

# 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**

**April 2024**

## Calendar of Events

## Message from the Principal

Hello Sunset Families,

We are in the final stretch of our school year and wrapping up AASA testing for grades three-six. We want to thank Ms. Huber for scheduling and organizing all testing dynamics and parents/guardians for making this testing opportunity a priority. We know these assessments can be challenging and nerve-racking, but our students stayed focused and did their best during each testing session. Sunset students, we are so proud of you! 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.

As we wrap up the last month of school, we want to keep our eye on the prize and finish strong. We have a lot of learning, growing and celebrating left to do! We also 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.

4/25 - Sixth Grade  
Cholla Orientation  
04/25 – Kona Ice  
04/26 – April Break –  
No School  
04/29 – Start of Penny  
Drive  
**05/01 - Early Release  
Wednesday**  
05/03 – Spirit  
Assembly – Career Day  
**05/08 - Early Release  
Wednesday**  
05/09 – Kona Ice  
05/09 – Site Council  
3:45 p.m.  
05/09 – PTO 4:30 p.m.  
**05/15 - Early Release  
Wednesday**  
5/16 - Q4 Make Your  
Day Party – Hot Chips  
**5/21 – Last Day of  
School**

**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>

**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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Kristina Subject–Secretary  
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## Jumpstart Registration is Open Now!

This summer, Sunset Elementary is proud to offer classes for Jumpstart, a free, four-week, half-day kindergarten readiness program! Classes will take place from May 28 to June 20. During the program, children will make friends, learn kindergarten routines and practice kindergarten readiness skills. Free breakfast and lunch are included!

To participate in the program, children must be registered for kindergarten at our school for the 2024-2025 school year. Kindergarten registration can be completed in-person at the WESD Welcome and Registration Center or online at <https://www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten>.

Please share this exciting opportunity with your family, friends and neighbors who have a soon-to-be kindergartner! To register for Jumpstart classes, please visit:

<https://www.wesdschools.org/jumpstart>.

## ¡Inscripción para 'Jumpstart' está Abierta Ahora!

¡Este verano, la Escuela Sunset está orgullosa de ofrecer clases para el programa 'Jumpstart', un programa de preparación para kindergarten, gratuito, de cuatro semanas, de medio día! Las clases se llevarán a cabo del 28 de mayo al 20 de junio. Durante el programa, los niños harán amistades, aprenderán rutinas de kindergarten y practicarán habilidades de preparación para kindergarten. ¡Desayuno y almuerzo gratuito están incluidos!

Para participar en el programa, los niños deben de estar inscritos para kindergarten para el año escolar 2024-2025. La inscripción para Kindergarten puede ser completada en persona en el Centro de Bienvenida e Inscripción del WESD o en línea en <https://www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten>.

¡Favor de compartir esta oportunidad emocionante con su familia, amistades y vecinos quienes tienen niños que pronto irán a kindergarten! Para inscribirse en las clases del programa 'Jumpstart', favor de visitar: <https://www.wesdschools.org/jumpstart>.



2024 Washington Elementary School District  
**FREE Summer Kinder Jumpstart Classes!**

Summer Kinder  
**jumpstart**

Get ready to be successful in Kindergarten!

**May 28 – June 20**  
• Morning Classes • Multiple Locations •

**NOW ENROLLING**  
[www.wesdschools.org/jumpstart](http://www.wesdschools.org/jumpstart)

Your child must be registered in WESD  
for Fall of 2024 to sign-up for Kinder Jumpstart.

The flyer features a light blue background with musical notes, a paper airplane carrying school supplies, and a large rainbow at the bottom.



Distrito Escolar Washington 2024  
¡Clases del programa de Verano 'Kinder Jumpstart' GRATUITAS!

Summer Kinder  
**jumpstart**

¡Prepárense para ser exitosos en Kindergarten!

