



Sunset Hills Elementary School

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR | OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Sunset Hills Families,

We have concluded the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year! It has been a great start, filled with academics, athletics, and the arts!

Our staff continues to work collectively to achieve our Continuous Improvement Plan goals. Teachers have engaged in data discussions after module assessments to review student mastery on grade level standards in ELA, math, science and social studies. After analyzing the data, they plan for effective instructional strategies that will positively impact student achievement. Additionally, we had an assembly to review our PBIS school-wide system of support with all students in grades K-8. We also celebrated AASA achievements at this assembly. We look forward to continuing these celebrations with our benchmark testing this year.

Students in grades 3-8 completed the benchmark testing in ELA and math the last week of September. Your child's teacher will share their progress on the standards taught in each assessment during parent teacher conferences. Conferences are the week of October 3-7, with October 3, 6, and 7 being a 1:00 pm dismissal. Our goal is 100% attendance at conferences. Teachers will be sharing 1st quarter grades and goals for your child to achieve in the 2nd quarter. Our teachers look forward to sharing your child's progress with you!

Our first sports season is in full swing, starting with girls softball and boys baseball! This year our athletes will be participating in the Northwest Valley Middle School Conference. Initially, we will compete within our district and if we make it to the playoffs, we will have the opportunity to compete with middle schools in other Northwest Valley districts. Best of luck to our bobcat athletes this year!

Fall break is the week of October 10-14. We look forward to seeing everyone back on October 17. The partnership with our families is essential for our student success! Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership! Have a wonderful and safe fall break!

Sincerely,
Joey Tokhi, Principal

Academics & Leadership

Celebrating Academic Excellence

We will be celebrating our academic achievements for 4th - 8th graders at our 1st Qtr Awards Assemblies at the following times:

- Thu 10/20 8:30 am - 9:05 am for 6th Grade
- Thu 10/20 9:15 am - 9:50 am for 5th Grade
- Thu 10/20 10:00 am - 10:35 am for 4th Grade
- Fri 10/21 8:30 am - 9:05 am for 7th Grade
- Fri 10/21 9:15 am - 9:50 am for 8th Grade

Bobcat Student Article - 8th Grade Science Lab

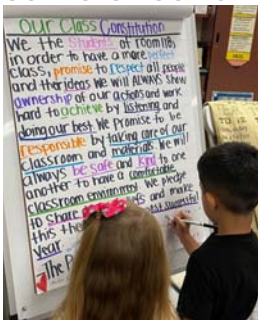


The 8th grade students have been learning about landslides in Science. Mrs. Smith, the Science teacher, had students conduct a lab to show what and how landslides work. She did this by giving the students a variety of materials; dry and wet soil, sand, and gravel to work with, telling them to "make a hypothesis or prediction about what they thought would happen." The students placed the materials in a tray and then used a protractor to move the pan to 15°, 30°, 45°, and 60° angles. They wrote down their observations about how the materials moved and came to rest. Then they reflected on the hypotheses to determine if they were correct. The students ended the lab by saying it was the most fun they had in a long time.

-By Tristan E. D.

We See You Bobcats!

Our Bobcats are learning amazing things every day! Take a look at just a few snapshots from some of our amazing learning experiences in September!



We observed Constitution Day and wrote our own Class Constitution.



We learned how fun story sequence recalls can be with friends.



We gained a new perspective in our photography class.



We celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day and learned about graphing.



We explored the library and learned how to organize the books.

Athletics



Girls Softball

Our Girls Softball team is holding tight to the 2nd place spot for our region and is ready to make that push for the playoffs! Top 2 teams in each region advance to the post season tournament so come on out and cheer on our Bobcats!



Boys Baseball

Our boys baseball team has been undefeated so far this season and is currently in the number 1 spot for our region. Congratulations to our boys as they continue their journey to the post season!



Softball/Baseball Schedule:

- 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

**Season 2 Starts
11/14:
Girls Volleyball,
Boys Volleyball,
Flag Football,
Cheer & Cross
Country**

Arts

Arts Signature Program

Welcome to the Arts Signature Program at Sunset Hills! The Arts are alive at Sunset Hills (and not just on paper). While our students thrive in academics, and athletics as well. Our goal is to be able to view all content areas and disciplines through an artistic lens. As Sunset Hills' Signature Program Ambassador it's my goal to bring the Arts into focus throughout our content and student activities for our teachers, students, and families. One of our biggest ideas is that the Arts are not an "extra" -- they are central to human learning and can set the foundation for education in a variety of settings. In all we do at Sunset Hills, the Arts are present! I look forward to sharing more about our Arts Signature Program and its benefit for our students and community as the year goes on!

Newsies Jr



Congratulations to all of our Newsies Jr. Cast and Crew! We gathered everyone together at our first table read and are so excited to bring this show to life! Get ready to start singing, dancing, acting and having a blast during rehearsals! Remember to check Schoology for important updates and the October rehearsal calendar. We look forward to sharing our show with everyone at the end of February!

Important dates to remember:

- 10/7 Community Ed Registration Due (online link is posted to Schoology)
- 11/4 Production Fees Due to the front office



AfterGlow

Our elite choir program, Afterglow, is on it's way to perform at the Disneyland Resort again this coming spring! Parents and students are working together to make this annual experience a reality again this year! The first Disney Commitment Fee of \$50 is due by 10/7 for those students to secure their spot on the bus. This month's rehearsal is Wednesday 10/19, from 3:15-4:30, after school. The next Task Force meeting is Tuesday 10/18, at 6:30 pm, in the library.

All of our 5th-8th Grade Choirs will be participating in the Dysart Festival of Choirs on Saturday 10/22! This all-day event will feature hundreds of students from choirs across the district in a combined concert (free!) in the afternoon at The Vista Center of the Arts. Contact Mr. B. at randall.badsgard@dysart.org for more details.

Band


Our 6th and 8th Grade students new to band will be joining their cohorts this month and will all begin practicing together! We will celebrate our growth at our end of quarter party Tues. 10/4! We are so excited for our first performance on 11/9. It will be held at Shadow Ridge at 6 pm, and is free to attend!



School Happenings

OCTOBER

2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4 Baseball & Softball 6:15 @ WCHS	5	6 Early Release @ 1 pm Parent Teacher Conferences Baseball & Softball 4:30 @ WCHS Board Meeting @ 6:00	7 Early Release @ 1 pm Parent Teacher Conferences	8
	Book Fair Week 10/3-10/7					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Fall Break - No School					
16	17	18 StuCo Mtg 3:15-4:00 Band Concert 6:00-6:30 Baseball & Softball 6:15 @ SRHS	19  Pink Out Day AfterGlow 3:15-4:30	20 1st Qtr Awards 4th, 5th, & 6th NJHS Mtg 3:15-4:00 Baseball & Softball 6:15 @ SRHS	21 1st Qtr Awards 7th & 8th PTO Fall Festival 5:30-8	22
23	24 PTO BooGram Sales 10/17-10/28 Delivery 10/31	25 Baseball & Softball 4:30 @ SRHS	26  Red Out Day Site Council @ 3:30	27 Baseball & Softball 4:30 @ SRHS Board Meeting @ 6:00	28 ROARing Student of the Month	29
30	31	Red Ribbon Week 10/24-10/28				
	Black & Orange Spirit Day					



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