

March 2024

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SUNSET NEWS



A Note from the Principal

Sunset Families,

I hope that this message finds you well. Thank you for the partnership this school year. Parents and guardians play an integral role in students success. Thank you for your support and dedication to ensuring that your child is at school each day.

We are entering the last nine weeks of the school year! Hopefully, you all will experience a relaxing Spring Break. We are thrilled to see our students learn and grow! Our goal is to continue building partnerships and relationships with our parents and students.

We are starting to prepare for the state assessments. Students will be assessed in the following content areas:

English language arts: Grades 3-5

Mathematics: Grades 3-5

Science: Grades 5

Please check your email for additional information on dates and how to support your child during state assessments. Please encourage them to do their very best.

As you review your student's results, please remember that assessments are just one of several measures teachers consider when gauging student progress. This is why our teachers use classroom interaction, homework and other strategies throughout the year to identify learning and achievement levels.

Please contact your child's teacher if you would like more details about these assessments. Thank you for being a positive part of your child's education.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brandon J. Cheeks

Principal

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**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY!**

A green shamrock with three leaves, positioned to the left of the word 'DAY!' in the St. Patrick's Day graphic.

Reminder About the Time Change

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Set your clocks forward one hour!



Parent/Teacher Association (PTA)

You are invited to attend the next PTA meeting on **Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.**

PTA participation is needed from parents.

This group provides a shirt for every student, field trips, classroom requests, and organizes activities such as BINGO, Fun Night, Movie Night and Holiday Store.

Without parental involvement, these positive things, for the students, risk coming to an end.

The PTA is in need of three parents to step into leadership positions for the next school year.



Embark on a New Journey Kindergarten Roundup

Our Kindergarten Roundup is on

**April 23 at
6-7 p.m.**

Will your child be five years old by August 31, 2024? If so, kindergarten registration is the next step on their school journey. We are excited to meet your child and partner with you in nurturing your child's development!

Register now on the district website. After registering, the school will reach out with more information and to invite you to attend their Kindergarten Roundup!

Music Programs

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

In the Sunset gym

Third grade - 6:00 p.m.



Fourth grade - 7:00 p.m.



Parent Involvement Activity

Our parent involvement activity on March 20 will feature reading. Parents are invited to the first rotation of small group reading to experience their child's reading lesson.

PreK AM - 11:00 a.m.

PreK PM - 3:00 p.m.

KDG - 8:55-9:15 a.m.

1st grade - 2:05-2:30 p.m.

2nd grade - 12:30-12:55 p.m.

3rd grade - 10:20-10:45 a.m.

4th grade - 2:05-2:30 p.m.

5th grade - 12:40-1:05 p.m.



Spotlight on 3rd Grade



Mrs. Norlin, Mr. McDowell, Mrs. Cross

Third grade students have been working extremely hard this year!

In math we have been studying multiplication, division, area, and fractions so far this year. Students were able to use their multiplication and area skills in order to create a blueprint for their own dream house.

In reading students have studied teamwork, animal behaviors, and stories on stage. We were even able to visit the Stiefel Theatre to watch a story on stage, "Cat Kid Comedy Club." The students loved their time at the historic Stiefel Theatre!





How do I help my child become a better reader?



If they are reading a **Fiction** book ask them....

- Who are the main characters and what traits can you infer about them?
- How have the characters changed during the book?
- What questions do you have as you are reading?
- Is the story written in first or third person point of view?
- What is the author's purpose? Persuade, Inform or Entertain?
- What is the problem in the story? How do you think it will be solved?
- What do you predict will happen next?
- Could the story happen in real life?
- How are you similar to the characters? How are you different?
- What is the theme of the book? What lesson did the characters learn?
- Write a summary of the story using Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then...
- What was your favorite part and why?
- Did you like the ending? If not, how would you change it? Write your own ending.

If they are reading a **Non-Fiction** book ask them....

- What do you think you will learn from this book?
- What do you already know about this topic?
- What questions do you have as you are reading?
- What is the main idea of the text?
- What is the author's purpose? Persuade, Inform or Entertain?
- What text features were used in this text? How did they help your understanding?
- What did you learn from this text?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were there any unknown words in this text? How did you find out their meaning?
- Where could you find more information on this topic?
- Write a summary of this text- remember to include the main idea and supporting details.

Help your child become a better **writer** by encouraging them to write about what they read!

March Calendar

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4 - Site Council

5 - Music programs

7 - PTA meeting

8 - No school/Teacher Inservice

10 - Daylight Savings

11-15 - Spring Recess - No School

20 - Parent Involvement Activity

Contact Us

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