

Sunnyslope Elementary

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Our Mission: Ensuring Learning for All

Our Vision: Sunnyslope School is a safe, supportive community that shares responsibility to achieve the highest levels of learning for our students, while providing an atmosphere of continuous improvement.



Dave Perkins - Principal
Deanne Erickson - Office Manager
Gaby Mejia - Secretary

Office Hours:
7:30 - 3:30 pm Mon-Fri

Report attendance:
662-8803

Greetings Sunnyslope Families!

I am writing first and foremost to thank you all for the opportunity to serve your wonderful children. We have gotten off to a great start to the 2018-2019 school year, with lots of high-quality learning in our classrooms and fantastic school-wide events such as the "Superhero Scramble."

In case you didn't know, October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Bullying is an unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

As parents, it is important that we know how to talk to our children about their daily lives, education, and friendships. The roles that parents can play in supporting their students about bullying are talking about what bullying is and how to stand up to it safely, listening and communicating with their children, modeling kindness and respect, and encouraging their children do what they love.

As always, thanks for your help in making your student's school experience the best possible! Please feel free to contact me at any time through the office at (509) 662-8803 or perkins.d@wenatcheeschools.org

Educationally yours,
Dave Perkins
Principal

Notes from the Librarian, Mrs. Wendt

We are off to a great start in the library!

Thank you for reading/signing library contracts with your students. Hopefully you noted library days on your home calendars, so students get into the good habit of returning books, so they can check-out/renew books each week. We know you want your children reading for fun, learning, and practice every day!

Tip: Knowing how busy mornings before school can be, I suggest thinking ahead the night before library day, finding books, and putting them into backpacks the night before. I wish you all a reading good year!



Calendar of events

OCTOBER

5	PTSA Superhero Scramble!
9	Parsons picture day
9	K-Kids Officer Meeting 1:00pm
12	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development
Day	
17	Passport / Travel Club 1:30pm
19	2 nd grade field trip - Wenatchee Landforms
23	K-Kids Meeting 1:00pm
31	NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher conferences

NOVEMBER

1 - 2	NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher conferences
6	PTSA General Meeting 7:00 pm
7	Veteran's Day assembly 1:30pm
8-9	Scholastic Book Fair
12	NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
14	Passport / Travel Club 1:30 pm
21	Early Release at 11:45am
22-23	No School - THANKSGIVING Break
27	K-Kids Meeting 1:00 pm
<i>End of the 1st Trimester</i>	
30	NO SCHOOL Elementary Records Day

DECEMBER

10	4 th /5 th grade Music Program 7:00 pm
11	K-Kids Meeting 1:00pm
11	Report cards sent home
12	Passport / Travel Club 1:30pm
14	Holiday Carol Sing-a-long 9:00am
17 - Jan 2 nd	Winter Break

Reporting an Absence

Regular and punctual attendance is vital to your child's progress. Washington State law requires that children attend school. We are required, by law, to track absences and identify absences as excused or unexcused.

HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE:

Call the office at (509) 662-8803 ext. 23312 **OR**
Go to our website at: <https://www.wenatcheeschools.org/ss/> and click the "Report an absence online" link.

When reporting an absence, include the following information:

- Child's first and last name
- Teacher's Name
- Reason for Absence: Be specific. (ie fever, vomit, out of town, etc)
- Your name and relationship to child

IMPORTANT!

Absences must be reported **DAILY**

If you send a note to the teacher, a copy must be sent to the office. (Please do NOT call the teacher's voicemail to report an absence for your child. Those messages often don't reach the office)

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PTSA NEWS

The PTSA is very excited for this school year and we are already working hard to bring some fun and enriching learning opportunities to your kids! Our NEW playground equipment is in and the kids are loving it! Thank you for all of your support over the past couple years as we diligently raised money for the new structure.

We are starting the year off strong with the upcoming **Superhero Scramble** on October 5th. We are excited for another event that brings a lot of fun, laughter and superhero strength all together to raise money for our school!

YEARBOOK - Sunnyslope has a NEW email address specifically for submitting yearbook photos. Please send all photos to **slope yearbook@gmail.com**. Please include details about the event and who is pictured in the photos.

BOXTOPS - Once again we will be participating in the Box Tops for Education™ program all year long. Each Box Top is worth 10¢, and they quickly add up to real cash! The first turn-in deadline is **Friday, October 26th**. The class that brings in the most Box Tops will get to **silly string** their teacher!"

This year our fundraising will focus on necessary technology upgrades as well as continuing support to some of our current programs. We also hope to bring a few new after school clubs to Sunnyslope this year, watch for information to be sent home for more details on that.

Thank you for your continued support of the Sunnyslope PTSA. We are so appreciative of all of our volunteers and members. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please contact us at sunnyslopefriends@hotmail.com.



Paying for lunch IN PERSON! We have a new process for parents and students to place money on a lunch account *in person* at the school. Located in our front office, is a new locking collection box near the Secretary's desk for you to deposit funds. We ask that

folks fill out a deposit envelope (located next to the box) with the student's name, teacher and amount. The box is emptied each day by the lunch cashier and funds are then recorded onto your child's lunch account.

Emergency Meal If your child's lunch account balance reaches a negative amount, they will receive an 'emergency meal' consisting of the cold lunch option for the day. This will continue until their lunch account is back to a positive balance. When you receive a notice from school that the account is low or in the negative, please pay online or send money with your child the next day.



We are partnering with 3 area schools to offer FREE parenting classes:

Lincoln Elementary	October 26 - 27
Lee Elementary	November 16-17
Orchard Middle School	March 22 - 23

Please contact those schools directly to sign up for this great opportunity!

Counselor's Corner

We have had an exciting beginning to the school year. Our 1st - 5th graders have had a refresher on Conflict Resolution - focusing on: What is a SMALL and BIG problem. Strategies to solve a SMALL problem and how to access help when dealing with a BIG problem.

Kindergarten students are learning what school is about, what is a school rule, and what is a friend? I love having your students here, what a fun year we will have!

The 5th grade students recently participated in our yearly Leadership Retreat. Focusing on problem solving, teamwork, and releasing toxic behaviors as a school as well as transitioning to 6th grade. We had a great time connecting and supporting each other.

Getting to know all our new students at Sunnyslope this year has proven a very rewarding experience. Please feel free to stop by or call me if you have any questions. (509) 662-8803 ext. 23307. Looking forward to a meaningful and fun engaging year!

Gioconda Jackson – School Counselor

Notes from the School Nurse

Vision and Hearing Screening

School District Nurses wrapped up Vision and Hearing Screening for the Wenatchee School District last week. Parents please understand



our screenings are NOT eye exams. School Nurses screen all elementary school and 7th grade students. The State requires that children be screened for near and far vision. If your child is unable to pass, you will receive a notification letter, urging you to make an appointment with an eye doctor

Your school's nurse and teachers encourage you to keep up with your child's visual – and hearing needs. It is difficult for your student to learn, when unable to see or hear what his/her peers can. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse, Taylor Mason, RN at (509) 679-4207.

Veteran's Day Assembly

The annual Veterans Day Assembly will be held on Wednesday, November 7th at 1:30pm. We would love to honor Veterans that are special to you and your family.

If you know of a Veteran that will be able to attend the assembly, please invite them and watch for the sign-up letter coming home in the next few weeks. For more information please contact Angie Delvo at delvo.a@wenatcheeschools.org.