

# 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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## Message from the Principal

Hello, Sunset Families!

Our 23-24 school year is off to a great start!

I have enjoyed my first few weeks here at Sunset getting to know our staff, students and families! This is such a wonderful place for students to learn and I am so proud to be a part of it.

We started off the school year learning and practicing common school-wide expectations in the cafeteria, playground, hallways, and dismissal. These expectations are so important because they provide consistency and predictability for students, which ultimately leads to them feeling comfortable and safe at school. To support school-wide expectations at home, talk to your students about FLASH (line expectations), and keeping the cafeteria clean for everyone.

Students have taken beginning of the year assessments for both reading and math. This provides a starting point for the skills your student knows coming into their new grade level. Our new math curriculum, iReady, provides data that shows the specific skills each student needs to practice. It then creates a personalized learning progression called "My Path" that targets those skills. Students can utilize My Path at home, and you will receive more information at our **Sunset Pride Night** on 9/7 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

If you are looking for opportunities to be involved, please reach out and our front office can share information about our PTO, site council, and volunteering. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

**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

**9/6 - Early Release  
Wednesday**

9/6 Progress Reports Go Home

9/7 - Kona Ice

9/7 – Curriculum Night

9/11 Patriot Day -Wear Red, White and Blue

**9/13 - Early Release  
Wednesday**

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

**9/20 - Early Release  
Wednesday**

9/21 - Kona Ice

9/21 4:30 p.m. PTO Meeting

**9/27 - Early Release  
Wednesday**

10/2 Custodial Staff Appreciation Day

10/2 Hearing & Vision Screenings

**10/4 Early Release  
Wednesday**

10/5 – Picture Day

10/6 – Spirit Assembly – Twin Day

**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  
Georgia Venard –Vice President  
OPEN –Secretary  
Shane Blanchard –Treasurer

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

Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent



### 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>.

*Congratulations!*

### Students Of the Month

Kinder: Brandan S., Aiyana H., Dayana M. G., Omari V.

First Grade: Khalil R., Danna C. G., Noah E.

Second Grade: Maolisa H., Isaiah B., Annalise H.

Third Grade: Nicole H. J., Isabella C. G., Ximena P. F.

Fourth Grade: Juan B. R., Ezekiel P., Isabella M. L.

Fifth Grade: Giovanni H., Alexander C., Serenity R.

Sixth Grade: Dayra L. P., Dwight Y., Leander C.

### Employees Of the Month

Rebekah Clark

Sandy Bogard



### Student Council's Make Your Day Store

**Congratulations to our elected student council officers!**  
**We're looking forward to a great year!**

**President: Ethan C.**

**Treasurer: Emy R.**

**Vice President: Ashley J.**

**Historian: Johana B.**

**Secretary: Rilyn M.**

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!

### Social Services Corner

**Did you know that WESD offers social services?** Yes! It is Jessica Warner's sixth school year serving students and families at Sunset School! **What is the purpose of social services at Sunset?** My goal is for your student to have their optimal learning experience during their time here. I want every student to feel safe and supported as they learn. However, there are frequently barriers that interfere with our children's learning. My purpose is to help with any of those barriers that might interfere with your students' learning (social, emotional, behavioral, basic needs) **How can the school social worker help students?** Depending on the specific need I can offer one-time and, with your consent, ongoing support to your student. These could be one-on-one sessions, a social skills small group, and/or in-classroom support. I can also help connect you and your student with outside resources if need-be. **What kind of social skills can she help with?** Empathy for others, coping skills, taking responsibility, identifying/managing emotions, friendship skills, accepting 'No' as an answer, conflict resolution, growth mindset, and more. **I'm ready to sign up! How can I refer my student?** Please contact our social worker by email at [Jessica.Warner@wesdschools.org](mailto:Jessica.Warner@wesdschools.org) or by phone at 602-347-3345.