



Sunset Hills Elementary School

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR | DEC & JAN NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Sunset Hills Family,

November was filled with many wonderful school activities! To highlight a few, our boys baseball team won the first ever NWVAC championship, NJHS had a successful blanket and sock drive, and we welcomed families back to our Thanksgiving lunch! I am so thankful for our students, staff, and our families for making Sunset Hills the amazing place that it is!

We are so proud to announce that Sunset Hills is an "A" rated school! Another celebration is that Sunset Hills is ranked in the top 100 schools in the entire state of Arizona! I am so proud of all of our efforts as an entire school community! We will be holding a barbeque celebration with Kona Ice at lunch on December 7, to celebrate with our students!

We continue to work each day to meet the individual needs of all of our students. We are gearing up for assessments for students in K-8. DIBELS testing for grades kindergarten through 4th grade will be the week of December 5-9. Grades 3-5 will have math and reading benchmarks the week of December 5. Final exams for grades 6-8 will occur between December 12-20, with the multiple choice section of the final exam scheduled on December 16th, 19th and 20th. Benchmarks for grades 6-8 will be the week of January 9-13. The data from these assessments will be used to calculate growth from Benchmark 1 to Benchmark 2 and to review and revise student goals. Please encourage your child to do their best! We are excited to see the growth in each of our students!

I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year! We know that you have a choice when selecting a school for your children, and are honored that you selected Sunset Hills, an "A" rated school! Thank you for your continued partnership!

Sincerely,
Joey Tokhi, Principal

Academics & Leadership

NJHS

NJHS collected 45 blankets and 345 pairs of socks that were donated to the Andre House before Thanksgiving. Thank you for supporting this drive.

NJHS upcoming meetings are December 1st and January 5th.

Drama Club - Bear Drive

Drama Club has the privilege of hosting one of Sunset Hills BIGGEST donation drives of the year. This is our 9th Annual Bear Drive and we have a goal of 2,000 new bears and stuffed friends to donate to Team Emery! Partnering with Team Emery, we are able to donate new bears and stuffed animals to Phoenix Children's Hospitals along with other hospitals and organizations around the state, to give children something that might comfort them in their time of need. Donations must be new, with tags and can be brought to your teacher from now until Friday Dec. 16th.



Bobcat Holiday Spirit Days

Mon 12/12: Green Day

Wear Green & More Green

Tue 12/13: Holiday Socks Day

Wear Holiday Socks

Wed 12/14: Candy Cane Day

Wear Red & White

Thu 12/15: Fun with Flannel Day

Wear Flannel or Plaid

Fri 12/16 Cozy Weather Day:

Wear Scarves, Gloves, Boots etc.

Mon 12/19 Holiday Hat Day:

Wear Festive Holiday Hats

Tue 12/20: Long Winter's Nap

Wear Pajamas

Athletics

Boys Baseball Champions!



Pictured Left to Right: Coach Baker, Henry I, Roarke S, Caleb R, Kelton B, Stephen P, Brixley B, Brody L, Alexander P, Kohler M, Landon A, Zach C, Marx J, Rylan R, Riley L, Tyler B, Braden D, Coach Molett

Please join us in celebrating our Boys Baseball Team in their 2nd, undefeated season in a row, and capturing the title of the Northwest Valley Athletic Conference Champions! We are so proud of our boys and their coaches! Congratulations Bobcats!

Season 2 Schedule: Boys & Girls Volleyball, Flag Football, Cheer, & Cross Country

