

September 2023

Dare to SOAR!

SUNSET NEWS



A Note from the Principal

Sunset Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. Thank you for your flexibility with helping us with morning routines. Please continue to use the curb to drop off students and be watchful of the crosswalks to ensure that we keep students safe.

Our teachers and staff were eager to meet their new students and begin this year's journey with them. Sunset teachers have been engaged in professional learning opportunities and updating their instructional models, class routines and expectations. This work supports our goal of fostering academic success and a true sense of belonging for our students. One of our primary goals is to provide students with the best academic opportunity. We will continue to embrace challenges, create belonging, foster pride and inspire hope for Sunset students.

Students' social emotional well-being is also a priority. We take a proactive approach by including social and emotional support strategies in our students' daily school experience.

It has been great seeing all the students run the school marathon. We believe in every student's potential at Sunset. We value families at Sunset! Please follow us on social media and ensure that your phone number/email is updated so you can stay informed of important information.

Best regards,

Mr. Brandon J. Cheeks

Principal

Sunset Elementary School

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Donuts with Grownups

You are invited to join us for our first parent involvement activity of the 2023-24 school year! Parents, grandparents, guardians, and friends are welcome to attend.

Sept. 19 from 8:25 a.m.-8:40 a.m. on the Sunset Playground or PK 3:00 p.m. in the classroom

Please enter through the front door and get a visitor sticker.

Enjoy a donut and take a picture with our selfie frames.



Food 4 Kids

Sunset Elementary School will be part of the Food 4 Kids program again this year. This program is designed as a supplement to help fill the weekend gap while the kids are not in school. On the last day of each week the youth will be given a pre-assembled bag of food to take home. The items change periodically, but will always have items that kids can easily prepare. If this is something you feel would benefit your family, please reach out to the school social worker, Taylor Stockwell, taylor.stockwell@usd305.com or (785)309-4581.

More information will follow on the official start date.



Band and Orchestra

This is just a reminder that band and orchestra will start the afternoon of Thursday, September 7 at 2:45 p.m. Band will be in the music room and orchestra will be in the SEL room. Please make sure to bring the form that was passed out during our first class or turn it into your classroom teacher. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Kuder are very excited to start making music this school year!



Join Sunset PTA

What is PTA?

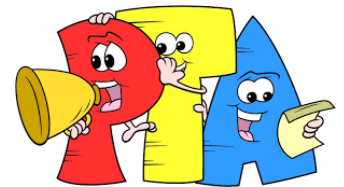
The Parent Teacher Association is a volunteer group that works hard to make Sunset Elementary the best it can be for our students, teachers, and families. Our fundraisers support both school-wide and classroom projects. Membership in the Sunset PTA only costs \$5.00. Get involved by following our Facebook page or come to a meeting! All are welcome!

What did the PTA fund last year?

- A shirt for every student
- Many field trips
- Indoor recess equipment
- Snacks for math club
- Meals for teachers that had to stay late on conference nights
- Teacher appreciation week
- Bounce Houses at playday
- And more!

Events to Look Forward to:

- BINGO night
- Movie night
- Elf Shelf
- Fun Night
- Dine and Donate at various restaurants



**Attend our first meeting of the school year:
Thursday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m.
in the Art Room**

Spotlight on Sunset Staff



Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Lantz, Mr. Cheeks, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Unsderfer



Miss Jackson, Mrs. Lidgett, Mr. Weir,
Miss Rishel, Mrs. Allgier



Mrs. Stockwell, Mrs. Howard-Macek, Mr. Brown,
Miss Dreiling, Mr. Rubino



Ms. Moyer, Mr. Gaskill, Mrs. Rohleder

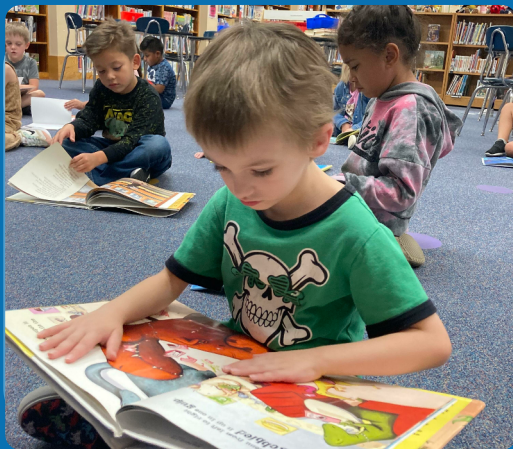


Mrs. Allen, Mr. Abell, Ms. Sickler

Marathon

Students and adults can walk marathon laps from 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Adults, please check in with the office first.



School Success Begins With Reading at Home

It can be difficult for busy families to find time to read with their children on a daily basis. But reading with your child regularly has the single greatest impact on school success. Even 20 minutes a day can make a difference! Here's why:

- Every academic subject involves reading. Your child has to read in English, science, social studies – and yes, even math! Being able to read well- and read many different kinds of material – will make the difference between learning about a subject and understanding it.
- Reading affects test success. Students have to read material to study for tests. And they also have to read and understand the directions just to take the test! Filling out an answer sheet incorrectly – or failing to show work when it's required – could be the difference between a passing and a failing grade.
- What your child reads now will help in the future. Children who read (and are read to) often are exposed to more words, which gives them larger vocabularies. A strong vocabulary is a valuable asset in advanced classes and on college entrance exams.

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Fall Pictures

Wednesday,
October 4

Conferences

Wednesday

Sept. 13

4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Sept. 14

8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Up during the night with a sick child?

You can call your student in absent at any time of the night! Call 785-309-4520 and leave a message with your child's name and why they are staying home. Or you can email sunset.attendance@usd305.com.





Make the Most of Your Parent-Teacher Conference!

Parent-teacher conferences provide an invaluable opportunity for adults at home and school to come together and discuss how to help students succeed. This open dialogue is an important support in students' school progress.

Scheduled for September 13 and 14, these meetings are an ideal avenue for parents to ask questions about their student's performance and behavior. Conferences provide space for communication with parents in a more personal manner, giving them insight into their student's strengths and weaknesses that they may not otherwise see from test scores or grades alone.

We look forward to visiting with you at parent-teacher conferences and working together to build a strong foundation that will help your student learn and grow. With continued communication between home and school, we can make sure our students get the support they need to succeed.



The Adult-First Mindset Shift Training

Handling Upset

Gain insight into why an adult-first approach to self-regulation is absolutely necessary for modeling and teaching the behaviors we want students to acquire with this **FREE E-Learning Course from Conscious Discipline.**

Scan Here To Register



Questions?

Contact Jody at jody.craddockiselin@usd305.com



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September Calendar

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

September

4 - Labor Day/No School

7 - PTA meeting

13-14 - Parent Teacher Conferences

14-15 - No School



19 - Donuts with Grown ups

28 - Marathon Family Walk Night

October

4 - Picture day

13 - No School

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