



Sunset Hills Elementary School

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR | NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Sunset Hills Family,

November is here and the weather is beautiful outside! We are looking forward to a fantastic month ahead! The state has released the 2022 school letter grades based on the A-F Accountability model, and I am thrilled to announce that Sunset Hills is an A school!! I am so incredibly proud of our entire school community and all of the efforts that have gone into the last couple of years to ensure that our students continued to grow academically! We made tremendous gains and continue to work so hard to meet our continuous improvement goals!

In honor of this upcoming Veteran's Day, our school will be recognizing the men and women who have served and/or are still serving in the Armed Forces in a school-wide assembly on November 10, at 8:30 am. We are looking forward to this extraordinary experience for the Veterans, families and students.

I am so excited to announce that we will be welcoming back families to our campus for our Thanksgiving Lunch on November 18th! An invitation has gone out and is available on our website. Please RSVP for this event no later than November 4th. We look forward to welcoming our families to this special day to enjoy lunch with their child!

We are so thankful for our staff, students, and families at Sunset Hills. Thank you for continuing to partner with us in your child's education. Wishing all of our Sunset Hills families a very safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Joey Tokhi, Principal

Academics & Leadership

Spelling Bee

The 5th-8th grade students had the opportunity to participate in a classroom Spelling Bee in October. On Wednesday, November 2nd, the winners will be competing in the school Spelling Bee at 8:30 a.m. in the Library. Parents of the winners are invited to attend. The winner of the school Spelling Bee will compete at the district competition on Wednesday, December 7th, at 10 a.m. in the District Office main boardroom.

Congratulations to the classroom winners in:

5th grade: Addison C., Bradley S., Paisley P., Liam S.

6th grade: Noah B., Xavier R., Jaxson A., Brianna A.

7th grade: Brady W., Annie S., Liam D., Savannah G., Cody W.

8th grade: Arcadia N., Hudson R., Ashton H., Aeris G.

-Henry I.



Mon. Nov 14th - Fall into Bobcat Spirit

sweater weather or wear fall colors

Tue. Nov 15th - Wear Your Best to Impress

dress to impress

Wed. Nov 16th - Thankful to Be Unique

wear mismatched clothes day

Thu. Nov 17th - Teamwork

wear sports/team attire

Fri. Nov 18th - Bobcat Pride Day

PreK, 1st, 5th & 6th - wear Blue /

2nd & 7th - wear Grey / 3rd, 4th & 8th - wear White

Athletics

Season 1: Girls Softball & Boys Baseball

Our Sunset Hills Athletes have had an amazing experience in their first endeavor in the Northwest Valley Athletic Conference (NWVAC). Our teams have been playing other Dysart teams for their regular season as they fight to stay in those top 2 spots for their region to earn a chance to compete in the Championship Tournament with other middle schools in the NWVAC. The first week of November will wrap up the regular season and we hope to have a post about championship brackets very soon! The Championship tournament is currently set to start 11/8. Boys Baseball will be hosted by Dysart at Willow Canyon High School and Girls Softball will be hosted by Peoria district at Pioneer Community Park.

Our Girls are currently bouncing between 2nd and 3rd in their region and these next couple games are critical to give them that edge into the post season!

Our Boys Baseball team has continued their undefeated streak and is currently sitting 1st in their region. This is the 2nd year in a row our boys have been undefeated and we can't wait to watch them in the post season!

Congratulations to all of our athletes and coaches on an amazing first step into this bigger conference. Keep showing up and working hard! We wish you the best of luck in these last few weeks of your season!



