

# SUNSET Newsletter



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**Principal: Mandi Jones**

## Calendar of Events

2/3 – 2/7 Valentine Grams Sold  
2/4 – 2/7 Early Release  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
2/7 8:10 a.m. Spirit Assembly  
2/7 3:10 p.m. Kona Ice  
2/10 – 2/14 Canned Food Drive  
2/12 Early Release Wednesday  
2/12 5:15 p.m. PTO Meeting  
2/14 Individual & Class Picture Day  
2/17 Presidents' Day –No School  
2/20 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Make Your Day  
Ice Cream Party  
2/21 3:10 p.m. Kona Ice  
2/28 Kindergarten Field Trip to  
Tolmachoff Farms  
2/28 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to AZ  
Science Center  
3/2 – 3/6 Read Across America  
Week  
3/3 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Airport  
Fire Station  
3/4 Early Release Wednesday  
3/5 Ms. Spina's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class  
Field Trip to Audubon  
3/5 5:00 p.m. Reading Olympics  
3/5 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Family Fun  
Night  
3/6 Mrs. Jones' and Ms. Scott's 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Grade Classes Field Trip to  
Audubon  
3/6 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip to  
Tolmachoff Farms

### Wednesday Early Dismissal/ Parent/Teacher Conference

All grades release at 1:45 p.m.

### Site Council

Linda Austerman  
Mike Bailey  
Sandy Bogard  
Shari Blanchard  
Mandi Jones  
Corinn Klues

### PTO Board

Olivia Lucio –President  
Shari Blanchard –Vice Pres  
Michelle Reyes –Secretary  
Katie Reader –Treasurer

## Message from the Principal

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Wednesday, February 4, 5 and 6. Please make every effort to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Here are some tips to make the most of your conference time:

1. Prepare ahead by looking over recent assignments and test grades so you know how your child has been performing in class.
2. Ask your child questions, such as: What is your favorite subject? What are you having a difficult time with? What subject do you find easiest?
3. Write down questions you have for the teacher so you will remember what you want to ask.
4. Check out your student's grades on ParentVue.
5. Be on time for your conference.

Thank you for supporting your child's education by participating in Parent/Teacher Conferences!



**Conference Week Early  
Release Days**  
**February 4, 5, 6, 7**  
**Dismissal Time: 1:45 p.m.**

Students of the  
Month

Spirit Assembly  
Feb 7 @ 8:10 a.m.  
Basketball Court

Spirit Theme: Sports



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## Spotlight on First Grade

First grade is having a blast starting out the New Year. We have grown so much and have started to become amazing readers and mathematicians! In first grade, we celebrated the 100th day of school on January 17. We learned how to tell time to the hour and half hour on a digital and analog clock! We have also been reading and writing so much. We just learned how to write a short story/narrative. We are so proud of all of our accomplishments we have made. We look forward to growing our brains and continuing to be the best we can be!

Save the Date: Family Fun Night is Thursday, March 5 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Stay tuned for more details!



## Congratulations to our Girls' Basketball Team! Good luck this season!

The members of our Sunset team are:

Mikayla J., Emily T., Harley P., Lensey M.,  
Mareli S., Delaney M., Domiyala L., Nydrela J.,  
Delilah L., Kassandra M., Rebecca L., Lejla H.,  
Natalie H., Jade W., Mariah C., Bella C.,  
Janessa C., Nicole P., Sophia B. and Drejah J.

Games begin at 4:00 p.m.

Jan 23 Sunset @ Tumbleweed

Jan 27 Sahuaro @ Sunset

Feb 10 Sunset @ Lakeview

Feb 11 Manzanita @ Sunset

Feb 18 Tumbleweed @ Sunset

Feb 21 Sunset @ Sahuaro

Feb 25 Sunset @ Richard E Miller

Feb 27 Desert View @ Sunset



## Employees of the Month

Congratulations to our amazing January employees of the month!

**Briana Konecny:** Briana is a fifth grade teacher at Sunset. She continuously strives to build community among our Sunset family by stepping up to offer support, encouragement, or to lend a hand when needed. Her focus is always on challenging her students to reach academic success. Briana inspires others to be their best selves and is a role model of positivity and integrity. We are fortunate Mrs. Konecny joined our Sunset team this year!

**Jessica Eck:** Jessica is an instructional assistant in our CCK classroom. Jessica always gives 110 percent when she is at work. She works continually to help our CCK students with their academic, language and social goals. She always talks in a calm voice and is able to use different methods to help students understand. She is kind, patient and very hardworking!

Thank you Mrs. Konecny and Miss Jessica for everything you do for Sunset!

## WESD Community Food Drive Coming in February

Washington Elementary School District will be hosting the WESD Community Food Drive (#WESDCommunityFoodDrive2020) from **Monday, Feb. 10 through Friday, Feb. 21** to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. Right now, one in four children in Arizona is going to bed hungry. WESD can help change that. As a community leader and partner with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, WESD is asking every school to participate. Each student is asked to bring in canned food to donate during those two weeks. The school with the most donated food (as determined by the number of pounds per student) will receive bundtinis from Nothing Bundt Cakes for the entire school and a trophy to recognize its efforts. Last year we collected nearly 96,000 pounds of food!

### Recaudo de Alimentos del WESD

En Febrero Llega El Recaudo Comunitario de Alimentos del WESD

El Distrito Escolar Washington será anfitrión del Recaudo Comunitario de Alimentos del

WESD (#WESDCommunityFoodDrive2020) del lunes, 10 de febrero hasta el viernes, 21 de febrero para beneficiar al programa 'St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance'. En este momento, uno de cada cuatro niños en Arizona se va a dormir con hambre. WESD puede ayudar a cambiar esa situación. Como líder comunitario y socio con el programa 'St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance', WESD está pidiendo la participación de cada escuela. Se pide a cada estudiante traer una lata de comida para donar durante esas dos semanas. La escuela con más alimento donado (determinado por el número de libras por estudiante) recibirá 'bundtinis' de 'Nothing Bundt Cake' para toda la escuela y un trofeo para reconocer sus esfuerzos. ¡El año pasado recaudamos casi 96,000 libras de alimento!

**Students should not be on campus before 7:55 a.m.**