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# Sunrise Elementary

Home of the Sea Otters



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## School Mission Statement

Sunrise Elementary is committed to creating an inclusive, caring and rigorous learning environment that promotes successful academic growth and social values by working collaboratively with families and members of our community. We provide a quality education in a safe learning environment that emphasizes:

Respect, Integrity, Safety & Effort

### A message from the Sunrise Administrative Team

It is hard to believe the school year is almost over. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support. We look forward to seeing everyone at the beginning of next school year. Please continue to check our website for dates and events for the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

We are also excited to announce that we will begin Capturing Kids' Hearts next school year. We have received feedback from both the Sunrise staff and PTO (and committee) to ensure the social emotional program meets our needs. We look forward to building our community together.

Click [here](#) to see the calendar section of the Sunrise website for upcoming dates and events.

Thank you for your continued support of Sunrise Elementary School.

Have a wonderful and safe summer and don't forget to read!

Respectfully,

Stacy Blair - Principal

Mary Baumgardner-Assistant Principal

### Attendance

When your student is out due to an illness, tardy, or an appointment, please call our attendance line at 719-391-3416 or text us at 719-600-7503.



Hello Otters and Families!

Bullying - (verb) seek to harm, intimidate, or coerce (someone perceived as vulnerable).

We, as a mental health team, work with children at the school to define the term 'bullying' and how to support children through this, if they are experiencing it. We want to ensure that students at Sunrise feel safe, included, and welcomed.

The topic we primarily see that we work on with students is determining between 'bullying' and 'conflict'. We work on these differences, so that they can continue to grow in identifying other peoples' actions, getting the correct help (if needed), and responding in appropriate ways.

Some resources that could potentially assist in those conversations and help your student:

- PACER Center's Kids Against Bullying 'Conflict Vs. Bullying' - <https://pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/what-is-bullying/conflict-vs-bullying/>
- Stop Bullying 'Prevention and Safely Teaching Kids to Stand Up for Themselves' - <https://www.stopbullying.gov/>
- Kid Power Colorado 'Confidence Building Skills to Increase Prevention' - <https://kidpowercs.org/> and <https://kidpowercs.org/bullying-common-questions-and-answers-from-kidpower/>
- Empowering Parents 'Is Your Child Being Bullied? 9 Steps You Can Take as a Parent' - <https://www.empoweringparents.com/article/is-your-child-being-bullied-9-steps-you-can-take-as-a-parent/>
- Parents 'A Parents' Guide for How to Deal with Bullies' - <https://www.parents.com/kids/problems/bullying/bully-proof-your-child-how-to-deal-with-bullies/>

There are many more resources and articles out there to educate, inform, and empower students and families to prevent & help students if they have experienced bullying. Please reach out if you have any further questions or concerns, have a fantastic month Otters!

Sunrise's Mental Health Team,

Bailey Cline - Social Worker [clinebailey@wsd3.org](mailto:clinebailey@wsd3.org)

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## Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

- The bus lane is reserved for buses only from 8:30-8:50 am and 3:20-3:40 pm. Please do not park or drop students off during arrival or pick-up.
- Utilize the Kiss-n-Go lane (the lower parking lot) to drop students off and pick students up during arrival/dismissal. This is a one-way zone. Pull all the way up as directed by duty members. Drop your student off/pick him or her up, and exit the Kiss-n-Go lane promptly. This is not a lane for parking or leaving your vehicle.
  - For student safety, please ensure to drive slow and look both ways before pulling forward in the Kiss-n-Go lane.
- You may park along the street if you wish to walk your child to class or pick him/her up.
- While we love them, no pets (only service animals) are allowed on campus.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Be sure your child knows what to do after school. If your child's routine changes before the end of school, please call the office at **719-391-3415** as soon as possible so your child can be notified.

## Before and After School Care

Junior Academy is a daycare program offers convenient before/after school supervision with a variety of activities. For more information, please call 719-659-6818.

## Physical Education

Sunrise Families,

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the end of the year! As a reminder, students will be participating in Field Day on May 19th and May 22nd. Students in K-2 will have their field day on May 19th from 9:30-2:00, while 3-5 students will have their field day on May 22nd from 9:30-2:00. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

As we approach summer break, it is important to keep children active and healthy over summer vacation. This can be a challenging time for kids to stay active. A recent study among children 6 to 9 years of age showed that physical activity dropped by 53% during the summer months. Moreover, time spent in sedentary activities increases. Thus, physical activity in the summer months is critical for children's health.

Click [here](#) for the full PE newsletter



## A Note from Music

Hello Sunrise Families,

Music in May is all about having fun! Our performances are all over. The students will be wrapping up the year with fun music activities and games. Choir is wrapping up and will not have rehearsals after their final performance on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Click [here](#) for the full Music Newsletter.



## **Sunrise PTO**

Our last meeting for the 2022-2023 school year is on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. We will be meeting in the library and also offer a virtual link.

Thank you,  
Sunrise PTO

## **PBIS Information**

Hello Otter families,

PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports. Our PBIS systems revolves around the acronym RISE.

R- Respect

I- Integrity

S-Safety

E-Effort

Classroom teachers use a variety of means to celebrate and support kids in their journey to RISE up at Sunrise. You may hear that your child received a Golden Ticket or a Shout Out celebrating their great choices. We believe in helping to teach expectations and support students as they learn. So, they may receive a classroom referral helping you and your student know what they may need some support in.

