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## Sunburst Elementary School

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Enrollment - 658 Sunsational Students

Rhonda Warren, Principal

Sunburst Web site:

[www.sunburst.wesdschools.org](http://www.sunburst.wesdschools.org)

**Fall Break - October 10 - 14**  
**No School**

### From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Sunburst families,

I know it's hard to believe, but we are just wrapping up the first quarter of the 2016-2017 school year. It's been a great start and I'm looking forward to the next three quarters. Teachers will be sending home information on conferences, so keep your eyes open for conference paperwork. Conferences for the District and Sunburst are scheduled for the week of October 24, with early release Wednesday through Friday. However, Sunburst's evening conference will be the previous Wednesday on October 19.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are for sharing information about your child's progress, as well as a time to ask questions. As you think of things you might want to ask your child's teacher, write it down and bring questions with you. Remember that teachers are open for questions at any time, so feel free to call or e-mail any time.

As always, should you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.

Warm regards,  
Rhonda Warren  
Sunburst Princ



#### **Safety Reminder:**

Our school campus is not supervised until 7:10 a.m. Please do not drop off your children prior to 7:10 a.m.

### Calendar of Events

- Oct. 1 Love our School Day
- Oct. 5 Site Council Meeting
- Oct. 5 Jamba Juice – Grades 2-6
- Oct. 6 Picture Retakes
- Oct. 17 PTO Mtg. – 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19 Evening Conferences -Translation Services
- Oct. 20 McDonald's Family Fundraiser Night  
4 - 7 p.m.
- Oct. 24-28 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 26, 27, 28 – Early Release @ 1:00 p.m.**
- Oct. 26 Jamba Juice – Grades 2-6
- Oct. 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 28 PE Snack Bar  
Pizza with the Principal  
Food Drive Begins  
**Trunk or Treat 6-7 p.m.**

### Attendance Updates

Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-901(A) (1): Effective July 1, 2016, all absences in excess of a cumulative 10% or 18 absences will be reported to the Arizona Department of Education as unexcused. In order for absences relating to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies and observance of major religious holidays of the family's faith to be counted as excused absences, the school must be notified of the absence prior to the absence, or the day of the absence by the parent or legal guardian who has custody of the student. Absences that are not reported will be unexcused. Sunburst School maintains a 24-hour attendance line where absences can be called in at any time of the day or night at 602-896-6411.



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October 8, 2016  
Mary Flanders Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony



11:00 a.m. on the intermediate playground at Sunburst School. Everyone is welcome.

Please join us on the Sunburst field to honor Mary Flanders as we dedicate a bench and tree in her name. Mary taught at Sunburst School over 35 years.

From the Health Office:

If your child needs to take any medications, parents must bring them to the health office and sign paperwork for the medications to be administered at school. This also includes any over-the-counter cough drops or throat lozenges. Students are not allowed to have any medications in their desks or in their backpacks. The only exception is if your child has a rescue inhaler or Epi-pen for severe allergic reaction. Both rescue inhalers and Epi-pens will need to have a self-carry form filled out by the parent and the student. You can get one of these forms by visiting the health office.

If you have changed your phone number for either personal or work, or you have new emergency contacts, please be sure to stop by the school office to update your information. It is very important that you keep the school updated in case we need to reach you in an emergency.

### **Emergency Contact Information**

As a reminder, individuals you have listed as emergency contacts on the Student Profile form (the form you completed at registration or at the beginning of the school year) and have given permission to pick up and care for your child in case of emergency will not be required to show written permission from you if/when they pick up your child for emergency reasons, e.g. illness, injury, family emergency. However, the individuals you list will not be permitted to pick up your child during the school day for non-emergency reasons without prior written permission. Please keep this in mind when designating individuals with whom to entrust your child's care.

### **Kindness Korner**



We would like to give a shout out to Brianna Wilson in Ms. Cook's fifth grade class this week. Brianna has been honored on our kindness wall for her act of kindness. Brianna spent some after school time making bags of goodies for the less fortunate. This is a great way to show kindness and help others in need. Keep up the great work, Brianna.



**2016 SUNBURST BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**

Congratulations to our new team members and all of those who tried out. You are all Sunburst winners! Congratulations to our 2016 Blazers Boys Basketball Team.



