

November 2024

**Dare to SOAR!**

# SUNSET NEWS



## A Note from the Principal

Dear Sunset Elementary Families,

As we move into November, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and commitment to our school community. Your involvement plays a crucial role in creating Sunset's nurturing environment where our students can thrive.

As we embrace the fall season, we want to keep you informed about the exciting happenings at our school. Please sign up to receive email and text messages. Don't forget to like our Facebook page.

I encourage you to engage in meaningful conversations with your child about their learning experiences. You can ask them

- what excites them
- what challenges they face
- how they can apply what they learn in real life.

*Your encouragement makes a significant difference!*

We are diving deeper into our Visible Learning initiative. Visible Learning focuses on making learning visible for both students and teachers, allowing us to better understand what works best in our classrooms. We encourage you to discuss with your child the things they are learning.

Please consider joining PTA! We appreciate all the support from our families and encourage everyone to get involved. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership in your child's education.

We're looking forward to a wonderful month ahead filled with learning and community spirit! Together, let's continue to foster a love for learning and build a strong community. Thank you for being such an essential part of Sunset Elementary.

Best regards,

Dr. Brandon J. Cheeks  
Principal

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## Lost and Found

Our hallways have a large number of unclaimed coats. If your child is missing one, please come into school and check to see if we have it.

Putting names in coats and jackets will help us find the owners.



## Classroom Visits

**Wednesday, November 13**, parents, grandparents and guardians are invited into the classrooms for a visit that will take place from 8:25 - 8:50 a.m. in the students' classroom.

The focus of the visit will be on Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Families will get to experience an SEL lesson with their student!

Parents can wait out front of the building until 8:25 a.m. or attend breakfast in the cafeteria with their student(s).

## Pre K Family Event

**Pre K Parent Engagement Night**

**Thursday, November 14**

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**in the small gym**

The event will be led by the Salina Tech Early Childhood Education students. The Tech students will be creating literacy type activities to do with the preschool students and their families.

Watch for more information to come home.



## LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Kansas Department for Children and Families**

Low Income Energy Assistance Program:

- LIEAP can help pay your home heating bills
- Applications accepted November 18, 2024 through March 31, 2025

Qualifying households must:

- Not exceed income limits
- Be personally responsible for the heating fuel costs payable either to the landlord, utility company or fuel vendor

Apply or find more information:

- Visit your local DCF office, call 1-888-369-4777, or

[Click here for more information](#)

## Suicide Awareness Training

In compliance with The Jason Flatt Act (KSA 72-6284), USD 305 school personnel are provided with suicide awareness and prevention training annually. The content of this training is available for parents and guardians to review by calling the District Office at 785-309-4733.



Mrs. Hampton's first grade class



## Marathon Results

Congratulations to all our marathon participants!

Top 3 finishers for Kdg. - Second grade:

1. Haven - 50.6 miles
2. Yandel - 48.6 miles
3. Andy - 43.2 miles

Top 3 finishers for third - fifth grade

1. Nathaniel - 64.4 miles
2. Julie and Lillie tied - 55 miles

Mrs. Hampton's first grade class is the first Sunset class to ever have ALL of the students finish the marathon.

## Parent/Teacher Assoc.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Gambino's Pizza Dine and Donate Night! We were able to raise \$155.93.

BINGO Night Friday, November 8. A flyer with the option to pre-order BINGO cards and concession items will be coming home with students. Pre-ordering the BINGO night hot dog meal is cheaper than purchasing the night of the event!

With fundraiser money, the Sunset PTA purchased school shirts for every Sunset student.

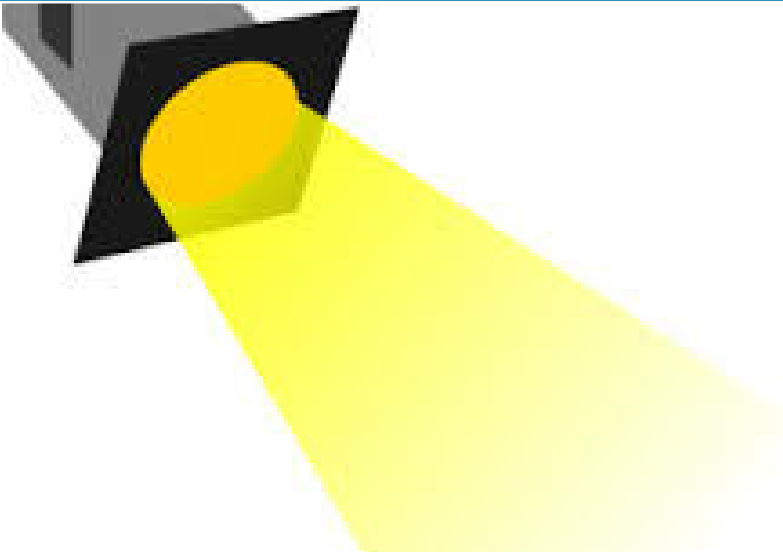
Coming in December: The Holiday Shop. This is the opportunity for students to purchase affordable gifts for family members. More information will be coming home!

Please consider attending a PTA meeting. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the art room. We are always looking for new ideas. All are welcome!

Are you interested in becoming a PTA officer for next school year but are unsure what the responsibilities are? The current PTA officers are more than happy to answer questions!



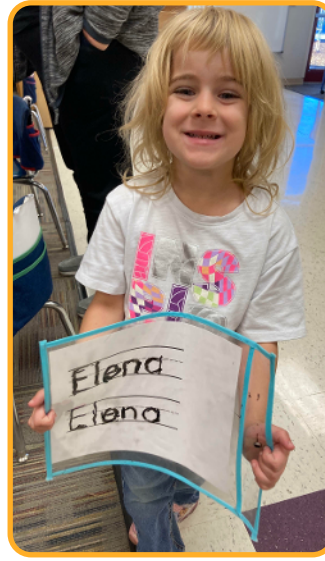
# Spotlight on Kindergarten



Kindergarten has just finished our shapes unit where we focused on 2D and 3D shapes. Students got a chance to participate in a variety of activities to help introduce and practice shape identification and attributes. Students enjoyed making real world connections to the shapes we see all around us.

We also started new small group reading groups. These groups target students' needs and help them be successful as they master letter identification and sounds in order to transition into blending sounds to make words. Students are excited to start reading words and small books.

Homework bags have already started to come home and teachers appreciate parents continued support to help our students be successful.



# November Calendar

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- 1 - No school
- 7 - PTA meeting
- 8 - BINGO night
- 13 - Classroom visits



- 14 - Pre-K Parent Enrichment Night
- 20 - Picture retakes
- 25-29 - No school

## Contact Us

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