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### From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Sunburst Families,

Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 school year! As the proud Principal of Sunburst Elementary, it is a privilege and honor to lead such a dedicated staff and community. I continue to be impressed with the amazing staff, students, parents and community members that I have interacted with over the course of the last few months.

As both a parent and an educator, I believe that every child can be successful. Strong partnerships among parents, students and staff provide that essential foundation. My staff and I are dedicated to ensuring that each student at Sunburst has a positive experience in which they can continue to grow socially, emotionally and academically.

I feel so lucky to be part of such an amazing community. I look forward to meeting each of you and working in a collaborative effort as our students continue on the path of academic excellence. Please let me know if I can support you and your family in any way.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Dial

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Enrollment - 701 Sunsational  
Students



- Sept. 2 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- Sept. 3 Cross Country Information Packets  
Go home  
PTO Family Restaurant Night  
-Potbelly Pig, @ Metro 5–8 p.m.
- Sept. 4 Kona Ice – Grades 2-6  
Progress Reports go home  
Early Release @ 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 11 Early Release @ 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 17 Family Reading Night 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 18 Kona Ice – Grades 2-6  
Early Release @ 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 25 Vision and Hearing Screening  
Early Release @ 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 27 PE Snack Bar  
Great Skate 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 1 PTO Family Restaurant Night  
Chick Fil-A, @59<sup>th</sup> & T-Bird 4–7 p.m.



### ATTENDANCE LINE

602-896-6411

Available 24/7

**When calling the attendance line, please  
state the reason for your child's absence.**



## Garden Club

The Sunburst Garden Club is back for Fall 2019. Students meet in the Garden to weed, plant and learn about the cycle of life once a week. Our garden includes tomatoes, radishes, carrots, beans and more to come! Students are so excited to grow and taste the veggies they grow themselves. This year, we welcome parents joining us and we always welcome teachers, too. We start September 26; look for notes coming home. We can't make it happen without lots of local support. We have been given donations from The Goodman Landscape Co., Christ Community Church, Bonnie Plants, Sunburst PTO and Pure Heart Church. Big thanks go out to the local partners who have helped with getting us revitalized for the 2019/20 growing year. We are always looking for seed donations as well as gifts of plants. Please contact Mrs. Lupnacca with any questions 602 896-6406.



## Sunburst Sports News

It is time for Sunburst Fall sports. Tryouts start on Tuesday, September 3 for the Sunburst boys' basketball team. Tryouts will continue until the judges have selected a team. The team will practice three or four days a week until the regular season gets started the first week of October. The team will play 10 regular-season games and the postseason tournament will take place in early December. All kindergarten through sixth-grade Sunburst students are welcome to join the Sunburst Cross-Country team. Sunburst has the biggest team in the District. Last year, we topped over 150 members. Request for information packets will be available upon request starting Tuesday, September 3. Informal and non-mandatory practice seasons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout October.

Regular season meets will take place on Tuesdays in November at 4:15 p.m.

Sunburst will be hosting the first two regular-season meets on November 5 and 12. The team will be on the road at Moon Mountain School on November 19, and their final regular-season meet will take place at Ironwood School on November 26. All team members who participate in two or more regular-season meets will be invited to a postseason meet in early December. Boys who make the basketball team are also able to participate in the Sunburst Cross-Country program.

For highlights from our 2018 Fall Sports teams, go to "2018 Sunburst Blazers Are Fired Up" on YouTube.



## Sunburst PTO Rocks

### What does PTO do for Sunburst?

#### Thank you Sunburst Families!

Sunburst PTO would like to thank all the families who participated in our PTO membership drive. It was very successful and those funds will be allocated back into the classrooms.

PTO will only contact those who inquired about volunteering.

