



Sunset Hills Elementary School

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR | DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Sunset Hills Family,

November was a great month, filled with many celebrations! To highlight a few, our boys baseball team and girls softball team both made it to the playoffs and played great! NJHS had a successful canned food drive, placing 2nd in the entire district for the most cans collected! We held another wonderful Thanksgiving Family Lunch for all families to enjoy!

We are so proud to be an "A" rated school! Another celebration is that Sunset Hills was also ranked in the top 20% of schools in the entire state of Arizona!! I am so proud of all of our efforts as an entire school community! We continue to work hard every day to ensure that our students are receiving an extraordinary experience at school each day!

DIBELS testing for grades kindergarten through 4th grade will be the week of December 4-8. Our K-8 teachers dig into the data and plan for instruction using the data for each student. Teachers are also engaging students in student driven goal setting, where students set goals and monitor those goals using various forms of data. All of these practices contribute to student success!

I am so thankful for our students, staff, and our families for making Sunset Hills the amazing place that it is! I 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

Academics

Quarter 2 Report Cards will be released on Friday, December 22nd.

Student Council

Thank you Student Council for hosting our Attendance Matters Spirit Week. We are thrilled to announce that we beat Canyon Ridge for our Attendance Challenge! Great job Bobcats!



NJHS

NJHS is Partnering with Team Emery to help bring new stuffed animals to children in hospitals such as Phoenix Children's Hospital. Please consider donating any new stuffed animals, with tags, to this fantastic program! This is the 10th time Sunset Hills has participated in this drive and our goal this year is 2,000 new stuffed animals! Help us make this drive a success!

Sunset Hills Student Council Presents

Winter Wonderland

A Semi-Formal Dance
for Sunset Hills Students in Grades 6-8

Friday, December 8th; 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
in the Sunset Hills Gym

- * Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.00, cash only [Exact Change is appreciated]. Tickets are non-refundable.
- * Drinks & Snacks will be available to purchase at the dance.
- * Every student must be picked up from the dance. No student will be allowed to walk home.

Our Middle School Dance, Winter Wonderland, is being brought to us by Student Council for Sunset Hills Students in grades 6-8. Fliers with permission slips were sent home this week.

Sunset Hills
10th

Annual Bear Drive

11/13-12/15

For Team
Emery



Academics & Leadership cont.

A Day in iExplore.....

iExplore has been very busy in 2nd quarter! Middle School has 2 electives: Creative Technology and STEM. 5th- 8th grade Creative Tech students have been creating websites, short videos, and digital posters. STEM students have been involved in hands-on projects that include Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Our Kindergarten through 4th grade students have been learning about the Engineering Design Process and using computer skills! Follow us along as we journey through a day in iExplore:

8th: Hot Air Balloons



6th: School Garden



7th: Hydraulic Marble Maze

4th: Robotics



3rd: Recycled Game



5th: Rockets



K/1st: Paper Airplanes



2nd: Water Cycle



Athletics

Season 2 is Here: Cheer, Flag Football, Boys Volleyball & Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to all of our athletes who have made our season 2 teams! Here is our schedule for the season:

- Mon 12/11 - B VB @ 6 vs MPES @ SHES
- Tue 12/12 - G VB @ 6 vs MPES @ ARMS
- Tue 12/12 - FB @ 6 vs CSMS @ WCHS
- Wed 12/13 - B VB @ 5 vs ARMS @ SHMS
- Thu 12/14 - G VB @ 5 vs ARMS @ DMS
- Thu 12/14 - FB @ 5 vs SHMS @ VVHS
- Mon 12/18 - B VB @ 5 vs MVES @ SHMS
- Tue 12/19 - G VB @ 5 vs MVES @ DMS
- Tue 12/19 - FB @ 6 vs MPES @ WCHS
- Wed 12/20 - B VB @ 6 vs SHMS @ SHES
- Thu 12/21 - G VB @ 6 vs SHMS @ ARMS
- Thu 12/21 - FB @ 6 vs MVES @ WCHS
- Tue 1/9 - FB @ 5 vs DMS @ VVHS
- Tue 1/9 - G VB @ 6 vs CSMS @ ARMS
- Tue 1/9 - B VB @ 6 vs CSMS @ SHES
- Thu 1/11 - G VB @ 6 vs DMS @ ARMS
- Thu 1/11 - B VB @ 6 vs DMS @ SHES



