

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 Stallions!

Wow, I can't believe we've already reached the end of our first year together! Time really flies when you're having fun!

Thank you for your participation and engagement in our Sunset community this year! We have had so many great opportunities to laugh and grow together, and many moments of "firsts". We had our first Sunset Pride night, where we demonstrated how proud we are to learn here at Sunset. In November, we had our first Turkey Trot, and were able to send many students home with pies and turkeys. Our Day of Awesomeness was a very fun first as we were able to play on giant inflatable slides, play human foosball and have some fun dance parties. Of course, who can forget the first time I was pied in the face not one, not two, but SEVEN times live on announcements! I think I am still cleaning whipped cream out of my ears from that!

Despite all of our fun events, building relationships with our students, teachers, and families has been my favorite part of this school year. The smiles and hugs that I get daily from our students is why I love this job. When I talk with our parents and guardians at dismissal or at events always reminds me of who I do this for, and who I get to lead with. Seeing the passion our teachers have for teaching makes my passion for leading grow more.

All of this makes it difficult to share that I will not be returning to Sunset next year. My plan was to grow with Sunset over many years, however, I have family needs that are calling me back home to Michigan. I am grateful for the year we have spent together and I am so sad to have to say goodbye.

I have been proud to be your principal, Sunset Stallions.

We made it a great year!

Love,

Aimee Wojciechowski, Principal

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/pick up.

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

**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
5/20 – Kinder Graduation 1:00 p.m.

5/21 – Last Day of School – Early Release

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
Kenneth "Shane" Blanchard – Treasurer

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Nikkie Gomez-Whaley, Member • Lindsey Peterson, Member • Tamillia Valenzuela, Member

Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

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>.

Important End-of-the-Year Information...

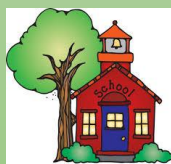
Moving Schools

If you are planning on moving or switching schools and your student will not be returning to Sunset next school year, please come into the office or email snoffice@wesdschools.org from your email that is on file.



Returning Next Year

If your student is returning to Sunset, they will automatically be enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year. (Unless otherwise notified.)



Library Books

Please return any library books that you may have at home by the end of the school year.



Medications

Parents – Please remember to pick up any medication that your child may have in the health office prior to the last day of school. Any medication left after May 21 will be discarded. Medication cannot be handed over to any students to take home.

Immunizations

Has your child turned 11 or will they be turning 11 over the summer break? If so, they are due for their 11-year-old immunizations, Tdap and meningococcal.



Current Information

Have you moved recently? Do you have a new phone number or email address? If yes, please call the front office at 602-347-3300 or email snoffice@wesdschools.org to update your information. Maintaining contact with families is crucial when we have important updates!

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!



Students of the Month

Kinder: *Jaxon G., Azalea C., Elizabeth L.M., Omari V.* First Grade: *Almuawiiz K., Victor A., Giselle C.*
Second Grade: *Maddison B., Olivia O., Rasha'dahn R.* Third Grade: *Lexi A., Serenity B., Gemma T.*
Fourth Grade: *Lucca N.G., Anastasia C., Gage S.* Fifth Grade: *McKenzie G., Gianna J., Sean O.*
Sixth Grade: *Layla D., Aika P., Nico O.*

Employees of the Month

Emily Mucklow – Mrs. Mucklow has gone above and beyond all year to help make Sunset a wonderful place to learn. She serves as the advisor for our student council and helps organize all of our spirit assemblies and student activities. She is also the site coordinator for our After-School Academy program, where she organizes and oversees the enrollment and programming of our 21st Century Learning Grant. She is a dedicated member of our team and we appreciate all she does!

Gina Hayes – Ms. Gina has only just joined the Sunset team, but it feels like she has been here all year. She jumped right into her office tech position and has been eager to grow and contribute. She is kind and professional with parents, jumps right in to solve a problem or help, and is out covering extra lunch duties. We are so thankful for her!

Last Day of School: May 21, 2024

Early Release at 1:45 p.m.



School Resumes August 5, 2024