Over 40 staff members and over 100 Sunburst families raised over \$1,000 during our membership/donation drive. The class that brought in the most money during the membership drive will be receiving a pizza party, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place classes will be receiving a popsicle or otter pop party. The winning classes were announced live on the Sunburst Morning News Show on Monday morning, August 26. Congratulations to Mrs. Shaw class for receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place by bringing in an average of \$2.95 per student and Mrs. Boie's class for bringing in \$3.15 per student. The winning class was, you guessed it, Mrs. Link's class. Not only did they bring in an average of \$6.06 per student, perhaps even more impressive, they had 100% of their families donate. Great job, everyone! Congratulations to Mrs. Yoder for winning the staff members drawing and to the family of 4th grader Christopher in Mrs. Gall's class for winning the family drawing for a \$25 Amazon Gift Card.

- ✓ Reimbursement to teachers for classroom needs
- ✓ Ladies Night
- ✓ Book Fairs
- ✓ Family Restaurant Nights
- ✓ Class T-shirts
- ✓ Trunk or Treat
- ✓ Turkey Trot/Fun Run
- ✓ Community Yard Sale
- ✓ Food Drive Coin Wars
- ✓ Muffins with Mom
- ✓ Donuts with Dad
- ✓ 6th grade Field Trip
- ✓ Box Tops for Education
- ✓ Great Skate
- ✓ Opportunity for high school students to acquire needed community service hours for classes

PTO restaurant fundraisers are the first Tuesday of the month, up next:  
Potbelly Sandwich Shop  
Tuesday, September 3.

Upcoming events will be posted on our Sunburst PTO Facebook page, as well as flyers that will be sent home with your child.

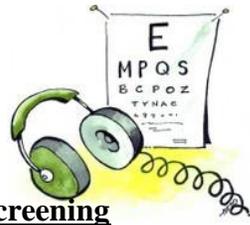
This year's board members are:  
Dawn Kane - President  
Sondra Ludwig - Treasurer  
Barbara Cortez – Secretary



**Thank you Sunburst families!**

**Box Tops for Education -**

Every one counts, an you support makes a difference!  
Please continue to send in your **Box Tops for Education**.



## **Vision and Hearing Screening**

Students have their vision and hearing screened in accordance with the state of Arizona's Department of Health Services guidelines. Vision and hearing are very important to your child's ability to learn, listen and make good progress in school. The goal is to remove health-related barriers to learning.

This year the screening is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, September 25**. It is important that your child is in attendance on this day. If glasses or contacts are worn, please make sure they have them with them. Parents/guardians are informed of the results if follow-up care is recommended. School-based screenings are not intended to replace routine wellness examinations by the primary health care provider.

If you do not want your child's vision and/or hearing screened, please contact the health office. If you are concerned about your child's hearing or vision or have questions about the screening program, please contact the health office.

The success of the screening day is dependent upon volunteers. If you are able to help please contact the health office.

### **Accident Insurance Information:**

As a service to families, the WESD has entered into an agreement with K&K Insurance to offer low-cost accident insurance for students. To learn more, see the school social worker or visit the health office.

## **Gifted Services Testing Opportunity**

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. Testing for placement in the gifted program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website ([www.wesdschools.org/Page/18](http://www.wesdschools.org/Page/18)) or contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the website as well. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Jason McIntosh, with any questions you may have ([Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org](mailto:Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org) / 602-347-2651). The gifted teacher on your campus can be reached by email at [shirit.levine@wesdschools.org](mailto:shirit.levine@wesdschools.org) as well.

### **Peachjar Digital Flyer Platform and Email Updates**

The WESD is committed to educational excellence and ensuring that parents stay informed about important activities and events that enhance their child's life. In an effort to improve parent and community engagement, the WESD uses Peachjar to send digital flyers and school newsletters directly to parents via email. Additionally, all flyers and newsletters are posted to each school's Web site. Parents are able to click to register their children for youth sports, enrichment programs, and community events. By using this system, we eliminate the need to print roughly 2,688,000 sheets of paper per year—nearly 322 trees! Please ensure that the WESD has a current email address on file. You will receive emails from the District in case of an emergency as well as for updates about your school and the District. Contact the front office to update your email address today!