Mon 12/12 B VB @ 5 vs. **CSMS** @ **SHMS**

Tue 12/13 G VB @ 5 vs. **CSMS** @ **DMS**

FB @ 5 vs. **CSMS** @ **VVHS**

Wed 12/14 B VB @ 5 vs. **DMS** @ **SHMS**

Thu 12/15 G VB @ 5 vs. **DMS** @ **DMS**

FB @ 5 vs. **DMS** @ **VVHS**

Mon 12/19 G VB @ 6 vs. **MVES** @ **DMS**

B VB @ 6 vs. **MVES** @ **SHMS**

FB @ 6 vs. **MVES** @ **VVHS**

Tue 12/20 G VB @ 5 vs. **SHMS** @ **DMS**

B VB @ 5 vs. **SHMS** @ **SHMS**

FB @ 5 vs. **SHMS** @ **VVHS**

Mon 1/9 B VB @ 5 vs. **CRES** @ **SHES**

Tue 1/10 G VB @ 5 vs. **CRES** @ **ARMS**

FB @ 5 vs. **CRES** @ **WCHS**

Wed 1/11 B VB @ 5 vs. **SHMS** @ **SHMS**

Thu 1/12 G VB @ 5 vs. **SHMS** @ **DMS**

FB @ 5 vs. **SHMS** @ **VVHS**

Tue 1/17 G VB @ 6 vs. **MPES** @ **ARMS**

B VB @ 6 vs. **MPES** @ **SHES**

FB @ 6 vs. **MPES** @ **WCHS**

Wed 1/18 B VB @ 5 vs. **ARMS** @ **SHES**

Thu 1/19 G VB @ 5 vs. **ARMS** @ **ARMS**

FB @ 5 vs. **ARMS** @ **WCHS**

Mon 1/23 B VB @ 6 vs. **MPES** @ **SHMS**

Tue 1/24 G VB @ 5 vs. **MPES** @ **DMS**

FB @ 5 vs. **CRES** @ **VVHS**

Wed 1/25 B VB @ 6 vs. **MVES** @ **SHMS**

Thu 1/26 G VB @ 6 vs. **MVES** @ **DMS**

FB @ 6 vs. **MVES** @ **VVHS**

Mon 1/30 B VB @ 5 vs. **CSMS** @ **SHMS**

Tue 1/31 G VB @ 5 vs. **CSMS** @ **DMS**

FB @ 5 vs. **CSMS** @ **VVHS**

Mon 2/1 B VB @ 5 vs. **DMS** @ **SHMS**

Thu 2/2 G VB @ 5 vs. **DMS** @ **DMS**

FB @ 5 vs. **DMS** @ **VVHS**

Tournament Games will start the week of 2/6



Arts



Arts Signature Program

This is a great time of year to bring home Sunset Hills' Arts Signature Program. No, you don't have to be a musician, actor, or painter! 'Tis the season for storytelling, quite possibly the world's oldest art form. There are so many popular stories circulating this time of year, and the *cool* part is, you don't even need a book. Storytelling is the art of "using language and gesture in colorful ways to create scenes in a sequence" (Gere, Kozlovich, & Kelin, 2002). Unlike reading from a book, each story being told is unique, and reflects the personality of the storyteller. Stories impact emotions and perspectives; through inflection and gestures in narrative, a storyteller activates imagination and visualization in each listener, which are important literacy tools. Reading a story from a book does reinforce literacy, but is unchanging. A storyteller is dynamic, constantly evaluating the reactions and nonverbal signals from their audience; if something makes the listener laugh, a storyteller may decide to use similar cues as the story continues. If the storyteller senses a loss of interest from the audience, they may increase the energy and intensity with which they deliver their performance. Research shows that storytelling encourages active listening, builds analytical skills, and increases memory and comprehension. (Donovan & Pascale, 2004) So, take some time this season to share holiday stories from your past or give context to family holiday traditions. You'll not only connect with your kids in a fun way, but promote artistic thinking in your home.

Newsies Jr.

Rehearsals are ramping up! Please read the Rehearsal Calendars carefully, as commitments for various roles may increase or vary by week! We are especially excited to have our Stage Crew start joining us for rehearsals! Beginning in January, we will begin asking for community support of our show through advertising (prices vary by ad size) and family dedications to be added to our Playbill. We will also be asking for donations of items for our concession stand sales (e.g. salty/sweet snacks, candy, soda, and bottled water).

Tickets for Newsies Jr. will go on sale online in late January. January also marks the beginning of our annual Tax Credit Donation Drive. Without the financial support of our community, our Theatre program would not exist. We rely on your continued donations each year to bring you another fun and exciting musical production! Watch for our Tax Credit Drive flyers to come home soon!

AfterGlow

It's going to be a busy few months! Important upcoming events for AfterGlow:

12/7 - Rehearsal 3:15-4:30pm

12/12 - Winter Serenade Concert @ Shadow Ridge High School

5th & 6th Grade Concert 6:00pm
(call time 5:30)

7th & 8th Grade Concert 7:00pm
(call time 6:30)

Free admission, but bring cash for our annual 50/50 prize drawing!

1/11 - Begin Weekly After-School Rehearsals

1/17 - Mandatory Parent Meeting #2 @ 3:30pm or 6:00pm (choose one to attend)

1/25 - World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser begins

As we end 2022, please consider maxing out this year's tax credit donation, as we begin our annual tax credit drive in January. Tax credit donations fund the operations of our choir program each year, and all donations count toward/include all of this year's Commitment Fees, as well.

