Rules:**

- Each class (K-6) has their own jug for collecting money.
- You can gain points by adding pennies and bills to your class jug.
- You can lower other classroom totals by adding silver coins and bills to their jugs.

**The Prize:**  
The class who raises the most money will earn a snack party of their choice.



One penny may not seem like much  
but a lot of pennies can make a big difference


**QUARTER-SUBTRACT**  
25 POINTS

**NICKEL-SUBTRACT**  
5 POINTS

**DIME-SUBTRACT**  
10 POINTS

All proceeds will be shared between the Sunset student council and PTO

Join sunset WRIC for Laugh and Learn on their new schedule: Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. every week. Children ages 0-5 years old and their parents will enjoy story time, arts and crafts, and playtime all while developing the skills necessary to succeed in school for the future.



The deadline to order your Sunset yearbook is May 4! The cost is \$25.00. You may stop by the front office with cash/check or order online: [www.order.remembermeyearbooks.com](http://www.order.remembermeyearbooks.com) and enter access key 2FN69LSPFR.

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



**Andrea Jones** Mrs. Jones puts her heart and soul into teaching. She is great at engaging her students in the material she is teaching and has high expectations for them. She helps her students not only learn academic content but also how to become better individuals. Mrs. Jones goes above and beyond to create a fun environment around the Sunset campus by planning the school yearbook, organizing our summer school program and putting on great family events. We are so thankful to have her on our third-grade team!

**Alya Alzayadi:** Alya is an amazing teacher in our literacy lab. She is kind and nurturing and makes strong connections with her students. She always has a positive attitude and is a real team player. Alya has a passion for helping kids. She is genuine and is always the first to offer a helping hand!

### Congratulations to our March Students of the Month!

#### Kindergarten

Mrs. Haskins: Faith Z.  
Miss Lerner: Ellie J.  
Miss West: Kinsley B.  
Mrs. Harris: Ailany R.

#### Second Grade

Ms. Demory: Matthew C.  
Ms. Meyer: Serenity B.  
Ms. Savage: Aiden W.

#### Fourth Grade

Ms. Cota: Evelyn G.  
Miss Duran: Jovanni H.  
Mrs. Snead: RJ A.

#### First Grade

Miss Bailey: Sophea P.  
Ms. Journey: Shukuru U.  
Mrs. Mettler: Ximena C.

#### Third Grade

Mrs. Jones: Yaretzi M.  
Miss Scott: Ramona M.  
Ms. Spina: Faraja M.

#### Fifth Grade

Ms. Swift: Carla S.  
Mrs. Heidbreder: Jayden B.  
Mrs. Klemencic: Kenia R.

#### Sixth Grade

Mrs. Barber: Aldo V.

Miss Klues: Rylan L.

Ms. Vasquez: Yaramarn A.