**28 de mayo – 20 de junio**  
• Clases Matutinas • Varios Lugares •

**AHORA INSCRIBIENDO**  
[www.wesdschools.org/jumpstart](http://www.wesdschools.org/jumpstart)

Sus hijos deben estar inscritos en WESD para el otoño del 2024 para inscribirse en el programa 'Kinder Jumpstart'.

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## 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!

## Join One of Our Regional School Finance Presentations

The WESD Business Services Department will host regional school finance presentations in April and May. The presentations will take place from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium and are open to all.

- April 30, 2024 – Palo Verde Middle School, 7502 N. 39th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051; and
- May 13, 2024 – Mountain Sky Junior High School, 16225 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85023.

Each presentation will cover topics related to K-12 funding in Arizona such as where the money for school budgets comes from, how budget limits are determined, how the WESD spends the money, and how factors in the state affect the WESD.

If you are unable to attend one of the presentations in person, they will also be livestreamed. You can find the livestream links at <https://www.wesdschools.org/schoolfinance>. For questions, please email [Daniel.Obrien@wesdschools.org](mailto:Daniel.Obrien@wesdschools.org).

## Únase a Una de Nuestras Presentaciones Regionales de Financiamiento para Las Escuelas

El Departamento de Servicios Empresariales del WESD será el anfitrión de presentaciones regionales de financiamiento para las escuelas en abril y mayo. Las presentaciones se llevarán a cabo de 5:00 a 6:00 p.m. en el gimnasio escolar y están abiertas para todos.

- 30 de abril, 2024 – Escuela Intermedia Palo Verde, 7502 N. 39th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051; y
- 13 de mayo, 2024 – Escuela Intermedia Mountain Sky, 16225 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85023.

Cada presentación cubrirá temas relacionados al financiamiento en Arizona para escuelas K-12 tales como de dónde proviene el dinero para los presupuestos escolares, cómo los límites presupuestales son determinados, cómo el WESD gasta el dinero y cómo los factores en el estado afectan al WESD.

Si no pueden participar en una de las presentaciones en persona, también serán transmitidas en vivo. Pueden encontrar los enlaces para las transmisiones en vivo en <https://www.wesdschools.org/schoolfinance>. Para preguntas, favor de enviar un correo electrónico a [Daniel.Obrien@wesdschools.org](mailto:Daniel.Obrien@wesdschools.org).

Please join us at one of our

## REGIONAL SCHOOL FINANCE PRESENTATIONS

SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

APRIL 2 CHOLLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

APRIL 16 DESERT FOOTHILLS JUNIOR HIGH

APRIL 23 ROYAL PALM MIDDLE SCHOOL

APRIL 30 PALO VERDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MAY 13 MOUNTAIN SKY JUNIOR HIGH

Funding for K-12 schools can be a confusing topic. Each presentation will cover topics related to K-12 funding in Arizona such as:

- where the money for school budgets comes from,
- how budget limits are determined,
- how the WESD spends the money,
- and how factors in the state affect the WESD.

If you can't make it in person, each presentation will be livestreamed. Find the links at [www.wesdschools.org/schoolfinance](https://www.wesdschools.org/schoolfinance).

Favor de acompañarnos en una de nuestras

## PRESENTACIONES REGIONALES DE FINANCIAMIENTO ESCOLAR

GIMNASIO ESCOLAR  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

2 DE ABRIL ESCUELA INTERMEDIA CHOLLA

16 DE ABRIL ESCUELA INTERMEDIA DESERT FOOTHILLS

23 DE ABRIL ESCUELA INTERMEDIA ROYAL PALM

30 DE ABRIL ESCUELA INTERMEDIA PALO VERDE

13 DE MAYO ESCUELA INTERMEDIA MOUNTAIN SKY

El financiamiento para las escuelas K-12 puede ser un tema confuso. Cada presentación cubrirá temas relacionados al financiamiento K-12 en Arizona tales como:

- de dónde proviene el dinero para los presupuestos escolares,
- cómo se determinan los límites para el presupuesto,
- cómo el WESD gasta el dinero,
- y cómo los factores en el estado afectan al WESD.