School Happenings

DECEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 PTO Papa Murphy's Card Sales Begin NJHS Mtg 3:15-4:00	2	3 Cross Country Meet @ 8 am
4	5	6	7 Student Celebration for "A" Rating Garden Club 3:15-4:30	8 Board Meeting @ 6:00	9	10 Cross Country Meet @ 8 am
PTO Holiday Shop 12/5-12/9 & Cocoa Gram Sales 12/5-12/13						
11	12 PTO Papa Murphy's Card Sales Due Choir at SRHS @ 6 Boys Volleyball @ 5pm at SHMS	13 StuCo Mtg 3:15-4 Girls Volleyball @ 5pm at DMS Flag Football @ 5pm at VVHS	14 Site Council @ 3:30 AfterGlow & Garden Club @ 3:15-4:30 Boys Volleyball @ 5pm at SHMS	15 Girls Volleyball @ 5pm at DMS Flag Football @ 5pm at VVHS	16 ROARing S.O.M. Cocoa Gram Delivery Bear Drive Ends	17 Cross Country Meet @ 8 am
Cocoa Gram 12/5-12/13 StuCo Spirit Day 12/12-12/20						
18	19 Kinder Winter Program @ 5 G VB @ 6pm at DMS B VB @ 6pm at SHMS FB @ 6pm at VVHS	20 2nd Qtr Report Cards Released Early Release @ 1 G VB @ 5pm at DMS B VB @ 5pm at SHMS FB @ 5pm at VVHS	21	22	23	24
Winter Break - No School 12/21 through 1/4						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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A word cloud featuring various positive traits and values such as: respectful, caring, learner, owner, responsible, prepared, collaborative, wellrounded, hardworking, community, empathetic, confident, inspiring, visionary, trustworthy, student success, inspirational teachers, communicative, productive classroom, creative, kindness, future focused, strength, friendship, accepting, fun, character, citizenship, independent, dedicated, growth, driven, respect, safe, advocate, goodhuman, committed, involved, achieving, original, risk takers, sharpen, ambitious, exciting, artistic, spirited, accommodate, value, energetic, love, nice, family, environment, interpersonal skills, leadership, innovative, teamwork, inspired, unique, passionate, openminded, ongoing support, college and career ready, schools spirit, citizenship, handson learning, courageous, helpful, smile, capable, accountability, flexible, acceptance, ingenious, plus, scholar spirit, collaborative.

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JANUARY

2023

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Winter Break - No School 12/21 through 1/4			NJHS Mtg 3:15-4:00		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Boys Volleyball @ 5pm at SHES	StuCo Mtg 3:15-4 Girls Volleyball @ 5pm at ARMS Flag Football @ 5pm at WCHS	PTO Fun Day 2:45-3:30 AfterGlow & Garden Club @ 3:15-4:30 Boys Volleyball @ 5pm at SHMS	2nd Qtr Awards 4th, 5th & 6th Girls Volleyball @ 5pm at SHMS Flag Football @ 5pm at VVHS Board Meeting @ 6:00	2nd Qtr Awards 7th & 8th	Cross Country Meet @ 8 am at CSMS
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Boys Volleyball @ 6pm at SHES Girls Volleyball @ 5pm at ARMS Flag Football @ 5pm at WCHS	AfterGlow & Garden Club @ 3:15-4:30 Boys Volleyball @ 5pm at SHES PTO Mr. Mesquite Night	Girls Volleyball @ 5pm at ARMS Flag Football @ 5pm at WCHS	PTO Family Night - Rock Painting @ 5:30-7:30 pm	Cross Country Meet @ 8 am at CSMS
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Boys Volleyball @ 5pm at SHMS	Girls Volleyball @ 5pm at DMS Flag Football @ 5pm at VVHS	Site Council @ 3:30 AfterGlow & Garden Club @ 3:15-4:30 Boys Volleyball @ 6pm at SHMS	Girls Volleyball @ 6pm at DMS Flag Football @ 6pm at VVHS Board Meeting @ 6:00	ROARing Student of the Month 6th-8th Gr Middle School Dance 5-7 pm	Cross Country Meet @ 8 am at CSMS
29	30	31				
	Boys Volleyball @ 5pm at SHMS	Girls Volleyball @ 5pm at DMS Flag Football @ 5pm at VVHS	StuCo Spirit Week 1/30-2/3			

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