

Sunset Hills Elementary School Newsletter

October 12, 20015

ANCHORED IN ACHIEVEMENT



IN THIS ISSUE

Principal's message: Strong community equals Strong School

Believe it or not, the Fall season has arrived. We had a great school opening month and welcomed families to another exciting school year. This month represents a busy time of year for us. I invite you to attend our annual Fall Festival sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association. The event is October 16th from 5-9pm on our campus. This family fun-filled event supports teacher initiatives and classroom learning materials. We hope to see you and your family!

I also thank you for sustaining Sunset Hills Elementary school as a great place for learning. We are continuing the tradition of academic success with your support. Faculty, staff and students are "anchored in achievement" as evident by what I see daily as I walk through classrooms, interact with students in the hall, and have causal conversations with students in the cafeteria.

This school year we focusing and teaching our students to uphold the RAYS Way, or the guidelines for success. Our guidelines are:

Respectful to All Always Prepared Yearn to Learn Safe in all places





Collaboratively we're striving to demonstrate these guidelines as we learn to maintain a safe learning environment.

Likewise to teaching students social-emotional expectations, has your child been talking about goals and scales? Perhaps, your child has shared that he/she is learning how to track their own learning through the use of goals and scales. Teachers are implementing learning systems which enable students to be responsible learners. You might be surprised about how students are tracking and celebrating their own learning. I encourage you to discuss with your child about the importance of goal setting and how it is a great habit to develop as a life skill.

As a reminder if you have not formally met with your child's teacher, October 19th is a parent-teacher conference day. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange for a conference on this date or by the Winter Break. School is closed for students on this date. Truly, your active parental engagement is the difference in your child's learning experiences. We encourage you to visit the school website as we are improving school communication with families.

Lastly, we welcome your feedback and partnership as we prepare your child for college, career and life.

We ARE Sunset Hills Elementary School!

