

# 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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**Principal: Aimee Wojciechowski**

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## Message from the Principal

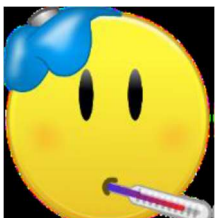
Hello, Sunset Families!

Thank you for attending conferences to discuss your child's progress with his/her teachers. Conferences are an integral part of the education process, and the students would not be successful without your support and our collaboration. Please note that progress reports were reviewed during conferences. If you did not receive the quarter three midterm, you can view your child's grades in ParentVUE. ParentVUE is available for all parents and legal guardians to see real-time grades for their children. Many of our parents have already signed up for this service, and we encourage the rest of you to sign up as well. Individual parent log in sheets are available in the front office with an ID. We are thankful we have the opportunity to spend time with your children at Sunset. We are proud of the character they are building and the education they are receiving. Thank you for choosing our school and supporting your child's education at home. Our Sunset family is so special.

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

**Your child's safety is our primary concern.**

**Please do not park in pick-up line during drop off/pickup.**



### 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

**03/06 - Early Release  
Wednesday**

03/07 – Kona Ice

03/07 – Spring Fling 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

03/08 – Spirit Assembly - Crazy Hair

03/12 – Quarter 3 Make Your Day Party – Ice Cream Sandwiches

**03/13 - Early Release  
Wednesday**

3/14 – K-2 Field Day 8:45– 10:45 a.m.

3/15 – 3-6 Field Day 8:45– 11:00 a.m.

03/15 – End of Quarter 3

**03/18-03/22 – Spring  
Break**

**03/27 - Early Release  
Wednesday**

03/28 – Kona Ice

03/28 – Site Council 3:45 p.m.

03/28 – PTO 4:30 p.m.

**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.
- Preparen 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.

¡Presentarnos todos y hacer de la asistencia una prioridad este año escolar! Para más información y recursos, favor de visitar: <https://www.wesdschools.org/attendancematterswesd>. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!

### ***Students of the Month***

Kinder: Gregory H.M., Nora C., Haider A., Nathaniel L.

Second Grade: Abigail C.H., Paisley O., Alexis C.R.

Fourth Grade: Brady B., Evian P., Brisa H.M.

Sixth Grade: Aiden K., Elijah R., Sanari W.

First Grade: Leilani B.G., Noah R. G., Fernando A.

Third Grade: Rosemary S., Richard C., Audrina M.

Fifth Grade: Kenneth N., April R., Evelyn G.P.

### ***Employees of the Month***

Briana Vasquez  
Crista Oliver

### **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!