

SUNSET Newsletter



Inspiring Excellence Together

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Principal: Mandi Jones

Message from the Principal

Have you noticed our beautiful buddy benches? We have one on the primary playground and one on the intermediate playground. These benches are symbolic and purposeful. It is our hope that you will open up a conversation about the use of these benches with your children.

How does the Buddy Bench Work?

If you are sitting on the bench ...

You are looking for a friend. When someone asks you to play, join them, and always remember to glance over at the school's Buddy Bench to invite new friends to join in on the fun.

If you are not sitting on the bench ...

Ask your classmate on the buddy bench to play, and make a new friend today! Keep growing your circle of friends until everyone has someone to play with.

Four Reasons to sit on the Buddy Bench

1. If you are new to the school.
2. If you want to make new friends.
3. If your friends aren't at school that day.
4. If you want to play something different than what your friend is playing.

At the end of our Spirit Assembly on Friday, Nov. 1, we will be hosting a special dedication ceremony of one of our buddy benches in memory of our former student, Sabrina M. If you knew Sabrina, you are invited to stay after the assembly to share memories of her with her friends and family.

Spirit Theme: Wear Purple

Students of the
Month

Spirit Assembly

Nov. 1 @ 8:10 a.m.

Basketball Court



Calendar of Events

10/22 - 25 Early Release

10/23 Wear Pink

10/28 3:30 p.m. Boy's Basketball Game @ John Jacobs

10/28 - 11/1 Red Ribbon Week

10/29 4:00 p.m. Boy's Basketball Game @ Home

10/30 Early Release Wednesday Wear Pink

11/1 8:10 a.m. Spirit Assembly Theme: Purple

11/1 WRIC Laugh & Learn 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Ages 0-5

11/1 K-3 Make Your Day Pizza Party

11/1 3:10 p.m. Kona Ice

11/5 4:15 p.m. Cross Country Meet @ Sunset

11/5 4:00 p.m. Boy's Basketball Game @ Ironwood

11/7 4:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Game @ Home

11/7 5:30-7:00 p.m. K-2 Literacy Night

11/8 Picture Retakes

11/8 Wear Red, White & Blue

11/11 Veterans Day - No School

11/14 4-8 p.m. Peter Piper Night

11/15 School-Wide BBQ

11/15 Grades 4-6 Make Your Day Pizza Party

11/15 3:10 p.m. Kona Ice

11/18-22 Clothing Drive

Wednesday Early Dismissal/ Parent/Teacher Conference

All grades release at 1:45 p.m.

Site Council

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Mike Bailey
Sandy Bogard
Shari Blanchard
Mandi Jones
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Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

Spotlight on Special Needs Preschool

Special Needs Preschool is doing a pumpkin unit during the month of October! Ms. Huffman and Ms. Joanna's classes are doing all kinds of pumpkin activities. During circle time, we will be passing a pumpkin around our circle to see how it feels on the outside and practicing our ability to follow directions like fast, slow, and stop as we pass it. We will also be reading both fiction and non-fiction books involving pumpkins! During small groups, we will be opening one up to see what's inside and practicing the vocabulary words of seed and pulp. During our patio time outside, we will have small pumpkins in our water table so we can explore sink and float concepts



Congratulations to our cross country team!

Elissa A., Susana A., Aiden B., Diego B., Bella C., Janessa C., Malia C., Alyssa C., Dylan D., Ricardo E., Camila G., Marina G., Leila H., Mikayla J., Rebecca L., Amira M., Gio M., Jazlyn O., Nicole P., Harley P., Tristin Q., James R., Noemi S. and Kayla S.

Meets are held at 4:15 p.m. every Tuesday in November

Nov. 5 @ Sunset; Nov. 12 @ Sunburst; Nov. 19 @ Cactus Park; Nov. 26 @ Lookout Mtn.

WESD District Programs

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss or a traumatic event? Washington Elementary School District offers services to families through the federal McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The act requires that children and families who are in a temporary living situation be offered services and supports. Services provided can include enrollment assistance, nutrition services, clothing or school supplies, community referrals, and in some cases transportation. If you are living in any of the following temporary circumstances: with another family or friend due to financial hardship, living in a shelter, transitional housing, in a hotel/motel, you **may** fit the criteria for assistance under this act. Please contact Jessica Warner at 602-347-3345 to inquire further about qualifying for this program.

Programas Distritales de WESD

¿Actualmente están lidiando con situaciones de vivienda temporal debido a desalojo, pérdida de trabajo o un evento traumático? El Distrito Escolar Washington ofrece servicios a las familias por medio de la Ley Federal 'McKinney Vento' de Asistencia a las Personas sin Hogar. La Ley requiere que los niños y las familias que están en una situación de vivienda temporal se les ofrezcan servicios y apoyos. Los servicios provistos pueden incluir ayuda con inscripciones, servicios de nutrición, abastecimientos de ropa o escolar, referencias comunitarias y en algunos casos servicios de transporte. Si ustedes están viviendo en cualquiera de las siguientes situaciones temporales: con otra familia o amistad debido a una dificultad económica, viviendo en un refugio, vivienda transicional, en un hotel o motel, **pudiesen** calificar bajo el criterio para ayuda bajo esta ley. Favor de comunicarse con Jessica Warner al 602-347-3345 para recibir información adicional acerca de cómo calificar para este programa.

Employees of the Month

Congratulations to our amazing October employees of the month!



Amanda Larner: Amanda is a first grade teacher who does so much for our Sunset students and staff! She is always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. She has a kind, selfless heart and works hard at creating a loving and caring environment for her students and our Sunset staff.

Linda Montelongo: You'll find Linda in our front office at Sunset. Linda cheerfully greets parents, students and staff when they walk into the office. She goes above and beyond to make sure everyone feels welcome. She makes time to ensure anyone with a question or need is taken care of right away.

We are fortunate to have Miss Larner and Ms. Linda on our Sunset team!

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