Sincerely,

Ms. Miles

Pinellas Elementary School Menu The largest Wednesdav Monday Tuesdav Thursdav Friday "official" October 12-16 Is Chicken Biscuit Sausage Gravy Breakfast Toast Visit <u>nutrislice.com</u> **National School Lunch** pumpkin ever Choose One: Choose One: Menus are subject to change. for Menu & Nutrition BBO Pork Bowl with Roll Week Pizza grown weighed Information Ocean Treasure Nuggets Grilled Cheese Sandwich We do our best to provide our SCHOO Chicken Caesar Salad Chicken Popper Salad 1,340 pounds customers with all of our planned Italian Sub School Favorite Sandwich options, however, occasionally Choose: Choose: crops, weather & supplies have Tomato Soup Corn other ideas Mixed or Tossed Side Salad Veggie Dippers Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Ham & Cheese Croissant Cinnamon Roll Choose One: Choose One: Choose One: Choose One: Choose One: Chicken Sandwich Beef Dippers with Rice Breakfast for Lunch Pizza Cheesy Mac & Beef with Roll Lasagna Roll Up Rean & Cheese Burrito Cheesy Fish Filet Sandwich Mini Calzones Farmers Salad Yogurt Parfait Chicken Caesar Salad Veggie Double Dipper Salad Chef Salad **DAILY BREAKFAST** School Favorite Sandwich Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Chicken Caesar Wrap Ham & Cheese Croissant Italian Sub **CHOICES** Choose: Marinara Cup Choose: Choose: Choose: Deli Roasted Potatoes Baked Beans Broccoli Green Beans Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Choose up to 2 Grain Choices Mixed or Tossed Side Salad Veggie Dippers Sliced Cucumbers Veggie Dippers Romaine Side Salad such as cereal (=1), toast (=1), pancakes (=2), cinnamon Breakfast Sausage Bagel 13 Scrambled Eggs & Cheese Pita Maple Pancake Minis Breakfast Pocket (Knish) Chicken Breakfast Bites Texas toast (=2) OR National School Choose One: Choose 1 Grain and 1 Meat Choose One: **Choose One: Choose One: Choose One:** Max Sticks Choice such as a breakfast Chicken Nuggets Hot Dogs or Ravioli sandwich (=1G/1M) Terivaki Chicken Bowl with Roll Spaghetti & Meatballs Giorgio Cheesy Bread Baja Fish Sticks with Hushpuppies Chicken Caesar Wrap Chef Salad Must choose at least Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Salad Veggie Double Dipper Salad Cobb Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie 1: Fruit or Juice Ham & Cheese Croissant Italian Sub School Favorite Sandwich Choose: Marinara Cup Choose: May Choose 1: Milk Marinara Cup Choose: Choose: Stir-Fry Vegetables Corn Low Fat White Milk, Fat Free Carrots Refried Fiesta Beans Wax Beans Romaine Side Salad Veggie Dippers Mixed or Tossed Side Salad Flavored or Skim Milk Sliced Cucumbers Veggie Dippers Glazed WG Dunker Chicken Biscuit Pancake Pup Sausage Gravy Breakfast Toast **DAILY LUNCH CHOICES:** Professional Development Day Choose One: Choose One: Choose One: Choose One: BBO Pork Bowl with Roll Choose 1: Entrée Sloppy Joe on a Bune Poncorn Chicken Pizza Corn Dog Must choose at least 1: Fruit Macaroni & Cheese Grilled Cheese Sandwich Ocean Treasure Nuggets Chicken Popper Salad Fruit & Yogurt Plate Chicken Caesar Salad Farmer's Salad or Vegetable (may choose up Chicken Caesar Wrap Ham & Cheese Croissant Italian Sub School Favorite Sandwich to 2 servings each of fruits & Choose: Choose: Choose: Choose: veggies with their meal) Baked Beans Broccoli Tomato Soup No School For Students Romaine Side Salad Sliced Cucumbers Mixed or Tossed Side Salad Veggie Dippers Available Daily: Meatless Entrée Entrée Sal-26 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles Sausage Biscuit Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Ham & Cheese Croissant 30 Cinnamon Roll ads. Cold Sandwiches. Variety Choose One: Choose One: Choose One: Choose One: Choose One: Beef Dippers with Rice of Fruits & Juices Chicken Sandwich Soft Chicken Tacos Breakfast for Lunch Phantom Pizza Cheesy Mac & Beef with Roll Mini Calzones Lasagna Roll Up May Choose: 1 Milk; Low Fat Bean & Cheese Burrito Chicken Bat Nuggets Farmers Salad Chef Salad Yogurt Parfait Chicken Caesar Salad White Milk, Fat Free Flavored **Dracula** Double Dipper Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Chicken Caesar Wrap Ham & Cheese Croissant Italian Sub or Skim Milk School Favorite Spooky Sandwich Choose: Choose: Marinara Cup Choose: Choose: Choose: Goblin Green Beans

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, Pinellas County School Food Service is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Menu also available on our school website.

Sliced Cucumbers

New Stingray Staff Member Highlight-

Mrs. Julie Brewster, Sunset Hills Assistant Principal

Baked Beans

Veggie Dippers



Mrs. Julie Brewster comes to Sunset Hills Elementary as a former teacher from High Point Elementary School. Mrs. Brewster says, "I am so excited to be a part of the Sunset Hills family. The community involvement I have experienced here is absolutely phenomenal and so refreshing. I know we are going to accomplish great things this school year."

Sweet Potato Waffle Fries

Romaine Side Salad

Instructional Non-Highly Qualified Staff

Deli Roasted Potatoes

Mixed or Tossed Side Salad

State Board Rule requires that when a teacher is assigned out of field or is non-highly qualified, the parents/quardians of all students in the class shall be notified in writing assignment.

Vampire Veggie Dippers

OUT OF FIELD:

REINHEIMER SAMANTHA Subjects: ELEMENTARY ED K-6

Download the PCS Family Engagement Mobile APP!