- Thu 1/11 - FB @ 6 vs CRES @ WCHS
- Tue 1/16 - G VB @ 5 vs ARMS @ DMS
- Tue 1/16 - B VB @ 5 vs ARMS @ SHMS
- Tue 1/16 - FB @ 6 vs ARMS @ WCHS
- Thu 1/18 - G VB @ 6 vs CRES @ ARMS
- Thu 1/18 - B VB @ 6 vs CRES @ SHES
- Thu 1/18 - FB @ 6 vs CSMS @ WCHS
- Mon 1/22 - B VB @ 6 vs SHMS @ SHES
- Tue 1/23 - FB @ 5 vs SHMS @ VVHS
- Tue 1/23 - G VB @ 6 vs SHMS @ ARMS
- Wed 1/24 - B VB @ 6 vs MPES @ SHES
- Thu 1/25 - G VB @ 6 vs MPES @ ARMS
- Thu 1/25 - FB @ 6 vs MPES @ WCHS
- Mon 1/29 - B VB @ 6 vs DMS @ SHES
- Tue 1/30 - G VB @ 6 vs DMS @ ARMS
- Tue 1/30 - FB @ 6 vs MVES @ WCHS
- Wed 1/31 - B VB @ 5 vs MVES @ SHMS
- Thu 2/1 - G VB @ 5 vs MVES @ DMS
- Thu 2/1 - FB @ 5 vs DMS @ VVHS



Cross Country

Our Cross Country Athletes continue to represent Sunset Hills at the highest level! We love watching their continued growth week after week and can't wait to see where they are by the time we get to the All District Meet on 12/9!

- All District Meet on 12/9



Arts



Band

5th-8th grade band students have been working diligently to prepare for our winter band concert on December 20th at Shadow Ridge HS. The concert will be starting at 6:30pm and all are welcome to attend. Please come support our students and enjoy the sounds of the season!



Choir

AfterGlow: Grades 7 & 8

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Butter Braid Fundraiser! Our annual Winter Serenade Concert is on Monday 12/11 at Shadow Ridge High School. Call time for students is 6:30pm, and the concert will begin at 7:00. There are important calendar items coming up when we return from Winter Break -- We will begin our weekly Wednesday rehearsals from 3:15-4:30 through May, and our next mandatory parent meeting will be on Tuesday 1/16 as we launch our annual World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser and prepare for our huge Spring Training Fundraiser -- the only way we can make it back to Disneyland!

MoonRise: Grades 5 & 6

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Butter Braid Fundraiser! Our annual Winter Serenade Concert is on Monday 12/11 at Shadow Ridge High School. Call time for students is 5:30pm, and the concert will begin at 6:00. We will continue our fundraising into the spring to make our Phoenix Suns Game performance a reality!



Cats Musical

December is here, which means we are welcoming our Stage Crew to rehearsals beginning the week of 12/4, and our Ensemble Cast may begin rehearsing twice per week instead of just once. Check the Rehearsal Calendar/Call Sheet to keep track as we begin the run-up to our performance. We finally have the link to pay the Community Ed Registration Fee for the show (we thank you for your patience). [Follow this link](#) to make your payment by December 15th.

School Happenings

DECEMBER

2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 Cross Country Regional Meet @ 8 am @ CSMS
Student Council Spirit Week - Every Day Counts						
3	4 1 pm Dismissal	5 Art Club (1st-4th) @ 3:15-4:30 pm	6 Garden Club @ 3:15-4:30 pm	7 NJHS Meeting @ 3:15-4 pm	8 Winter Wonderland: Middle School Dance (Gr 6/8) @ 5:30-7:30 pm	9 Cross Country Regional Meet @ 8 am @ CSMS
PTO Holiday Shop During School						
10	11 1 pm Dismissal Boys Volleyball @ 6pm @ SHES Moonrise Choir Winter Concert @ 6 pm @ SRHS Afterglow Choir Winter Concert @ 7 pm @ SRHS	12 Art Club (5th-8th) @ 3:15-4:30 pm Girls Volleyball @ 6pm @ ARMS Flag Football @ 6pm @ WCHS	13 Garden Club @ 3:15-4:30 pm Boys Volleyball @ 5pm @ SHMS	14 Girls Volleyball @ 5 pm @ DMS Flag Football @ 5 pm @ VVHS	15	16 Cross Country Championship Meet @ 8 am @ CSMS
17	18 Boys Volleyball @ 5 pm @ SHMS Kindergarten Winter Concert @ 5 pm @ SHES 1 pm Dismissal	19 Girls Volleyball @ 5 pm @ DMS Flag Football @ 6pm @ WCHS	20 Garden Club @ 3:15-4:30 pm Site Council @ 3:20 Boys Volleyball @ 6 pm @ SHES Band Concert @ 6:30 pm @ SRHS	21 Flag Football @ 6pm @ WCHS Girls Volleyball @ 6pm @ ARMS	22 Quarter 2 Report Cards ROARing Student of the Month 1 pm Dismissal	23
Bobcat Holiday Spirit Week						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No School- Winter Break 12/25-1/8						



BOBCAT HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK 12/18-12/22

- Monday 12/18 - Grinch Day**
Wear Everything Green or Dress like a Grinch or a Who!
- Tuesday 12/19 - Holiday Hat Day**
Wear Festive Holiday Hats!
- Wednesday 12/20 - Winter Wonderland Day**
Wear Wintery White or Dress like a Snowman!
- Thursday 12/21 - Winter Character Day**
Dress Like Your Favorite Winter Character!(Elf, Reindeer, Penguin, etc.)
- Friday 12/22 - Long Winter's Nap**
Pajama Day!

