

SUNSET Newsletter



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Principal: Mandi Jones

Calendar of Events

12/18 Early Release Wednesday

12/18 Reading Olympics Begins

12/19 2:00 p.m. Kindergarten
Holiday Concert

12/20 – 1/3 Winter Break –No School

1/8 9:00 a.m. Spelling Bee

1/8 Early Release Wednesday

1/10 8:10 a.m. Spirit Assembly

1/10 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. WRIC
Laugh & Learn Village

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

1/13 – 1/17 Pet Food Drive

1/14 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten Open
House (for incoming '20-'21 school
year Kindergarteners)

1/15 Early Release Wednesday

1/15 4:00 p.m. Site Council
Meeting

1/15 5:15 p.m. PTO Meeting

1/16 District Spelling Bee

1/17 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. WRIC
Laugh & Learn Village

1/20 Martin Luther King Jr Day –no school

1/22 Early Release Wednesday

1/24 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. WRIC
Laugh & Learn Village

1/24 3:10 p.m. Kona Ice

1/29 Early Release Wednesday

2/4 – 2/7 Early Release Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

Did you know our school implemented WIN (What I Need) Time this year? This is a daily thirty-minute block of time when students break off into strategic groups to obtain reteaching, reinforcement, or extension opportunities. Our staff has been working hard to analyze student data, group students according to needs/strengths, then plan and deliver small group instruction. We are running four week cycles that include three weeks of lessons, two days of progress monitoring, and 3 days of social emotional activities. We just completed Cycle 2 and look forward to starting Cycle 3 on January 6th!

Is your child too sick for school?

To help you make the decision if your child is too sick for school, please consider the following:

Fever

If your child has a fever higher than 100.0 degrees, he or she should stay home. Children should be fever free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school.

Mild Cough/Runny Nose

If there is no fever and the child wants to attend school, it is okay to send him or her to school.

Bad Cough/Cold Symptoms

If your child has a cough or cold that will disrupt his or her ability to learn or will disrupt the learning of others, he or she should stay home.

Vomiting and Diarrhea

If your child is vomiting and/or has diarrhea, he or she should stay home. Your child may return to school when he or she has not vomited or had diarrhea for 24 hours without the use of medication.

Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)

Pink eye is contagious and may be bacterial or viral. Consult your doctor regarding treatment. If an antibiotic is prescribed, the student may return 24 hours after the first antibiotic treatment. Once a diagnosis is made, please call the school's health office.

Sore Throat

A minor sore throat is typically caused by seasonal allergies and/or a mild viral infection. A severe sore throat may be caused by streptococcal bacteria. Typical symptoms of strep throat are fever, headache and stomachache without nasal congestion. A special test is required to determine if it is strep. Keep your child home and contact your doctor. Your child may return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment begins. Once a diagnosis is made, please call the school's health office.

Head Lice

If your child has head lice, he or she must be treated with a medicated lice shampoo and have most of the nits (eggs) removed before returning to school. Please have your child checked by the health technician prior to returning to class.

Students of the
Month

Spirit Assembly

Jan 10 @ 8:10 a.m.

Basketball Court

Spirit Theme: Time
Travel/Throwback Day



Check out our Sunset Elementary Facebook Page:

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



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Spotlight on Fourth Grade

Happy December, one and all! Fourth grade is working away on so many wonderful things! We are learning about geometry and measurement in math, AZ state facts in social studies, informative essays in writing, and identifying text structures in reading! We will be planning our field trip soon and you will receive further announcements about that in the near future. We'd like to thank all parents, guardians, and volunteers for their continued support. Let's keep the year going strong!



Winter Break

No School Dec 20 – Jan 3

Happy Holidays to all of our Sunset Families!

Did you know that January is National Mentoring Month? What a perfect time to get your child paired up with a mentor of their very own! Big Brothers Big Sisters offers a FREE community-based mentoring program for children ages 6-15. BBBS carefully screens their mentors and thoughtfully matches them with their mentee by interests, personalities, and proximity. Your child and their Big Brother or Big Sister will have opportunities to attend professional live sporting events, as well other culturally rich experiences in the community. Simply fill out a one-page application in the front office to get the process rolling! You can also apply online

at: <https://www.bbbsaz.org/enroll/>

Questions? Contact Jessica Warner at 602-347-3345

Employees of the Month

Congratulations to our amazing December employees of the month!



Andrea Jones: Andrea is a third grade teacher at Sunset. Andrea is an extremely hardworking and dedicated teacher, mother and teammate. She goes above and beyond in everything she does. From turning her classroom into a "Starbucks cafe" for her before school academy class to covering in other classrooms when needed to seeking out knowledge to refine and build her natural teaching ability. She has been a great mentor teacher for her ASU student teacher these past couple of months. She is patient, dependable and very persistent. Her heart is in it and it shows!

Joe Venditti: Joe is our facility manager at Sunset. Many people say our campus is one of the most beautiful campuses in WESD, and we owe that credit to Mr. Joe! He works hard every day to make sure our campus is well-maintained and everything is in working condition! Joe is always available to lend a helping hand to our staff and students when in need.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Jones and Mr. Joe on our Sunset team!

Kindergarten Registration and Open Enrollment

The WESD will begin accepting enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year on December 2. Open enrollment is available on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited. A unique and personalized education starts early in the WESD with a free, full-day kindergarten and four-year-old educational programs with a gifted emphasis. All WESD students will be immersed in high academics, art, music and PE in an environment that is focused on educating the whole child. Affordable before and after-school care, as well as enrichment opportunities, are offered to all students, as well. To enroll your child in a District that has award winning schools and staff, visit www.wesdschools.org/registration or call 602-896-6950.

Inscripción para Kindergarten e Inscripción Abierta

El WESD comenzará a aceptar inscripción para el año escolar 2020-2021 el 2 de diciembre. La inscripción abierta está disponible por orden de llegada y el cupo es limitado. Una educación singular y personalizada comienza temprano en el WESD con un programa gratuito de kindergarten de día completo y programas educativos para niños de cuatro años con un enfoque en la educación para estudiantes dotados. Todos los estudiantes del WESD serán inmersos en educación rigurosa, arte, música y educación física en un ambiente que está enfocado en educar al niño en su totalidad. Además, a todos los estudiantes se les ofrece cuidado económico antes y después de clases, al igual que oportunidades de enriquecimiento. Para inscribir a sus hijos en un distrito que tiene escuelas y personal galardonados, visiten www.wesdschools.org/registration o llamen al 602-896-6950.

Jumpstart Program- Kindergarten Readiness

Enroll your future kindergartener into the Jumpstart Program – the WESD's kindergarten readiness program where children will gain social skills, practice kinder routines and more! The three-week, half-day summer program is free for future kindergarten students. The program will run from May 26-June 11 and breakfast and lunch will be provided each day. If you have any questions, please call 602-347-2892 or email WESDKinderJumpstart@wesdschools.org.

Programa 'Jumpstart' – Preparación para Kindergarten

¡Inscriban a sus futuros estudiantes de kindergarten en el Programa 'Jumpstart' – el programa de preparación para kindergarten del WESD donde los niños obtendrán habilidades sociales, practican rutinas de kindergarten y más! El programa de verano de medio día por tres semanas es gratuito para estudiantes futuros de kindergarten. El programa será del 26 de mayo-11 de junio y se proveerá desayuno y almuerzo cada día. Si tienen cualesquier preguntas, favor de llamar al 602-347-2892 o enviar un correo electrónico a WESDKinderJumpstart@wesdschools.org.

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