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OCTOBER 2015

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR-Elementary School



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Fall	Curl up on the couch with your child and read together.	International Day of Non-violence Discuss ways that people can deal with issues in non-violent ways.	Go on "a date" with your child. Participate in their favorite hobby, sport, or create a new adventure to share.
Parent/Teacher conferences are coming soon. Prepare your questions in advance.	Share your expectations Expect your child to be courteous and respectful of others in and out of school.	Praise your child for their efforts in school and at home.	Review your family's "house rules" for completing homework? (Ex: Must be done before watching TV, playing video games, computer access, etc.)	Be positive about homework. The attitude you express will be the attitude your child acquires.	Fire Prevention Day Make sure that your family has a plan in the event of a fire in your home.	Create a new dinner menu. Ask your kids for ideas, as well as help in the kitchen.
Daily attendance is important to your child's success. Make sure your child is in school every day and on time.	Columbus Day! Discover places that your children would like to explore.	It's important to teach children from a young age the importance of spending and saving.	Make it a NO-EL day — "No electronics" day.	Keep writing materials available. Encourage your child to keep a journal.	Attend a local school football game. Enjoy being outside & with your children and other parents.	Ask your child to help clean the house. If they can make a mess, they can help clean it up.
Monitor cell phone/computer usage and messages to ensure your child's safety even though they may see it as an invasion of privacy.	Find out when the next PTA or School Advisory Council meeting is and attend.	Help your child get better organized by encouraging them to get everything ready for the next day before going to bed.	Expect your child to do homework on their own, but be available to read over a paper, listen to a speech, or help if they are having trouble.	Does your family talk in the car or during dinner? Make time to "unplug" and actually talk to each other.	The weather is turning cooler. Enjoy making a dessert with fall's favorite fruit - apples. Serve it with warm cider or hot chocolate.	"Make a Difference Day" Together as a family help provide some community service or help your neighbors.
Set clear expectations and boundaries for your children.	Make sure that your child knows that you support teachers and administrators at their school.	Look for and respond positively to what your child has done well on a writing assignment before correcting mistakes.	If your child is having a problem in class, contact their teacher.	Elections take place next month. Talk to your child about the importance of voting.	Go over Halloween safety tips with your child and have fun tomorrow night!	Happy Halloween!

Sunset Hills Computer Lab

Sunset Hills Elementary school is proud to announce our academic computer lab is fully up and running. Students visit this lab multiple times a week to engage in academic computer applications such as ST Math and iStation.

These applications are also accessible at home using the information provided below. This information is also available in a larger format on our school website.





At Sunset Hills Elementary your child is currently receiving individualized reading instruction through the use of the computer-delivered program, Istation. Your child can now continue his or her reading experience through unlimited access to Istation Reading at home! Istation is an internet-based comprehensive reading intervention program that ensures that students reach their full reading potential. It is and adaptive research-based formative instruction application based on the Florida State Standards for reading.

The next step is to install Istation on your home computer. This is a quick and easy

Go to http://www.istation.com/Support/DownloadIstation and follow the simple installation instructions.

School/Domain: sunsethills.pinellas.fl

Once you have downloaded the program to your computer, click on the application icon to log in. It looks like the picture below.



User Name: enter user name

User Name: R2D2 (students username WITHOUT the dot). Password: s.####### (s. before their 8-digit ID)







Using ST Math At Home

With ST Math, students play computer games designed to teach math. They can play the games at home on devices with internet access. We encourage you to have your child play the games to review and practice the math skills lear in ST Math.

in ST Math.

Your child's teacher may assign ST Math games for homework. Please make sure only the child with the ST Math account plays the games. Your child will access the program just as he or she does at school. In ST Math, the game puzzles start off simple and then get more challenging as the student progresses. When they reach a challenging problem, your child should attempt the problem and use the visual feedback provided to help them figure out why their answer did or did not work. The feedback provided with each puzzle will help students figure out how to solve the problems.

problems.

If your child is struggling, help them by asking them questions about what they see happening on the screen. You should not give your child the correct answer to get them past the game with which they are struggling. The goal of ST Math is to promote problem solving.

Computer – Go to www.stmath.com and click on the penguin

Works on Macs, PCs, and Chromebooks. and a high-speed Internet connection.

Tablets*

Supported Devices:
- iPad 2 or newer running iOS 5.0 or higher
- Kindle Fire
- Kindle Fire
- Full-size tablet running Android 3.1 or later
- A high-speed internet connection is required.
- Download the app by searching for "ST Math" on
- Titunes Store (Pad) - Google Pay (Android) - Amazon (Kindle Fire)





User name: r2.d2 Password: s.xxxxxxxx

Type in Sunset Hills



Begin playing assigned

VOLUNTEER NEWS

by Becky Coghlan, Family and Community Liaison

We want to thank our OUTSTANDING PTA for hosting the Grandparent Breakfast on Tuesday, September 17, 2015. The response was terrific with over 230 of our Sunset Hills families attending. We would like to thank the following ladies: the PTA President, Cyndi Nelson and Beverly Scourtas our PTA



treasurer for planning and implementing this event. Also, special thanks to Miss Allen, Ms. Delaportas, Mrs. Tsalickis and Ms. Ogburn for their assistance with this event. It was so nice to see so many of our Sunset Hills families enjoying time together.

