

SUNSET Newsletter



Inspiring Excellence Together

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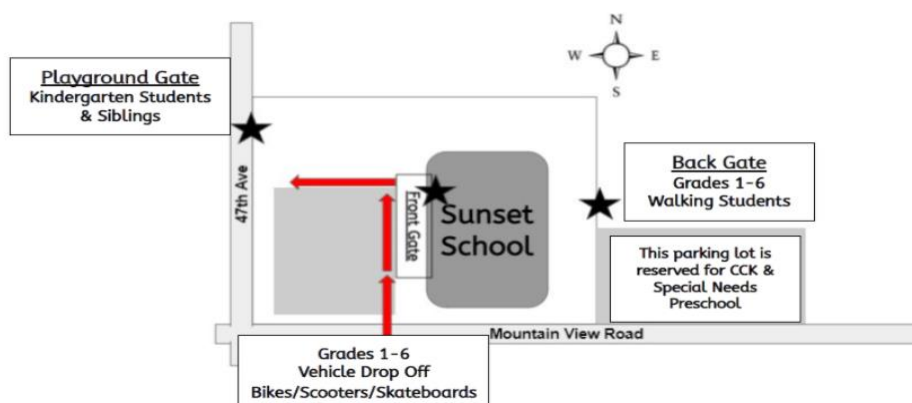
Message from the Principal

As the first quarter ends, our teachers are preparing for and looking forward to parent/teacher conferences. These conferences will be held October 26-28 and you have the option to meet in-person or virtually. If you have not returned your conference scheduling form to your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible.

These valuable meetings provide teachers and parents with insight that will benefit students and strengthen the school-home connection. Teachers will share students' strengths and progress, classroom strategies, and ideas to try at home. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of the curricular expectations, along with sharing valuable information about their child. This information allows teachers to get to know students through the eyes of their family. Students gain the final benefits as parents are more equipped to help them at home, and teachers become more in tune with each child's unique characteristics and needs.

Thank you for collaborating with us as we continue to make our vision a daily reality: inspiring excellence together.

Please do not drop off your student prior to 8:05 a.m.
Your child's safety is our primary concern.



Calendar of Events

- 10/7 Picture Day
- 10/7 Peter Piper Pizza Night 4-8:00 p.m.
- 10/8 Kona Ice
- 10/8 End of First Quarter
- 10/11-10/15 Fall Break –NO SCHOOL**
- 10/20 Early Release Wednesday**
- 10/20 Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness
- 10/22 Kona Ice
- 10/25-10/29 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/26-10/29 Early Release – Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- 10/27 Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness
- 11/3 Early Release Wednesday**
- 11/5 Spirit Assembly Theme: Western
- 11/10 Early Release Wednesday**
- 11/10 Wear Red, White & Blue for Veterans' Day
- 11/11 Veterans' Day –NO SCHOOL**
- 11/17 Early Release Wednesday**
- 11/25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL**

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

Site Council

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Gifted Services

Fall Testing:

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the online screening form found on the Gifted Services website ([Gifted test referral K-8](#)) or contact your child’s teacher. A description of gifted services is provided on the district website as well. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Rowe Van Meter, with any questions you may have (rowe.vanmeter@wesdschools.org /602-347-2651). Mrs. Levine can also provide testing and information on gifted services.

WESD Gifted Parent Group

Has your child already been identified as a gifted learner? Would you like to be part of a parent committee for parents of gifted students? A few parents have expressed interest in forming a group to advocate for gifted learners and learn more together about gifted learners’ needs. Right now, the group is looking for a parent to organize and lead the effort. Contact rowe.vanmeter@wesdschools.org to connect with the parents interested in starting this group.



Congratulations to our 2021-2022 Student Council Officers:

President: Ethan M. **Secretary:** Noah C.
Vice President: Abraham T. **Treasurer:** Naomi M.
Historian: Adriana H.

District Employee of the Month: Monica Burruel

We are fortunate to have Ms. Burruel as our behavior support advocate at Sunset. The way she connects with students who are having a difficult day is truly inspiring. She is insightful and strategic, always seeking to understand all facets of a situation before determining the most appropriate step. She is kind, calm and understanding, even when the conversation is difficult. She offers valuable advice and follows up when needed. Ms. Burruel is described as compassionate, dedicated and efficient. Thank you, Ms. Burruel, for all you do for our Sunset students, parents and staff!

Employees of the Month



Congratulations to our amazing employees of the month!

Amanda Larner is one of our wonderful kindergarten teachers. She goes above and beyond for her students and she always does this with love and compassion. She is one of our student council advisors and is part of our sunshine committee. She always has a smile on her face and is willing to help out whenever needed!

Makayla Harrum is one of our amazing one on one paraprofessionals. She is new to our Sunset team, but you’d never know it! She is willing to help out in any area, with any student and always does this with a friendly, positive attitude.

We are very fortunate to have Miss Larner and Miss Makayla on our Sunset team!

Congratulations to our September Students of the Month!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Austerman: Matthew J.
Miss Larner: Adrian G.
Miss West: Brylyn L.
Mrs. Harris: Ahmed A.

2nd Grade

Miss Cota: Aiden C.
Ms. Demory: Valentina M.
Ms. Savage: Valentina H.

4th Grade

Mrs. Dill: Sarahi Q.
Miss Duran: Aaliyah B.
Mrs. Snead: Yunes A.

1st Grade

Miss Bailey: Isabella C.
Mrs. Mettler: Austyn J.
Mrs. Thompson: Joanna T.

3rd Grade

Mrs. Jones: RJ A.
Miss Scott: Evelyn G.
Ms. Spina: Jase W.

5th Grade

Miss Marple: Mimi N.
Mr. Stevens: Yaramarn A.

6th Grade

Ms. Douglas: Damian M. **Miss Klues & Mrs. Barber:** Camila G. **Mrs. Konecny:** Anisa H.