

December 2024

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SUNSET NEWS



A Note from the Principal

Dear Sunset Elementary Families,

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership with our school. Your involvement plays an important role in enhancing our students' educational experience. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's success and making sure they arrive on time each day.

As we embrace the holiday season, we want to share some important dates and updates with you.

- Join us for our annual Frosty Festival, December 5, 6:00-7:00 p.m. It's a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate!
- Winter break will begin on December 20
- School resumes on January 7, 2025

Our staff continues to implement Visible Learning strategies, aimed at making learning visible and having an impact on all students. We appreciate your support as we work together to enhance our students' learning journeys.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We wish you and your family a restful and joyous holiday season!

Best regards,
Dr. Brandon J. Cheeks
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Valid Social Media Accounts

Social media is a great way for us to share the amazing things happening at our school. However, it's important to know that the social media account you and your child are following is trustworthy.

We want to remind you that not all social media accounts you or your child may come across are approved or affiliated with our school. Only the social media accounts linked directly from our school website and our school newsletters are sponsored by SPS.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining a safe and informed community for our students.

Lost and Found

Please check for your child's missing jacket or coat before winter break.



Frosty Festival

**Thursday, December 5
6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Each student will receive a math and reading game that they can play at the event and take home to continue playing with their family.

Other fun activities will include a build your own fidget station.

We can't wait to see you there!

Music Programs

First grade program:

"Winter Wonderland"

December 10, 6:00 p.m. in the big gym

Students are to arrive at 5:50 p.m. and go to the small gym.

Second grade program:

"Party at the North Pole"

December 10, 7:00 p.m. in the big gym.

Students are to arrive at 6:50 p.m. and go to the small gym.

All students should dress nicely for the program. Avoid athletic wear and PJ's please. Parents and students should enter through the back playground doors.

PTA News

Thank you so much for attending our BINGO night. We look forward to having another BINGO night in February.

We will continue to sell Smens and Smencils on Wednesday mornings outside of the cafeteria. Be on the lookout for Holiday Smencils in December!

Remember that money PTA raises goes back to Sunset. In October, Sunset PTA was able to fund first grade's zoo field trip!

Give Your Child the Gift of Reading

1. Create reading routines and read together every day.
2. Talk about the pictures and ask questions.
3. Read different kinds of books.
4. Stop and discuss events, information, and vocabulary.
5. Read with expression.
6. Read favorite books again.



Spotlight on First Grade



In first grade, we have been learning how to find the missing part, using addition and subtraction. Students have learned many different strategies to help them do this! They can practice these skills at home anytime they have a snack or finger foods (fruit, veggies, etc).

In reading, students have working on digraphs (sh, ch, th, wh) and beginning/ending blends (st, bl, ng, nk, etc). Looking for these types of words when they are reading with you at home, will help them further their learning in these areas.

In October, we got to have a little fun with Red Ribbon Week and Rock Your School Day. We also want to thank PTA for paying for us to visit Sunnyside Pumpkin Patch. After hearing the lesson, each student was able to pick out their own pumpkin to take home.



December Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

5 - Frosty Festival

10 - First and Second Grade Music programs

Dec. 20 - Jan. 6 - Winter break



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