

SUNSET Newsletter



Inspiring Excellence Together

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ATTENDANCE LINE 602-347-3311

Principal: Mandi Jones

September 2021

Message from the Principal

It has been wonderful having students back on campus and kicking off the 2021-2022 school year! We are enjoying learning, playing, and growing together. We miss having our parents and volunteers on campus for the time being and hope second quarter will bring new protocols.

Thank you for your positive support in getting the school year off to a great start! We know it was challenging saying goodbye to your children at the gate on the first day of school, working through the new arrival and dismissal procedures to encourage social distancing, and making it through the intense dismissal storm on the eighth day of school! As long as we work together, remain patient and positive, and support one another, we can get through anything.

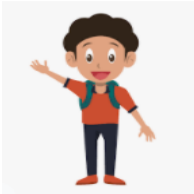
It is truly a special privilege to be a part of this unique, supportive school family. The gratitude I feel for all of you runs deep. Parents and guardians, thank you for trusting us with your precious children, reaching out when you have concerns or needs, and extending grace when challenges arise. We appreciate everything you are doing to support your child's learning experience during these formative years.

Attendance Line: 602-347-3311

Office: 602-347-3300

Health Office: 602-347-3310

KidSpace: 602-347-3315



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

Check out our Sunset Elementary Facebook Page:

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

Calendar of Events

9/8 Early Release Wednesday

9/8 Qtr. 1 Progress Reports Available on ParentVUE

9/10 Wear Red, White & Blue for Patriot Day

9/15 Early Release Wednesday

9/15 Dot Day –Wear Polka Dots

9/22 Early Release Wednesday

9/24 Vision & Hearing Screening

9/29 Early Release Wednesday

10/1 Spirit Assembly Theme: Spaced Out Day

10/6 Early Release Wednesday

10/6 Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

10/7 Picture Day

10/11-10/15 Fall Break –NO SCHOOL

10/20 Early Release Wednesday

10/20 Wear Pink

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

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COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

Families, as we continue to navigate these challenging times, communication is more important than ever. To help you stay connected this school year, we have put together a summary of the communications resources available to you.

To view the latest District news, please visit WESD's COVID Updates page at <https://www.wesdschools.org/covidupdates>. Be sure to like and follow the WESD on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter for up-to-the-minute District news. We also encourage you to like and follow our school on Facebook.

All parents and guardians have a ParentVUE account that can be used to access important student information, such as grades and attendance. We encourage you to check ParentVUE regularly throughout the school year. You will need an Activation Key to log into your account. If you need your Activation Key, please visit the school office. To log in to ParentVUE, visit https://parentvue.wesdschools.org/PXP2_Login.aspx or download the mobile app.

WESD uses the SchoolMessenger notification service to send important information to families through phone calls, emails, and text messages. To receive text message alerts through this system, you must "opt-in" to the service using the cell phone number you have on file (this is the cell phone number you provided when you registered your student). To start receiving updates text YES or OPTIN to 67587.

WESD and our school use Peachjar, a digital flyer management solution, to deliver informational flyers and resources directly to your email. Peachjar is a free service that automatically shares these digital flyers. You do not need to sign up.

Thank you for continuing to connect with us this school year!



Please be sure to call our 24-hour attendance line at 602-347-3311 before 9:00 a.m. whenever your child is absent or tardy. Please give the specific reason for the absence.

Please also be advised that if it is necessary to sign your student out prior to the end of the school day, it is considered a "reverse tardy" and is an attendance mark regardless if the partial absence is excused or not. Also, students may not be signed out within the last 15 minutes of the school day.

Employees of the Month



Congratulations to our amazing employees of the month!

JJ Brunmeier is our fifth and sixth grade resource instructor. She makes decisions with student needs at the forefront of her mind, has taken initiative to help staff learn and become more comfortable with a new computer program, has taken a new teacher under her wing and set her up for success. JJ is always looking for ways to help and support others!

Tawnee Cooper is an instructor in our Literacy Lab. She provides engaging and strategic reading intervention lessons for our students, steps in as a substitute when needed, always has a positive attitude and is willing to help in any way she can!

We are very fortunate to have Ms. Brunmeier and Ms. Cooper on our Sunset team!

Congratulations to our August Students of the Month!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Austerman: Andy Ajanel Ayala
Miss Lerner: Zoey Fasolino
Miss West: Theo Subjeck
Mrs. Harris: Peter Rivero Bouza

2nd Grade

Miss Cota: Evian Portillo
Ms. Demory: Diara Perez
Ms. Savage: Jordan Waters

4th Grade

Mrs. Dill: Jenny Rowena
Miss Duran: Sanel Omanovic
Mrs. Snead: Layla Lopez

1st Grade

Miss Bailey: Nolyn Lopez
Mrs. Mettler: Lexi Alvarez
Mrs. Thompson: Liam Ruiz

3rd Grade

Mrs. Jones: Jada Waters
Miss Scott: Rilyn Meyer
Ms. Spina: Nathan Espinosa Merino

5th Grade

Miss Marple: Zahraa Altaee
Mr. Stevens: Lily McFarland

6th Grade

Ms. Douglas: Sophia Santos Miss Klues & Mrs. Barber: Makeci Abwe Mrs. Konecny: Carlos Espinoza