



Sunset Hills Elementary School

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR | SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Sunset Hills Families,

We have had an outstanding first month of school at Sunset Hills! We are so excited to welcome all staff, students and families back for our 2022-2023 school year. I want to share my appreciation for all of the staff and teachers for planning extraordinary learning experiences that engage students throughout each and every day!

As part of the continuous improvement process at Sunset Hills, we have school-wide goals that we will all be working together to meet throughout the school year. These goals are as follows:

1. By May of 2023, a minimum of 62% of students in grades 3-8 will achieve proficiency in Math, a minimum of 68% of students in grades 3-8 will achieve proficiency in ELA, and minimally proficient will be reduced by 10% as measured by AASA. Additionally, a minimum of 70% of students in grades 5 and 8 will achieve proficiency in Science as measured by AzSci State Assessment.
2. By May of 2023, 100% of staff will implement PBIS with fidelity for all students as evidenced by weekly lessons, reinforcement system data, and tracking within the accountability system. As a result of PBIS implementation referrals for defiance and disrespect and physical aggression will be reduced by 10%.
3. By May of 2023, a minimum of 22% of EL and ESS students will show proficiency as measured by AASA in ELA and Math.

Our outstanding teachers have begun the school year with a focus on cultivating a positive classroom culture that fosters academic growth for all students. They have used our school-wide goals to write grade level goals for their students. Teachers work collaboratively with their grade level teams and other staff through a continuous improvement process that includes articulating what students are to learn, planning how students will show mastery, and engaging in cycles of assessment and reflection on how their own teaching practices impact student learning. From there, they plan targeted, small group instruction for their students. We are excited to see the tremendous growth in all of our students!

Thank you to all of our families for your continued partnership. We look forward to working with you on our journey! Together, we will continue to be successful!

Sincerely,
Joey Tokhi, Principal

Academics & Leadership

As part of our iExplore offerings, Sunset Hills has a growing Digital Communications community, and as a part of their curriculum our students will be key contributors to our monthly newsletter. Check out this article written by a Sunset Hills Student!

Digital Communications



Digital communication is an iExplore course that involves starring in morning announcements, participating in yearbook photography, writing school publication papers, creating podcasts and blogging about day to day life. A student in Digital Communications will choose from these options for their class. Morning announcement crew and cast members are in 5th-8th grades and will help make special announcements, like club tryouts. For yearbook photography, Ms. Moberg will assign a few teachers in different grade levels or upcoming events to photograph.

Ms. Moberg will teach students how to hold the camera and take photos. The scholars who choose school publications will write articles, create digital flyers, and create social media posts for PTO, parents, and teachers. Podcasters will make a list of appropriate topics to speak about. Bloggers will write about their daily lives, events, books, celebrities, etc. Ms. Moberg is the hostess for every digital communication class at Sunset Hills.

(written by Nia W)

Student Council Elections

Meet your Student Council Officers for the 2022/2023 School Year:



Treasurer
Hunter



President
Aeris



Secretary
Kaydence



Vice President
Maria



Historian
Roarke

Athletics



Boys Baseball & Girls Softball Seasons are here!

Come cheer on our Bobcat Athletes as we join the Dysart Middle School conference this year! Both teams will use the same schedule for the season and games are free to attend so come support our teams!

- Tue 9/13 @ 4:30 vs. **Cimarron Springs** @ **SRHS**
- Thu 9/15 @ 4:30 vs. **Dysart** @ **SRHS**
- Tue 9/20 @ 6:15 vs. **Mountain View** @ **SRHS**
- Thu 9/22 @ 4:30 vs. **Sonoran Heights** @ **SRHS**
- Tue 9/27 @ 4:30 vs. **Canyon Ridge** @ **WCHS**
- Thu 9/29 @ 4:30 vs. **Sonoran Heights** @ **SRHS**
- Tue 10/4 @ 6:15 vs. **Marley Park** @ **WCHS**
- Thu 10/6 @ 4:30 vs. **Ashton Ranch** @ **WCHS**
- Tue 10/18 @ 4:30 vs. **Canyon Ridge** @ **SRHS**
- Thu 10/20 @ 6:15 vs. **Mountain View** @ **SRHS**
- Tue 10/25 @ 4:30 vs. **Cimarron Springs** @ **SRHS**
- Thu 10/27 @ 4:30 vs. **Dysart** @ **SRHS**
- Tournament Games will start the week of 10/31



Sports Seasons for the 22/23 School Year:

- Season 1: 8/22 to 11/10
 - Boys Baseball & Girls Softball
- Season 2: 11/14 to 2/17
 - Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball, Flag Football, Cheer & Cross Country
- Season 3: 2/20 to 5/12
 - Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Soccer & Boys Soccer



Read All About It!!!

It's time to seize the day and kick off this year's school musical production of Disney's Newsies Jr.!

Important Dates:

- Audition Packets and Stage Crew Applications will be available 9/2
 - Ensemble Roles for K-8th
 - Principal/Featured Roles for 5th-8th
 - Stage Crew for 6th-8th
 - Dance Team for 5th-8th
- Cast Auditions 9/19
- Mandatory Parent Meeting 9/27 (At either 3:30 or 5:30)

See all of the details in our Audition Packets for how to audition and join our Cast & Crew! New to our production this year will be our Dance Team! There will be separate auditions for this group so watch for more information as we get closer.

Arts

Sunset Hills prides itself in our multitude of Art offerings for students both during and after school. Here are just a few ways your student can get involved:

AfterGlow

AfterGlow is our elite choir program open to 6th-8th graders. Students are enrolled in the choir elective during the day and meet after school as well to prepare for performances in the community and our annual performance at Disneyland! The first parent meeting will be 9/6 at 3:30 or 6 pm. All parents must attend one of these sessions.



Bobcat Singers

Our Bobcat Singers group is here for 4th & 5th graders to start their musical journey! This group will start in March, no audition required. We rehearse weekly and perform at school and community events in the spring!




Band

Our Band Program is growing by leaps and bounds! We have over 60 Band Members this year and can't wait to start our performances! We will be having multiple showcases as well as community performances. Stay tuned for the schedule!

SEPTEMBER 2022

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on Your Favorite
Social Media?**

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**Be on the
lookout for our
Fall Festival
Candy Drive
Starting 9/26!**