Greetings Sunnyslope Families!

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well. You may not know that January is National Mentoring Month. Mentors are a valuable tool for the educational success of our students. They are helpful for our students in dealing with the challenges of day to day life and school. Being a mentor for students provides those students with tools to address personal, social, and academic issues. Mentors come in many forms, such as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older friends, and other positive forces in our children’s lives.

As we head into 2020, I challenge us all to work towards being a positive mentor for our children, and children in the Wenatchee Valley.

Once again, I thank you for your involvement in your child’s education. I wish you all the best as we enter the new year. As always, feel free to contact me by phone, email, or in person at any time through the office at (509) 662-8803 or perkins.d@wenatcheeschools.org

Educationally yours,
Dave Perkins
Principal

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Important notes from the office.

**Check-in at the office:** For the safety of our students, staff, and parents we ask that every person entering our building check-in at the office BEFORE heading down our hallways. We appreciate your diligence in keeping our building safe.

**CASA Toy Drive:** Thank you to all the parents, students and staff members for all the wonderful toy donations this year to the CASA toy drive.

We partnered with Les Schwab to bring joy to some great kids this holiday season. Your help was greatly appreciated. You guys ROCK!

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**Calendar of events**

**JANUARY**

14     PTSA General Meeting 7:00 pm
       K-Kids Meeting 1:00 pm
15     Passport / Travel Club 1:30 pm
       2nd-grade Electrical Safety Presentation 1:40 pm
20     NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
21     NO SCHOOL - Professional development day
27     NO SCHOOL - Non-teacher day
28     K-Kids Meeting 1:00 pm
31     Sunnyslope Super Student recognition 2:05 pm

**FEBRUARY**

3 - 7  National School Counseling Week
11    Class picture day and personality photos
       K-Kids Meeting 1:00 pm
12    Passport / Travel Club 1:30 pm
17    NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day
       Math Is Cook mock competition 10:00 am-2:00 pm
25    K-Kids Meeting 1:00 pm
28    Sunnyslope Super Student recognition 2:05 pm

**MARCH**

6     PTSA Family Fun Night 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
9     2nd/3rd grade Music Program 7:00 pm
8     Daylight savings time - forward clocks 1 hour!
9-13  Educational Support Professionals Week (Classified)
10    K-Kids Meeting 1:00 pm
12    NO SCHOOL - Spring Conference Day
13    NO SCHOOL - Professional Learning Day for teachers
19    4th grade Math Is Cool competition at Foothills Middle School 3:00 pm - 8:30 pm
23    Wolf Strings Concert 7:00 pm
24    K-Kids Meeting 1:00 pm
       Apple Blossom royalty visit 1:00 pm
25    Sunnyslope Super Student recognition 2:05 pm
14    Irish Step Dance Performance 1:30 pm
24    NCW Spelling Bee 6:00 pm @ Eastmont Jr. High

**Spring Break is March 30th - April 3rd**
PTSA NEWS

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - Sunnyslope's annual Family Fun Night will be Friday, March 6th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Please bring your family and friends! This year L-Bow the Clown will be here during fun night as well as old favorites like the cakewalk, carnival games, and BINGO. We, Volunteers, are needed to make this event a success. If you can help before or during fun night please contact Katie Montes at katie-hewitt@hotmail.com or sunnyslopefriends@hotmail.com

READ-A-THON - New this year, we are excited to be holding a Sunnyslope Read-A-Thon in the New Year. The event will kick-off on Friday, February 21st and will end with a celebration at the Sunnyslope Family Fun Night on Friday, March 6th. We are looking forward to reading and celebrating with everyone!! Additional details will be sent home as the events near.

YEARBOOK - Each year the Sunnyslope PTSA produces a yearbook to be sold at the end of the year. Our yearbook can use your help with photos all year long. Please email any pictures you want to share with sslopeyearbook@gmail.com. Please include details about the event and who is pictured in the photos.

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.

Lost and Found

Just a reminder that our lost and found bin is filling up! Please stop in and look to see if your child has an item there. The lost in found is located in the hallway near Peters Street side of the building.

Counselor’s Corner

Dear Parents,

After the excitement of the holidays, winter blues become a challenge for some.

Simply bringing more sunlight into your life can treat mild cases of sadness.
- Spend time outdoors every day, even on cloudy days.
- Open window shades in your home
- DANCE! even if it is by yourself :)
- Lighten up: Winter has its share of dark, gloomy mornings, but turning on your lamps and overhead lights can help lift the mood.
- Focus on the positive
- Talk about it
- Treat yourself

Wishing your family a safe and fun winter break. Feliz Navidad!

Gioconda Jackson, Counselor

Notes from the School Nurse

It’s not too late for a flu shot! All school-aged children are encouraged to get the flu vaccine. Please talk with your doctor or school nurse if you have any questions.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Our school nurse, Taylor Mason, RN, is available Mondays and Tuesdays at Sunnyslope. If you have any questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to give her a call at (509) 679-4207.

Dress Warmly for cold weather!

The cold weather has returned to the Wenatchee Valley. Please make sure your children have dressed appropriately for these cold days. Hats, boots, snow pants, warm jackets and gloves or mittens are essential for the students to be able to enjoy their time at play outside. A gentle reminder to our elementary school students to dress appropriately. If students arrive at school unprepared for the weather they will be offered items from the lost and found or asked to call home for winter clothing.