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## Respiratory Illness Guidance

The fall and winter season are often known as a time of increased respiratory illness which include flu, RSV and COVID-19. As we enter the spring, the number of respiratory cases in Maricopa County are trending down, but we wanted to take a moment to provide families with some helpful tips.

### Prevention Strategies

- Stay up to date on vaccinations
- Wash hands frequently
- Cover your mouth when coughing
- Cover your nose when sneezing and dispose of tissues properly
- Keep hands away from mouth, nose and eyes
- Stay home until you're fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Increase ventilation/fresh air in home/classroom
- Clean and disinfect items at home and school regularly

Since the beginning of the school year, the WESD has been following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Maricopa County Department of Public Health. While we do ask families to report when a child is absent due to illness, the district is no longer required to conduct contact tracing related to COVID-19. Additionally, the CDC has recently adjusted its guidance and no longer suggests isolating for five days. With any respiratory illness, individuals should stay home and get plenty of rest and fluids until symptoms subside and they no longer have a fever.

Please be sure to check out our [Health Guidance flyer](#) for more information.

### Guías para Enfermedades Respiratorias

Las temporadas de otoño e invierno regularmente son conocidas como un tiempo del aumento de enfermedades respiratorias lo cual incluye influenza, RSV y COVID-19. Al entrar en la primavera, la cantidad de casos de situaciones respiratorias en el Condado Maricopa están en tendencia a disminuir, pero queremos tomar un momento para proveerles a las familias con algunos consejos útiles.

### Estrategias de Prevención

- Manténganse actualizados con las vacunas
- Lávense las manos frecuentemente
- Cúbranse la boca al toser
- Cúbranse la nariz al estornudar y boten apropiadamente los pañuelos desechables
- Mantengan las manos alejadas de la boca, nariz y ojos
- Quédense en casa hasta que estén libre de fiebre por 24 horas sin usar medicamentos para reducir la fiebre
- Aumenten la ventilación/aire fresco en casa/salón de clase
- Limpie y desinfecten regularmente artículos en casa y la escuela

Desde el comienzo del año escolar, el WESD ha estado siguiendo las guías de los Centros para el Control y Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC por sus siglas en inglés) y el Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado Maricopa. Aunque les pedimos a las familias reportar cuando la ausencia de los niños es debido a enfermedad, al distrito ya no se le requiere llevar a cabo seguimiento de contacto relacionado a COVID-19. Además, recientemente el CDC ha ajustado sus guías y ya no sugiere aislamiento por cinco días. Con cualquier enfermedad respiratoria, las personas debiesen quedarse en casa y descansar bastante y tomar bastante líquidos hasta que los síntomas disminuyan y ya no tengan una fiebre.

Favor de asegurarse de revisar nuestro (folleto de Guía para la Salud) [Health Guidance flyer](#) para más información.

### Students of the Month

Kinder: *Lyanna S., Dominic H., Destiny M., Eli R.*

First Grade: *Harper., Korra S., Jace C.*

Second Grade: *Aileen N., Daniel A.A., Kinzley S.*

Third Grade: *Tristan H., Leilani C., Jameson K.*

Fourth Grade: *Jasper G., Jaelynne C., Destiny R.*

Fifth Grade: *Camila M.O., Jase W., Cristopher N.*

Sixth Grade: *Noah G.B., Joshua H., Colton F.*

### Employees of the Month

Ashley Hollandsworth – During the testing month of April, Ashley has gone above and beyond with her commitment of time to our campus. She is typically on campus three days a week, and dedicated her time to being present every day to support with test administration. Along with that, Ashley has continued to be dedicated to our English Language Learners throughout the year.

Zainab Alkazaly – Ms. Zainab is always willing to step in around campus whenever needed. As an assistant with her substitute certificate, classroom teachers can always count on Zainab to volunteer to cover their classroom when they are out. She is also willing to help with lunch/recess duty coverage. You can always count on her to smile and have a positive attitude.