

October 2023

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SUNSET NEWS



A Note from the Principal

Sunset Families,

As we near the end of the first semester, we have accomplished quite a bit with our students already! Each classroom that I walk into, I hear student conversations and observe student engagement that impresses me. The teachers are making great strides working with our students to clearly and coherently state their thoughts and questions on so many different topics.

We are working to keep our parents and guardians informed of their child's progress throughout the school year. This type of communication should happen on a regular basis, so parents and guardians go into conferences as informed as possible about their child's progress. Parent teacher conferences went very well this year with over 90% attendance.

We encourage our families to understand the importance of students coming to school and being on time. You will continue to receive communications in numerous ways such as newsletters, social media, email, phone calls, written notes on assignments or assessments that go home. As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Mr. Brandon J. Cheeks

Principal

Sunset Elementary School

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Marathon walkers got a badge and a visit from a deputy during September.

Reminder



Red Ribbon Week will be the last week of October. Stay tuned for all the exciting festivities that our Counselor, Ms. Dreiling, has planned for that week.

Fall picture day at Sunset

Get ready for Wed., October 4, 2023.

The link below will take you to the **pre-order** site for fall picture day.



If you'd rather pay by cash or check, that option is available with the flyer the teachers will be giving your child.

The ONLINE order option will close 48 hours after picture day. Thank you!

<http://thepicturelady.preorderphotos.com/?AccessCode=G47PX3>

Dana Pair-Compton, The Picture Lady

Dental Hygiene Clinic at Salina Tech

Salina Tech, through their Dental Hygiene Clinic, is offering LOW-COST affordable care. This includes teeth cleaning, sealants, and whitening. Their hours are every other Monday and Friday 8-4 p.m. and Wednesday 8-4 p.m. They are closed during the summer time. Flyers will be in the office.

Contact Information:

(785)309-3146

2562 Centennial Rd

Salina, KS 67401



Food 4 Kids

We are currently working on getting services set up for our Food 4 Kids program. If your child could benefit from a supplemental program to help with food on the weekends, please contact your child's teacher or school social worker, Mrs. Stockwell.



Contact information:

taylor.stockwell@usd305.com



Spotlight on Sunset Staff



Special Education Team

Back row: Mrs. Harder, Mrs. Polk, Mrs. Whitley, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Corey, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Burse, Mrs. Espana, Mrs. Nestler, Ms. Branch

Front row: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Burt, Miss Reid



Beak's Crew

Mr. Cheeks, Beaks, and Mr. Woodruff



Library Team

Mrs. Lidgett and Mrs. Boxman



Library Policies

Library Catalog Access for Families:

Parents have access to the library materials currently checked out by their student(s). For access, parents will have their student log into Destiny, the library card catalog:

1. Go to the school's website.
2. Under the Our School tab, click on Library.
3. Under Library, click on the school's library Card Catalog tab.
4. For your student to log in, they can click the Log In button on the top right corner.
5. Next, click on the Sign in with Google button.

Process for Parental Oversight:

Library media specialists should be contacted directly if parents would like to provide expressed permission before their student checks out any book. At elementary, the library media specialist will notify parent by email or phone regarding the book the student would like to check out to get permission. At middle school and high school, the student will provide their parent with the title of the book they wish to check out. The parent will contact the library media specialist by email or phone to give permission.

Checking Out Materials and Loan Periods:

Elementary:

Students may check out books for a two week period. (The number of books a student can check out depends on the student's grade level.)

Middle School:

Students may check out 3 books for a three week check out period.

High School:

Students may check out 8 books for a three week check out period.

STEM Night

STEM Night with K-State Salina at Sunset

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Watch for more details.



Mr. Smith's Advanced P.E. class, from South High, walked marathon laps with Sunset students in September. Pictured are the high school students and some Sunset first graders.

Language skills improve reading

Studies show that when students have strong oral language skills, they read and write with greater ease. To strengthen your child's oral language skills:

- **Build vocabulary.**
- **Model correct grammar.**
- **Ask your child questions.**
- **Have conversations together daily.**

Source: M.M. Snowling and C. Hulme, "The critical importance of oral language," *The Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health.





5th grade Ag Day in Salina
Sept. 6, 2023





APPLICANTS:

- Families who are approved can expect at least one gift for each member of their family
- Approval letters will be mailed middle of Nov.
- If approved in **2022** the family will not be eligible again until **2024**.
- Applications can be found locally, please call the **Salina office to inquire: 785-825-0208**

SPONSORS:

- Please apply on our website under 'Adopt A Family' or call the **Salina office**.
- Families will state their most needed items and clothing sizes
- Sponsor 1, 2 or 5 families!

**APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN
OCT. 16th - OCT. 30th**



October Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	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	31				

4 - Fall Picture Day

9 - Site Council

12 - Marathon Last Day

13 - No School - Teacher Workday

24 - STEM Night with K-State



Contact Us

Brandon Cheeks - Principal
 Christal Lantz - Lead Teacher
 Gena Koch - Secretary

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