We appreciate our 25+ year volunteer, Barbara Amico for sharing her volunteer experiences at the Volunteer / Business Partner Orientation Breakfast that followed the Grandparent Breakfast.

We want to thank the New Port Richey Sam's Club for their \$25 gift card for the support of orientation event. We also want to thank Tarpon Springs Papa John's. Please patronize these local businesses that always give so much to support the Sunset Hills Community.

Miss Taylor's class won the September Pizza Party. Next chance to win a pizza party for your child's class is our Papa John's Pizza Night on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Their large pizzas are specially priced at only \$10.00 each which include are any of your favorite topping for this event.

Our September Volunteer of the Month is Beverly Scourtas who is our wonderful asset as the PTA treasurer and assisting in the front office and the cafeteria. Beverly always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude. Thank you for a job well done. We appreciate your support in so many volunteer roles.

The following businesses or families have contributed \$150.00 or more to become a 2015/2016 Adopt-A-Class Sponsor:

Arry's Roofing Services, Inc., Jay & Heather King, Facilities Solutions, LLC, Ivan and Ana Pavlovic, Miller Family, Projects Innovations Inc./Armand, Matthieu "MA2"Benoot, Team Epic Success/Chambers

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Thank you for your generous donations to help support the classes with purchasing special needs for their classroom.

Adopt-A-Class Needs

There are many classes and specialists that are in need of you becoming partner of the 2015-2016 Adopt-a-Class Program with your \$150.00 donation. If you know of a business or family member who would like more information please contact Becky Coghlan at school 727-943-5523 to support this valuable program.

Volunteering Needs

Please consider volunteering for our annual PTA Carnival. The event date is to be announced and will be held here at Sunset Hills. If you could volunteer just an hour or two it would greatly help support the PTA. Please remember you must be a **registered volunteer** for all volunteer opportunities at school.

In closing, please mark your calendar for the **Great American Teach-In, Wednesday, November 18, 2015.** If you wish to participate in this event, please contact me at 727- 943-5523 ext. 2004. For the best scheduling, please print and return a completed form, which can be printed from the end of the newsletter or on the school website, to the school as soon as possible

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LIAISON CONTACT INFO

Becky Coghlan

727- 943-5523 ext. 2004.

Sunset Hills is Going Green

by Various

Fourth Grade is going GREEN!

Fourth graders are going green by recycling all class papers in designated recycling bins. They are keeping track of their paper consumption by weighing their total amount at the end of each month. How many pounds of paper do you think 83 fourth graders can recycle in one month?



Sunset Hills Whole Kids Garden Grant

Sunset Hills is embarking on an exciting journey as we begin to plan our garden project for this school year. Faculty members are getting together to look at how best to teach our students where their food comes from as well as best sustainability practices. Do you have something to donate or would you like to help out with our gardening project? Please contact either Mary Widdicome (widdicomem@pcsb.org)



News from Pinellas County School's Student Services Department

by Student Services Department

Prevention Department Events:

Walk like MADD 5K Dash

On November 21st, the Walk Like MADD will take place in Largo Central Park from 8:30 am until noon. There will be a 5K trail run, a 1-mile walk and many activities to honor DUI crash victims and their families. A kids zone and food court will also be available. Student Volunteer hours are also available.

Registration and information:

http://www.walklikemadd .org/pinellas

Prevention Office Training:

Power of Parents workshop can be presented to PTAs or Booster clubs, or at health/safety fairs. The Power of Parents workshop is a 15- or 30-minute presentation with a handbook that equips parents with tips and tools to have potentially life-saving conversations with their kids about alcohol. For more information or to schedule The Power of Parents workshop at your school, please contact:

Ginger Brengle at (813) 935-2676 x7286 or

Ginger.Brengle@madd.org



October is Red Ribbon Month

Since its beginning in 1985, the Red Ribbon has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. In response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise

awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America. In 1988, NFP sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Celebration. Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities.

