

SUNNYSLOPE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Sunnyslope families,

Though I love the four seasons here in the Wenatchee Valley, there certainly lies hope for spring's arrival. Spring also means state testing for grades three through five, Apple Blossom, and the Sunnyslope Family Fun Night, to name a few. We're excited to continue to work with our PTSA to bring back community events and appreciate the partnership with our parents.

We also tend to see a spike in student behavior challenges with the weather changes. As such, our staff will be doing a lot of reteaching of expectations for learning norms, solving problems, showing respect, making good decisions, and kindness toward oneself and others. I hope spring's arrival brings more outside exploration time for you and your families and appreciation for the beautiful valley we call home.

Sincerely,
Lance Young, Principal



Kindergarten Registration is open!

Please register online by going to our website and clicking the [2023-24 New Student Registration](#) link. Paper forms are also available in the office.

Incoming kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2023, and be fully vaccinated to enroll for the 2023-24 school year.

Registering now will help us ensure that class sizes are balanced and we have adequate staff in place for our first day of school in August.

Kindergarten Orientation Night is May 24th at 6:30 pm.

This event is for parents only. Please make other arrangements for your children.

We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten families.

Calendar of events

Wednesdays 4th-grade STRINGS class 7:30 am
Thursdays 5th-grade STRINGS class 7:30 am

APRIL

- 17-21 Public School Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 20 Foothills music dept. visit for 5th graders - 1:00 pm
- 21 5th grade field trip, Shrub Steppe - 9:00 am
- 🔥 PTSA FAMILY FUN NIGHT 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- 25 - 27 Smarter Balance Testing 3rd, 4th & 5th grades
- 26 Administrative Professionals Day (Secretary Day)
- 28 1st grade field trip, Jacobsen Preserve - 9:00 am

MAY

- 2 Track practice, 3rd - 5th graders, 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm
- 3 Track practice, 3rd - 5th graders, 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm
- 5 NO SCHOOL - Non-Contract Day for teachers
- 8 - 12 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9 - 11 Smarter Balance Testing 3rd, 4th & 5th grades
- 9 Track practice, 3rd - 5th graders, 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm
- 10 National School Nurse Day
- Passport/Travel Club - 1:20 pm - 2:20 pm
- 11 Track practice, 3rd - 5th graders, 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm
- 12 Kindergarten Habitat Walk field trip - 9:00 am
- 16 5th grade Shrub Steppe Play - 6:30 pm
- 17 WE Care Sports program - 8:15 am - 2:00 pm
- 18 All-City track meet @ Wenatchee High School 3:30 pm
- 19 3rd grade Salmon Release field trip 9:15 am
- 4th/5th-grade Strings rehearsal at Columbia Elementary 12:15 pm - 1:40 pm
- 23 4th grade River of Power field trip 9:15 am
- 1st-grade Musical "El El Oops!" - 6:30 pm
- 24 NEW Kindergartener Parent Orientation Night 6:30 pm
- 25 4th/5th-grade Strings All District Orchestra Festival at Pioneer Middle School 12:15 pm - 1:50 pm
- 29 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1 Geography Bee - 8:15 am MPR
- 7 5th grade visits Foothills Middle School - 8:40 am
- 6 - 8 NEW Kindergartener Assessments 8:15 - 2:30 pm
- 12 2nd grade EOY field trip to Rocky Reach Dam- 9:45 am
- 13 Field Day - all grades participate
- 15 5th grade EOY field trip to Rotary Park at 10:30 am
- 16 Last day of school - early release at 11:30 am
- Lost and found will be donated after today!

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PTSA NEWS

Upcoming events

- Family Fun Night, 4/21, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm.
- Dan Gemeinhart author visit, 5/9
- Fun Run Fundraiser, 5/24
- Scholastic Book Fair, 5/30 - 6/2

AUTHOR VISIT - Children's book author, Dan Gemeinhart, will visit Sunnyslope on May 9th. There will be an assembly for Kindergarten - 2nd grade focusing on the love of reading, and the 3-5 Assembly focusing on writing, the love of reading, and his books! As a special treat, he is offering a book signing for students! You may bring ONE PERSONAL copy of a book he wrote for him to sign.

YEARBOOK - Each year, the Sunnyslope PTSA produces a yearbook to be sold at the end of the year. Our yearbook staff needs your photos all year long. **Please email any pictures you want to share to sslopeyearbook@gmail.com. We ask that you include details about the event and who is pictured in the photos.**

REMIND ALERTS

Please consider signing up for the school REMIND app. This is the text messaging system the school and district use to provide important notifications to your phone.

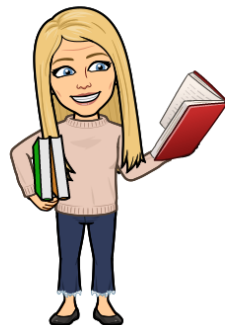
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**TEXT the message @Sunnys108
to the number: 81010.**

From the Librarian

Please look around to locate any Overdue or lost library books and bring them to the library as soon as possible so other kiddos can enjoy the books.

If you are unable to locate lost books, please contact the Librarian, Mrs. Valeri, at valeri.d@wenatecheschools.org.



Counselor's Corner

Classroom visits: Our counselor, Mrs. Jackson, is fortunate that she gets to visit each and every classroom several times a year to continue the comprehensive lessons building on important learning. These lessons are also a bridge for getting to know ALL our students and building much-needed relationships.

Learning about emotions: The winter months are spent learning about emotions in regard to the winter blues. At the upper-grade levels, the learning is related to suicide prevention.

Test anxiety: This Spring, Mrs. Jackson will be back in the 3rd - 5th-grade classrooms reviewing "Test-taking anxiety" and a few helpful strategies to diminish it."

Middle school transitions: Our awesome fifth graders will be transitioning to Middle School, and an upcoming field trip is planned to visit Foothills Middle School. Also, the Foothills Middle School Music Department will come to Sunnyslope in May to present its program and present the class opportunities available to our 5th-grade students.



REPORT ALL ABSENCES TO THE OFFICE

Call the office at (509) 662-8803 ext. 23312 *or* Use the link on our website <https://www.wenatecheschools.org/ss/> and click the "Report a student absence" link.

IMPORTANT!

Absences must be reported to the office. If you send a note or contact the teacher, you must also contact the office.