

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!

November is all about gratitude, and I cannot express how grateful I am for our amazing Sunset families. You have been so supportive and positive since I have joined the Sunset family, and I see the success of your support in our school community daily. Your students come to school and are so loving and kind, and are a wonderful reflection of the work you do at home.

Congratulations to Maria P. for winning our Panorama Survey prize giveaway! We had an amazing 197 surveys completed, which was the second highest in the District! We will be working on reviewing the data with our Site Leadership Team to determine the best next steps to help Sunset grow for you and your students. If you would like to be involved in decision making and be in-the-know of campus happenings, please consider joining our Site Council or our PTO.

As we move into the holiday season, please do not hesitate to reach out to our front office if your family is in need of support. Our Social Worker, Ms. Warner, will be happy to work with you to find a solution to your family needs.

Thank you for all you do!

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

**11/22 - Early Release
Wednesday**

11/23 -11/24 -Thanksgiving Break

**11/29 - Early Release
Wednesday**

11/30 – Kona Ice

11/30 – Step It Up! Day of Awareness

12/01 – Nutcracker Performance
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

12/02 – Love Our Schools 8:30 –
11:30 a.m.

**12/06 - Early Release
Wednesday**

12/08 – Spirit Assembly – Wacky
Tacky Day

**12/13 - Early Release
Wednesday**

12/14 – Kona Ice

12/14 – Holiday Festival 4:30 –
6:30 p.m.

12/15 – Picture Retakes

12/18-12/22 – Winter Spirit
Week

**12/20 - Early Release
Wednesday**

12/21 – Quarter Two Make Your
Day Party

12/22 - Early Release Friday

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
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Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent



Our school is proud to continue participating in the #AttendanceMattersWESD campaign! The theme for the school year is Showing Up Together. The districtwide campaign was initiated last school year with a focus on emphasizing the importance of being in school each day and improving student attendance across the WESD. We are excited to share that the attendance rate for the 2022-2023 school year was 91.95%, which was an increase of 3.95% from the previous year. Additionally, the WESD reduced chronic absenteeism by more than 11%! Thank you to all our students and families who helped contribute to these achievements!

This year, the districtwide goal is to increase daily attendance by 2% and decrease chronic absenteeism by 8%. Please help us achieve these new goals by ensuring your child attends school each day. Remember, every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning!

Here are a few tips of what you can do to help your child achieve perfect attendance:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine for your child.
- Lay out your child's clothes and pack their backpack the night before.
- Keep your child healthy by ensuring they receive their required vaccines.
- Try to schedule medical appointments for your child after school hours or on the weekends.

Let's show up together and make attendance a priority this school year! For more tips, information and resources, please visit: <https://www.wesdschools.org/attendancematterswesd>. Thank you for your support!

¡Nuestra escuela está orgullosa de seguir participando en la campaña #AttendanceMattersWESD (WESD Asistencia Importa)! El tema del año escolar es Presentarnos Todos - 'Showing Up Together'. Iniciamos la campaña el año escolar pasado enfatizando la importancia de estar en la escuela cada día y mejorar la asistencia estudiantil en todo el distrito. Estamos emocionados de compartir que el índice de asistencia para el año escolar fue del 91.95%, el cual fue un aumento del 3.95% del año previo. ¡Además, el WESD redujo el absentismo crónico en más del 11%! ¡Gracias a todos nuestros estudiantes y familias quienes ayudaron a contribuir a estos logros!

Este año, la meta de todo el distrito es aumentar la asistencia diaria en un 2% y disminuir el absentismo crónico en un 8%. Favor de ayudarnos a alcanzar estas nuevas metas al asegurar que sus hijos asistan a la escuela cada día. ¡Recuerden, cada día que un estudiante está ausente es una oportunidad de aprendizaje perdida!

A continuación, algunos consejos de lo que pueden hacer para ayudar a sus hijos a alcanzar asistencia perfecta:

- Programen una rutina de horario para acostarse y para la mañana para sus hijos.
- Preparan la ropa de sus hijos y sus mochilas la noche anterior.
- Mantengan a sus hijos sanos al asegurarse que reciban sus vacunas requeridas.
- Traten de programar citas médicas para sus hijos después de las horas escolares o los fines de semana.

Students of the Month

Kinder: Tommy L., Brielle L., Lucy M., Chaim B.

First Grade: Jessica C., Aitzel L., Ryder W.

Second Grade: Liam P., Matthew J.O., Estavan O.

Third Grade: Eva R.G., Aubree Y., Abbas A.,

Fourth Grade: Sophia N., Caiden R., Ramona M.

Fifth Grade: Johnson N., Nathan E., Shaw M.

Sixth Grade: Amy M.R., Ianna L.G., Myleigh K.



Employees of the Month

Vicky Smith

Dolores Valdez

Thank you to our amazing community partners! We appreciate your time, donations and willingness to bring our community together! We look forward to our ongoing partnership.

Ascendants Motorcycle Club

Arrowhead Foothills Dentistry

Student Council's Make Your Day Store

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!

Your Sunset family is here to support you during the holiday season. Please utilize the resources below or reach out to our front office if you may be in need of additional support.

Food:

WRIC Pantry: Food distribution is the first Friday of every month
Ocotillo Elementary School
3225 W. Ocotillo Rd. Phoenix, 85017
602-347-2422

Holiday Assistance:

<https://freefinancialhelp.net/free-toys-for-christmas/>
<https://lowincomerelief.com/get-free-christmas-toys-food-arizona/>
https://www.needhelpayingbills.com/html/phoenix_and_maricopa_county_ch.html

Clothing:

Palmcroft Clothing Company
15825 N. 35th Ave, Phoenix Az 85053
Open on the following Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
-December 2: All clothing and accessories are free. Clothing for K- 12 students only. If you have a family that needs clothing and can't come on the open dates, please contact 602-863-0945 or clothingcompany@palmcroft.com to make an appointment for the family.