

SUNSET Newsletter



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Calendar of Events

12/14 – 12/18 Holiday Spirit Week
12/16 Reading Olympics Kickoff
12/17 End of Quarter 2
12/18 Staff Professional Development –No School
12/21 – 1/1 Winter Break –No School
1/11 – 1/15 Pet Food Drive
1/18 Martin Luther King Jr Day – No School
2/9 – 2/12 Early Release, Parent/Teacher Conferences
2/15 Presidents Day –No School
3/12 End of Quarter 3
3/15 – 3/19 Spring Break –No School
4/19 – 4/23 Spirit Week
5/3 – 5/7 Teacher Appreciation Week
5/25 Early Release, Last Day of School

Wednesday Early Dismissal/ Parent/Teacher Conference
All grades release at 1:45 p.m.

Site Council
Linda Austerman
Mike Bailey
Sandy Bogard
Mandi Jones
Corinn Klues

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Stormy Meyer –President
Georgia Venard –Vice President
Michelle Reyes –Secretary
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Message from the Principal

As we reflect on all that we are grateful for during this holiday season, I find myself particularly thankful for our Sunset family. I cherish our wonderful students, supportive families, resilient staff, and our caring community. Our school is a home away from home...a place where safety is priority and joy abounds. I am so proud to be your principal.

I know we all wish our kids could be at school right now, but until that is possible we will continue to support you and your students through virtual engagement opportunities. We know you are working hard to provide and care for your families while doing everything you can to assist with your child's online learning experience. Here are a few at-home learning tips:

- Create a learning area in a quiet space.
- Maintain a routine that involves getting up around the same time each morning, getting dressed, eating breakfast, and logging on to class by 8:00 a.m.
- Ask your child what he/she is learning about.
- Check to make sure work is completed and submitted.
- Communicate with the teacher(s) when you have questions or need help.
- Call the office if your child will be absent (not logging into classes during the day).

We are here for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or are in need of assistance.

TAX CREDIT

You can do something great for the students at SUNSET and reduce your tax liability at the same time by making a tax credit donation! You decide where your money goes! You may donate online with a credit card using this web address:
<https://wesonlinepayments.revtrak.net/tax-credit-donation/#/list>

When you make a school tax credit donation, you are enhancing the education of a child. Your donation can go to the program you specify, or you may permit the school to designate which of its extracurricular programs your donation will support.



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As we transition to Online Learning, here are a few important updates:

- **Attendance and Teachers:** Students will attend Online Learning five days a week. Students must log in every morning at 8:00 a.m. for attendance and a Social Emotional Learning component for the day. Students will keep their current teacher(s), and will have links on their Google Calendar for daily Google Meet sessions.
- **Special Education Services:** Students will receive their special services virtually, to the extent possible.
- **Chromebooks and Hot Spots:** Chromebooks were made available to all students when the school year began. If your child needs a Chromebook or a hot spot for Internet access, please contact the school office.
- **Sunset Library:** The library is open! You may place books on hold online at <http://sunset.wesdschools.org/library> Click the Destiny Quest link, log in using your user name (student ID# which is also the first 6 numbers of your school e-mail address) and password (your last name). Search for a book, click on the picture or title link. Click the blue HOLD button. That's it! Books put on hold before 3:00 p.m. will be available the next day in the front office. Simply come to the front office between 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and your books will be waiting there for you. You may also return library books at the front office or curbside during meal pickups.



Grab and Go Meals

Free meals will be available daily this week from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Beginning Monday, December 7, Grab and Go will return to a weekly pick up every Monday from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. Families will receive seven breakfasts, seven lunches and five snacks per child age 18 and younger.



Employees of the Month

Congratulations to our amazing employees of the month!

Brenda Savage: Ms. Savage is one of our wonderful second grade teachers. She has a way of making her students feel valued and cared about. Ms. Savage has a heart of gold and helps out in any way she can around campus, from being on our Leadership Team to always willing to help staff in need. She constantly goes above and beyond all while putting her students' needs first.

Vicky Mainez: Ms. Vicky is our amazing Sunset health technician. She has done an amazing job keeping our staff up to date on new health precautions and keeping our students well cared for and safe while at school. She is remarkable at what she does, and is truly a loving and caring person.

We are fortunate to have Ms. Savage and Ms. Vicky on our Sunset team!

Students of the Month

Kindergarten

Mrs. Austerman: Saphyer V.
Miss Bailey: Eva R.
Ms. Harris: Jonathan P.
Miss West: Liam C.

2nd Grade

Ms. Cota: Persaious B.
Ms. Demory: Rosie P.
Ms. Savage: Johnson N.

4th Grade

Mrs. Dill: Yasin A.
Ms. Ray: Rylan L.

6th Grade

Ms. Barber: Domiyala L.
Ms. Douglas: Marissa S.
Ms. Klues: Jayden S.

1st Grade

Miss Lerner: Logan C.
Mrs. Mettler: Sophia N.
Ms. Schmitt: Clayton H.

3rd Grade

Miss Scott: Joy A.
Mrs. Jones: Yunes A.
Ms. Spina: Sanel O.

5th Grade

Ms. Smith: Roy T.
Ms. Konecny: Naomi M.
Miss Marple: Francisco R.