Jayden Harvey	Isaac Slick
Davione Peterson	Anthony Slick
Anthony Slick	Emy Maluton
Rex Smith	Kaleb Bowers
Dominic Martinez	Paul Norman
Ethan Howard	Jess Rocco German
Chuck Gallardo	Brice Morris
Jordan Ortega	Edward Gonzalez
Steven Slick	Jeshua Fernandez
Jonathan Sweeney-Knox	

We are excited to introduce our two new coaches: Andrei Wade and James Gibbs. Practices are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Come out and support our **Sunburst Blazers Boys Basketball Team!**



Sunburst Blazers Schedule			
10/4	Ironwood	4:00	Home
10/17	Lakeview	4:00	Away
10/18	Tumbleweed	4:00	Home
10/31	Shaw Butte	4:00	Away
11/3	Washington	4:00	Away
11/7	Alta Vista	4:00	Home
11/10	Sahuaro	4:00	Home
11/14	Ironwood	4:00	Away
11/18	Lookout Mtn.	4:00	Away
11/21	Lakeview	4:00	Home

**As a reminder**, students are **not** permitted to wait on campus for the games to begin. They must leave campus and return for all games.



**Cross Country News**

The Sunburst Cross Country Team has grown to over 70 runners. It is not too late to join the fun! Please see Mrs. Knight for an informational packet. The team will be holding optional practices on the intermediate playground on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. throughout the month of October. The first practice will be next Tuesday, October 4. Meets will take place at various schools and parks on Tuesdays during the month of November. Sunburst School will be hosting two regular season meets this year on November 8 and November 15.



**Sunburst Spirit Days Are Coming**  
**Oct 24 - 28 Red Ribbon Week**

Monday, Oct. 24 - Sports Day  
 Tuesday, Oct. 25 - Purple & Orange Day  
 Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Culture Day  
 Thursday, Oct. 27 - Nerd Day  
 Friday, Oct. 28 - Character Day

**Sunburst Cross Country Team** members will be featured in the Greenway Homecoming Parade, Thursday, October 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Students walking in the parade should plan to be there no later than 5 p.m. More information will be sent home with students.

**Site Council Parent Member**

The Sunburst Site Council currently has a parent opening. If you are interested in serving on the Site Council, contact Rhonda Warren at 602-896-6400. If there are more than two interested parents, the bylaws call for an election to take place. The election/ballot would be placed in our next newsletter.

The mission of the Sunburst Site Council is to make quality decisions focused on the needs of children that include a safe, effective learning environment and high expectations for students.

# PTO News:



Come Join us at McDonald's - Thursday, October 20, at 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and Thunderbird, from 4 - 7 p.m. the Sunburst community will be coming out to enjoy classic McDonald's favorites. Enjoy a hamburger, drink a shake or yummy apple pie all for a good cause. McDonald's will donate 20% of all sales including drive-through!

We hope to see you there!

Come join us at our 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Trunk-or-Treat** tradition, Friday, October 28.

We are inviting Sunburst families and friends to park their cars in the Sunburst parking lot and pass out treats to Sunburst children. We encourage you to be extra creative! Adults are welcome to dress up as well. Families must supply their own candy to give out. (We estimate you will need at least 500 pieces of candy.) The parking lot will be open from 5-6 p.m. to decorate your car and park. At 6:00 p.m. the parking lot will be closed so that all can enjoy a safe trunk or treat time. No cars will be allowed to exit until the event is over at 7 p.m.



## PTO News:



Every one counts, and your support makes a difference! Please continue to send in your Box Tops for Education. Many Box Tops will be expiring on 11/1. Please check your pantries and send in your Box Tops for submittal. Thank you Sunburst families!

Box Tops for Education



Our Annual Can Food Drive begins Friday, October 28 at our Trunk-or-Treat event. Our popular video photo booth is returning! **Your photo will be shown for the morning announcements** for only 50 cents or a donation of one canned good item to contribute to our canned food drive.

Grab some can foods and friends and get those pictures taken!

Food Drive will continue through Friday November 18, ending at our annual Turkey Trot.