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

- Try Outs Start 11/14
- Practices Start 11/28
- Regular Season Starts 12/12
- Tournament Stars 2/6

*Cross Country is not part of NWVAC and has some minor differences in dates: Practices can begin as early as 11/7 and Competitions run 11/28-2/11

Please contact coaches with any questions:

Girls Volleyball: Coach Ramirez
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Boys Volleyball: Coach McCarthy
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Flag Football: Coach Thomas
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Cheer: Coach Lynch & Coach Bisby
kristen.lynch@dysart.org & mary.bisby@dysart.org

Cross Country: Coach Moberg
lisa.moberg@dysart.org



Arts

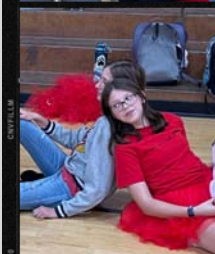


Arts Signature Program

We were very careful when adopting a Signature Program for Sunset Hills. Surveys, focus groups, and strategic planning drove its development. The goal was never nor will ever be to turn all of our students into professional artists. It's about expanding the ways in which we teach and reach our students. We do not expect our core-area teachers to be Art or Music teachers; we love our talented Specialists and how they teach specific Arts-related skills! We do understand, however, that the Arts can be used to strengthen the core curriculum and provide for creativity in learning and assessment. To put it simply, the Arts help students make more sense of what they learn. Using a dramatic exercise in Science to demonstrate how an ear functions, with students each "becoming" a specific part can lead to a more meaningful and comprehensive understanding of its operation. Just last week, Ms. Owen's 4th graders used music in ELA to help them learn the three types of "point of view." By integrating a catchy tune with some light choreography, students not only have an easier time remembering them, but also have a more descriptive understanding of the indicators for each one. Sure, having thriving Arts programming is important to our Signature Program, but looking at learning core subjects through an artistic lens is empowering for students and teachers alike...and it's one of many characteristics that sets Sunset Hills apart.

Newsies Jr.

Rehearsals are in full swing, and it's time to begin production work! Parents and family members who have signed up to volunteer in various capacities will be contacted by our production team soon to identify specific tasks to support our show. The cast and dance team are doing tremendous work, music and choreography are coming together well, and our lead cast is developing some great chemistry. A reminder that the next cast/crew payments (\$35 cast, \$20 crew) are due in the provided envelopes to the front office by Friday 11/4 (cash or check to "Sunset Hills PTO"). Please find out November rehearsal calendar/call sheet in our Schoology group online. With all the holidays this month, it is of the utmost importance that cast members continue to practice at home daily!



AfterGlow



After an incredible performance at the Dysart Choir Festival, we are ramping up our Disney trip fundraising into the holiday season! First, we are thrilled to continue with our annual Family Photo Session Fundraiser on Saturday 11/12 and Sunday 11/13. Fifteen-minute mini-sessions are available in the Sierra Montana Park (just south of the school) -- just \$35 for 5 posed photos! Sign up using this link, and reserve your session by paying cash or check (to "Sunset Hills PTO") using the envelopes in the front office within 3 days of signing up. Later this month, watch for Butter Braids -- back by popular demand! Our next after school rehearsal is Wed. 11/16, and the annual Winter Serenade concert will be at Shadow Ridge High School on Monday 12/12 at 6pm (grades 5-6), and 7pm (grades 7-8).

School Happenings

NOVEMBER

2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Fall Group & Sports Pictures and Re-Takes Girls Softball @ 4:30 & Boys Baseball @ 6:15 at SRHS	2 Sunset Hills Spelling Bee Garden Club 3:15-4:30	3 NJHS Mtg 3:15-4:00 Girls Softball @ 4:30 at WCHS	4	5
6	7 PTO Nothing Bundt Cake Sales Start	8	9 PTO Fun Day @ 2:30 & Bundt Cake Forms Due Garden Club 3:15-4:30	10 Veteran's Day Celebration 2nd Qtr Progress Reports	11 Veteran's Day No School	12
		Baseball/Softball Playoff Tournament				
13	14	15 StuCo Meeting 3:15-4:00	16 Garden Club 3:15-4:30	17 Board Mtg @ 6:00 Nothing Bundt Cake Delivery	18 Bear Drive Starts Thanksgiving Lunch	19
		Boys & Girls Volleyball / Flag Football & Cheer TryOuts				
		Student Council - Spirit Week				
20	21	22	23	24 We are Thankful for You!	25	26
		Thanksgiving Break - No School				
27	28	29 Site Council @ 3:20	30 ROARing Student of the Month Garden Club 3:15-4:30 PTO Mtg @ 3:30			