SUNSET HILLS' RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 26 - 30, 2015

Red Ribbon Week is a fun and spirited national event that promotes a healthy lifestyle. This week long celebration began in 1988 to honor special agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who lost his life while serving with the Drug Enforcement

Administration. Over the years, it has become more about bringing awareness to the consequences of substance abuse and emphasizing the importance of making healthy

Sunset Hills Elementary Red Ribbon Week
October 26-30, 2015



choices. In addition to offering child-friendly and age-appropriate videos each day, there will be daily themes to encourage participation. This year the themes are above:

NEWS FROM ART EDUCATION









2015-16 Administration Building Art Exhibition Reception

The Annual Administration Building Art Exhibit reception is on Wednesday, October, 14, 2015 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Administration Building. Students whose artwork will appear in the exhibit have received personalized invitations. Parents and students can come any time between 5:00-7:00 pm. Pinellas Art Education Association will serve cookies and punch. As students arrive, they will be directed to the Conference Hall on the second floor. They will receive a certificate and will be directed to the location of their artwork.



Help support Art Education

Read this article to find out how Art Education is important to 21st Century Literacy Skills

Article, "Learning in a Visual Age"

Finalist from Sunset Hills Elementary

LOCATION: 1st Floor Personnel D157-D162

Kayton Barrows 3rd Grade Title- Twist of Love

Savanna Weiss 2nd Grade Title- Colorful Collage

Briella Spataro 4th Grade Title- Spring Beauty

Kendall King Title 4th Grade - The S

LOCATION: D223-D235

Drake Shannon- 4th Grade Title- Sunset Shrine

LOCATION: Main Hall North

Summer Major 5th Grade Title- Movement of Color

LOCATION: Auditing D300-D307

Delaney Vessey 1st Grade Title- Autumn Scarecrow

LOCATION D212

Emma Maged 3rd Grade Title- Weaving/Painting

LOCATION-TIS B121-B131

Aiyauna Moran 3rd Grade Title- Painting/Weaving

Maya Csaszar 3rd Grade Title- The Fancy Cup

You Are Invited to Join Board Member Rene Flowers and Pinellas County Schools in an Effort to Provide

The Keys For Empowering Black Male Learners

MOTIVATING BLACK MALE LEARNERS TO ACHIEVE IN SCHOOL AND IN LIFE

Featuring Transformational Educational Leader:

Principal Baruti Kafele



Principal Kafele is Transforming Attitudes!
Recipient of the National Alliance of Black
School Educators Hall of Fame Award, the New
Jersey Education Association Award of
Excellence and the prestigious Milken National
Educator Award, Principal Kafele is ON FIRE!

"The reality is that in the academic realm, we typically discuss the plight of black males within the context of the overall achievement gap. In doing so, we're addressing this as an academic problem, which it is not. When we analyze the national achievement data of black males, it becomes glaringly clear that this gap in achievement occurs in virtually every district in the country and across rural, suburban, and urban areas. There are deeper issues that often go unaddressed in schools."





FREE TO THE PUBLIC

OCTOBER 30TH, 2015 6:30 PM

John Hopkins Middle School 701 16th Street South

For additional information call 727-588-6300 or email flowersre@pcsb.org



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K-12 Social Studies Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee ((PMAC)





Great American Teach-In

Wednesday, November 18, 2015



Please join us for the Great American Teach-In on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. Members of the community are invited to come into our school for half an hour, a few periods, or a full day. Participants may tell the students about a career, hobby or personal experience or they may organize an activity or read a story to the children.

We would like to schedule speakers for all our classes between the hours of

8:40 a.m-2:00 p.m. Please consider sharing a personal experience or interest with our students. If you know someone in the community who may be interested in participating, kindly share this information with them as well.

Please keep in mind that schedules fill up fast. To alleviate scheduling conflicts and reserve your desired time, please return this form as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

If you have any questions about the Great American Teach-In please call:

Becky Coghlan at Sunset Hills ext. 2004.

If interested in participating please fill in the form below and return it promptly to:

Sunset Hills Elementary

Attn: Becky Coghlan/Family and Community Liaison

1347 Gulf Road

Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

Name	
Home PhoneworkBest time to call	
E-MAIL	
Career, hobby or personnel experience you would like to share with students:	
Time(s) you are available to speak:	
Number of classes you would like to visitPreferred grade level	
If you have any children in our school, please list their name (s) and teacher(s)	