

SUNSET Newsletter



Inspiring Excellence Together

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Message from the Principal

Dear Sunset families,

Can you believe we only have 44 days left in the school year! As we cherish each last day we have with your kids, we are embracing the theme "Finish Strong." We want to make the most of the fourth and final quarter by pulling together, lifting each other up, persevering through the tough spots, and celebrating the many gifts that come with spending your days in an elementary school. One of our recent celebrations was Field Day! Mrs. Worsnup planned an exciting day full of fun, athletic team building activities that students loved. Not only did students enjoy the event, but teachers AND parents were able to join in on the fun by watching, cheering, taking pictures, and soaking up the beautiful weather. What a joy it was to have parents back on campus! We have missed you so much and are grateful we get to share school experiences on campus with you again. Speaking of opportunities to connect families, we have a few events coming up! Please mark your calendars for the following family engagement opportunities.

Kindergarten Choir Concert - Friday, April 8 from 8:15-8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria

First grade Choir Concert – Friday, April 15 from 8:15-8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria

Second grade Choir Concert - Friday, April 22 from 8:15-8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria

Spring Family Event – Thursday, April 28 from 5-6:30 p.m. - Students in grades 3-6 will perform during this event

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

Your child's safety is our primary concern.



Girls Basketball Games

4/4 Home vs. Sahuaro	4/22 Away @ Sahuaro
4/7 Home vs. Tumbleweed	4/25 Away @ Tumbleweed
4/11 Away @ Sahuaro	4/28 Home vs. Sahuaro
4/14 Home vs. Tumbleweed	5/3 Away @ Tumbleweed
4/19 Away @ Lakeview	5/6 Home vs. Lakeview

Check out our Sunset Elementary Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SunsetElementarySchool>

Calendar of Events

3/25 Kona Ice
 3/26 Goodwill Donation Drive
3/30 Early Release Wednesday
 4/1 Spirit Assembly
 Theme: Character Day
4/6 Early Release Wednesday
 4/8 8:15-8:30 a.m.
 Kindergarten Concert
 4/8 Kona Ice
4/13 Early Release Wednesday
 4/15 8:15-8:30 a.m. First
 Grade Concert
4/20 Early Release Wednesday
 4/20 Progress 4 Reports go
 home
 4/21 Spring Picture Day
 4/22 8:15-8:30 a.m. Second
 Grade Concert
 4/22 Kona Ice
4/27 Early Release Wednesday
 4/28 5:00-6:30 p.m. Spring
 Family Event

Wednesday Early Dismissal
 All grades release at 1:45 p.m.

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Congratulations to our Girls Basketball Team!

<p>Melisa S. Mikayla S. Nayeli T. Aniya R. Jada W. Paige C. Jennel C.</p>	<p>Delilah L. Genesis B. Emmasofia S. Mia R. Naimah G. Adriana H. Emy R.</p>	<p>Jayla W. Bella P. Joy A. Naomi M. Grace R. Lily M.</p>
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Good luck this season!

Arizona Academic Standards Assessment (AASA) Testing

The state testing window is quickly approaching for our 3-6 grade students. It is important that students arrive on time on testing days as we try to get started soon after breakfast. Remember to be sure your child is well-rested. Look ahead and be certain to schedule any appointments needed on days that will not interfere with testing days. State testing allows us to see how much students have learned and their growth this school year. We want students to feel confident in taking the test. All we ask is for students to try hard and do their very best!

3rd Grade Test Dates: Thursday 4/7, Tuesday 4/19 and Thursday 4/21.

4th Grade Test Dates: Tuesday 4/5, Tuesday 4/12 and Thursday 4/14.

5th Grade Test Dates: Thursday 3/24, Thursday 4/7, Tuesday 4/19 and Thursday 4/21.

6th Grade Test Dates: Tuesday 4/5, Tuesday 4/12 and Thursday 4/14.



Congratulations to Deanna Jergenson, our Lamp of Learning Award recipient!



The Lamp of Learning Award, is the highest honor someone can receive in WESD. Mrs. Jergenson, our incredible Instructional Coach, was celebrated at a top secret assembly just before break.

Mrs. Jergenson offers her time, openly and humbly shares her expertise, and does all she can to help her Sunset family members. Deanna excels in everything she commits to. She comes alongside teachers to assist with lesson planning and modeling, facilitates data meetings and professional development sessions, comes to the rescue with technology assistance, and goes above and beyond on a daily basis to support staff and students. Though Mrs. Jergenson is respected and appreciated for the way she carries out her professional duties, she is most admired for her exceptional character. Coworkers and students describe Deanna as compassionate, kind, selfless, supportive, and always available to listen.

We are so lucky we get to work with Deanna and excited to celebrate her Lamp of Learning honor! Congrats, Mrs. Jergenson!!

Employees of the Month

Congratulations to our amazing employees of the month!



Tom Johnson: Mr. Tom is very patient with our students. He uses music and activities to make physical therapy fun. He's always positive, and the students are always excited to see him. He's flexible and is a great team player, working efficiently and effectively with staff. He gives staff advice for how to best work with our students. We've seen so much growth in our students, since they've started working with Tom!

Julia Adame: It is obvious how much Julia enjoys working with our preschool students; you can see it in her passion. She is so patient and calm with students. She's always making suggestions of ways to work with students or taking initiative to help with activities. She's very reliable and is willing to help with anything we need. Because Julia is bilingual, she is helpful in connecting with our Spanish-speaking families.

We are very fortunate to have Mr. Johnson and Miss Julia on our Sunset team!

Congratulations to our February Students of the Month!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Haskins: Abigail C.
Miss Lerner: Adan S.
Miss West: Cristian J.
Mrs. Harris: Lennox T.

2nd Grade

Miss Cota: Arijana C.
Ms. Demory: Brian R.
Ms. Savage: Jair C.

4th Grade

Mrs. Dill: Trajan C.
Miss Duran: Emilee V.
Mrs. Snead: Frankie V.

1st Grade

Miss Bailey: Angelica P.
Mrs. Mettler: Gianna J.
Ms. Cooper: Andre A.

3rd Grade

Mrs. Jones: Chaise C.
Miss Scott: Abigail H.
Ms. Spina: Hajira S.

5th Grade

Mrs. Klemencic: Emma C.
Miss Marple: Aqbar A.
Mr. Stevens: Ava B.

6th Grade

Ms. Douglas: Noemi S.

Miss Klues & Mrs. Barber: Ahmed K.

Mrs. Konecny: Gabe R.