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Sunburst Elementary School



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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.

From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Sunburst families,

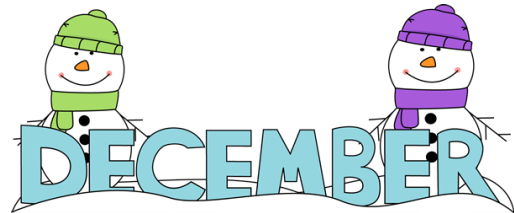
Holiday Greetings - As we head into the holiday season, I want to tell you how grateful I am for the Sunburst community. I am thankful for parents and community members who partner with us in our efforts to serve students and families. I sincerely appreciate your attendance at school functions to encourage and support learning. I am also thankful for the growing number of volunteers who help out in our classrooms and school. I appreciate Sunburst's hard working staff and the energy they put into their job each and every day. I am grateful for the little moments, the smiling faces and enthusiasm for learning shared by students. As we have learned, it is the little moments that become tomorrow's precious memories. It is an honor to serve and work with the Sunburst staff and your children!

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

Warm regards,

Rhonda Warren, Sunburst Principal

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- Dec. 7 Blazer Store
Jamba Juice – Grades 2-6
- Dec. 8 Barro's Family Fundraiser
4:00 -10:00 p.m.
- Dec. 12 PTO Mtg – 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Blazer Store
- Dec. 15 Winter Concert, Band & Strings 6 – 7 p.m.
- Dec. 16 Holiday Grams on sale through Dec. 21
- Dec. 19 Spelling Bee Grades 4,5 6
8:30 a.m.
- Dec. 21 Jamba Juice – Grades 2-6
Site Council Mtg. 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 22 Holiday Gram Delivery
Polar Express @ Sunrise
Stories 7:10 a.m.
- Dec. 23 Grading Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- Dec. 26-Jan 6 Winter Break
NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 9 School Resumes

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BOND UPDATE

We want to thank our Sunburst community for its support of the \$98 million bond to fund necessary improvements to safety, buildings, buses and technology. All schools in WESD will benefit. Sunburst will receive **classroom technology and infrastructure**, stage curtains, lighting, and sound system. Thank you for your support!

Jamba Juice

Don't forget that Jamba Juice is on campus the first and third Wednesday of the month (December 7 and 21) for students in 2nd-6th grade.

27th Annual Turkey Trot and Food Drive

Thank you Sunburst students and staff for your amazing effort in this year's canned food drive! You have worked as a team to achieve your goal in helping the less fortunate in our community.

Mrs. Link's fifth grade class is the school champion with **591** cans! Mrs. Link's class will get to participate in the water balloon fight!



Our grand total was **4,429** cans collected!

Here are the winning grade levels:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Trevillion 124 cans

First Grade: Mrs. Hilliard 290 cans

Second Grade: Mrs. Nickel 220 cans

Third Grade: Mrs. Follett 251 cans and following close behind is Mrs. Ball's class with 248 cans

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Sproul 165 cans

Sixth Grade: Mr. Elliott: 471 cans

Thank you for helping us help our

community!

Sunburst Student Council

The Blazer Buck Store will be open for business during PE time on December 7, 14 and 21.

Holiday Grams

The Sunburst student council, along with our PTO, will be selling holiday grams every morning in front of the school from December 19 - December 21. The cost of each gram is 50 cents and it includes a candy cane. The grams will be delivered to the classrooms on Thursday, December 22.

STEAM

Marbles? Paint? Popsicles sticks? Dirt? Computers? What do all of these have in common? It's all part of getting involved into **STEAM**.

Sunburst is pleased to announce we are teaming up for a night of STEAM fun! Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) activities will be the focus on January 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. Exploring, experimenting, and getting active will be encouraged. Please join us for marble science, construction, gardening, art, computer coding and more. Bring the kids and be ready to help your family explore STEAM-related activities for an exciting evening of science exploration in the Sunburst cafeteria and courtyard.



If you have moved or will be moving, please notify the office. You will need to bring in your proof of residency and fill out a new residency form. Also, please be sure to update the office of any phone number changes as well as emergency pickup information for your student(s). It is very important to be able to reach you in case of an emergency.



Cross Country News

Good luck to the amazing Sunburst Cross Country Team! Over 100 members of our team qualified to participate in post season events this year. Sixty-six of our athletes will be running in the district finals on December 5 and forty-one team members will be participating in the District Championships on Thursday, December 8. The meets will start at 4:15 p.m. and be held at Moon Valley High School. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on the Blazers. We will be celebrating the team's success on **Monday, December 5** at "Peter Piper Pizza Night" at 9620 N Metro Pkwy. Once again, everyone is welcome to this Sunburst Night at Peter Piper Pizza event!



It's Lady Blazers Basketball Time

Sunburst Lady Blazers Basketball tryouts will be December 12, 13, 15, from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. Tryouts are open to girls in grades 4, 5, and 6. Please ensure that you have made arrangements for transportation. Any student that will be trying out for the team should wear comfortable clothing (sport shorts & T-Shirt) and proper footwear (good athletic shoes) to participate. Please bring the permission slip on the first day of tryouts.

TAKE CREDIT

Reduce your tax liability by making a tax credit donation Sunburst

Your tax credits make a huge difference for students in WESD!

The public school tax credit allows an individual to donate up to \$200 or up to \$400 if filing jointly.

It's easy to donate:

Print out the WESD Tax Credit form at www.wesdschools.org and mail it with your check or stop by Sunburst school, fill out a form and drop off your check.

PTO News: Come Join us at Barro's

Thursday, Dec 8, at 59 Ave. and Thunderbird Rd., from 4 - 10 p.m. **Barro's will donate 25% of all sales!** The flyer must be presented when ordering. Dine In or Take out.

We hope to see you there!



SPELLING BEE

The Sunburst School Spelling Bee will take place on Monday, December 19, 2016 in our cafeteria starting at 9 a.m. Good luck to all of the classroom representatives participating in this year's spelling bee!

Gifted Services

In accordance with ARS §15-779, special education is provided to students of lawful school age identified as gifted in one or more of the verbal, quantitative or nonverbal reasoning areas. The Washington District has a continuum of gifted services from which each school selects those that best meet their students' needs. Center-based services for highly gifted students are also available. If you think your child may need these special education services, evaluation is available. Contact your child's teacher for more information.

Kindness Korner



This week we honor first grader Evan Klein, in Ms. Hilliard's class. Evan is a very kind and caring young man. He has earned lots of kindness praise for his kind acts. Evan is always helping a friend in class with work, picking up trash others made and being a good friend to everyone. Evan is always doing something kind for one of his classmates. He never asks for praise or expects it. Good job Evan and keep up the good work.



Staff Holiday Greeting
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