Attendance Rates:

- Full day attendance rate in January was 89%
- Full day attendance rate in February was 87%
- Full day attendance rate in March was 88%

## **Compulsory School Attendance**

In order to reduce the incidents of truancy, parents/guardians are hereby notified that every child who has attained the age of six (6) on or before August 1 of each school year and is under the age of seventeen (17) shall attend public school for at least the following number of hours.

- One thousand fifty -six (1056) if secondary school pupil;
- Nine hundred sixty-eight (968) if an elementary school pupil in a grade other than kindergarten;
- Nine hundred hours (900) if a full-day kindergarten pupil;
- Four hundred fifty hours (450) if a half day kindergarten pupil;

(Except as otherwise provided in CRS 22-33-104)

## **Cafeteria News**

Free School Meals Starting 2023/2024 School year

With the passing of Proposition FF school meals will become free at the start of the **next** school year. The procedures for school meals will follow the current process for the rest of this school year.

More information on menus, pricing, payments meal applications and charge policies can be accessed at [www.wsd3ns.com](http://www.wsd3ns.com).

If you have any questions please call Nutrition Services at 719.391.3560.

Please find information and apply online for free and reduced meals at [www.wsd3ns.com](http://www.wsd3ns.com) or get a paper application at the Nutrition Services office.

Lunch menu is subject to change. Visit the Nutrition Services website for menus and Free/Reduced meal applications. Link: <https://wsd3ns.com/?page=main>

### **Two-hour Late Start**

Widefield District 3 may use a two-hour late start as an option between closing schools or starting at the normal times. A two-hour late start may be used when a storm is passing or when additional time may be needed to prepare for students and staff arriving at their schools. Two-hour late starts will be announced by 6:00 a.m. through the same channels as a school closure. These channels include television, radio, and the district website. When district officials announce a two-hour late start, all start times and bus pickup times will be moved back by two hours. Sunrise Elementary will start school at 10:50 a.m. Please do not have children arrive before 10:35 a.m. No breakfast will be served on these days.

### **Inclement Weather Procedure**

Widefield District 3 will:

- make inclement weather decision(s) based on students' safety
- collect data at the earliest appropriate time
- make the decision as to whether schools will be open and announce no later than 5:30 am by calling radio stations and TV stations
- not penalize students if parents keep them home or pick them up from school early on questionable snow days.

In the event the decision made earlier is to open schools and the storm worsens unexpectedly, Widefield District 3 will:

- inform the same media as stated above that schools will dismiss students early
- keep buildings open as long as necessary to evacuate all students safely
- announce that if an early dismissal occurs, afternoon kindergarten, afternoon activities, and evening events will be cancelled

Parents are expected to:

- be responsible for custody of children
- listen to the news broadcasts on stormy days
- decide whether or not to send children to school on threatening, stormy days

In the event the decision is made earlier to open schools and the storm worsens, parents are expected to:

- know that students may be dismissed earlier than normal
- listen for an early dismissal announcement
- make sure children know what to do and where to go if dismissed early
- not rely on telephones to make last minute arrangements for their children. (Lines tend to malfunction during storms.)

### **Red Flag Days**

When the RED FLAG is flying students are to come into the building at 8:35 a.m. instead of playing on the playground.



- The Red Flag Temperature will be 25 degrees **including** wind chill. This is for all schools **prior** to the start of the school day.
- We will use The Weather Channel to make the determination.

- Each school has the flexibility to determine when children go out for their daily recesses - this may be when the temperature is between 10 to 25 degrees **including** wind chill.



**Opt-Out- Personal Identifiable Directory Information**

In WSD3, the practice regarding release of appropriate information about students has been to publish the names in various school publications or on a list posted in the school regarding the following: Student's name, date, place of birth, participation in activities and sports, awards, honor roll, scholarships, photographs, etc. A parent/guardian may elect to disallow directory information of this type listed above. The parent/guardian may notify the principal to that effect by means of appropriate communication and/or by using a form that may be picked up in the office.

**Half Day Release Times & Dates**

Dates-May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time of Release for Sunrise Elementary School-12:00pm

**Kindergarten Roundup**

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Times:

1:00pm, 2:00pm or 3:00pm

**\*\*Please arrive approximately 5-10 minutes before your selected time\*\***

**\*\*Dates, times & locations are subject to change. Visit the Sunrise website [here](#) for the most up-to-date information\*\***

<b>Calendar of Events</b>	
<b>May</b>	<b>August</b>
May 1 <sup>st</sup> -Buck A Hat Day-Sponsored by Renaissance	August 10 <sup>th</sup> -Back to School Night 4:15pm-5:45pm
May 12 <sup>th</sup> -Kindergarten Roundup -1:00pm -2:00pm OR -3:00pm	August 14 <sup>th</sup> -First Day of School for 1 <sup>st</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten Readiness Schedule:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>-First day for students with last names A-L. They will not attend on the 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>-First day for students with last names M-Z. They will not attend on the 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>-All kindergarten students will attend.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
May 19 <sup>th</sup> -K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Field Day	
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade Field Day	
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade Kickball Game	

<p>May 24<sup>th</sup>-Renaissance Assembly 9:30am and Early Release Day 12:00pm</p>	
<p>May 25<sup>th</sup>-Last Day of School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Clap Out 9:30am</li><li>-Kindergarten Graduation 10:30am</li><li>-Early Release Day 12:00pm</li></ul>	

