



# SUNDANCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Robiah Nelson, Principal

Ms. Heather Bleau, Assistant Principal

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**Vision:**

Our vision at Sundance is a resilient learning community where students and staff grow stronger together. By focusing on standards-based learning and using data to guide instruction, we ensure that every learner is equipped to succeed and rise to their fullest potential.

**Mission:**

At Sundance, we empower every student and staff member to rise together—academically, socially, and emotionally—by strengthening our commitment to collaboration, high expectations, and data-driven growth. We thrive by building on what works and deepening our impact through unified effort and purposeful instruction.

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**School Theme: "Together We Rise!"**

At Sundance Elementary, we believe in lifting one another. Our theme, **"Together We Rise!"**, reflects our collective commitment — teachers, students, parents, and local businesses — working as one community to support our students academically, socially, and emotionally. Your support matters, and together, we can achieve great things!

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**School Times**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** 8:00 AM – 2:45 PM  
**Wednesday Early Release:** 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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**Drop-Off & Pick-Up**

Please do **not park** your vehicle in the drop-off/pick-up lane. Always move forward to keep traffic flowing. Staff will be present in the mornings and afternoons to assist students:

**Afternoon Dismissal Times:**

- **Kindergarten – 2nd Grade:** 2:35 PM / 11:50 AM (Wed.)
- **3rd – 5th Grade:** 2:40 PM / 11:55 AM (Wed.)
- **6th – 8th Grade:** 2:45 PM / 12:00 PM (Wed.)

Students are not allowed to be signed out early after 2:00 pm/11:15 am unless an absolute emergency, such as appointments, to show the office clerk.

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**Attendance Support**

Our **school counselor** and **assistant principal** work closely weekly to monitor student attendance. When concerns arise, the counselor will contact teachers to reach out to families in support and awareness, all to avoid reaching citation levels. Our goal is proactive support to help your child succeed!

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## Student Cell Phone Policy

We are enforcing a district-supported cell phone policy to protect learning time and student safety:

- **Grades K–4:** Cell phones, AirPods, and smartwatches must be turned **off and kept in backpacks** throughout the day.
- **Grades 5–8:** Cell phones, smartwatches, AirPods, and recording glasses must be turned in to the **secure cell phone locker** each morning.

Students **will have access to laptops**, but these **must remain on campus**.

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## New Nutrition Guidelines

Arizona has implemented new student nutrition guidelines:

- **Non-healthy foods, including monthly birthday cupcakes, are no longer allowed during school hours.**
  - Students may consume outside foods **30 minutes after school ends**.
  - **Please do not send large bags of chips or items meant for sharing.** Students may only buy **up to two small bags of chips** in the cafeteria.
  - We are closely monitoring sharing of food, **gum chewing, candies, and edible items** due to the increasing accessibility of **edible drugs**. We've already encountered incidents and ask for **your support in keeping all students safe**.
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## School Supply List

To view the school supply list by grade, please click the link below:

[Sundance Supply List](#)

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## School Resource Officer

We are pleased to welcome back **Officer Justin Ricks**, our School Resource Officer (SRO), for his **second year** at Sundance Elementary. Officer Ricks will be on campus several days each week to:

- Deliver safety lessons
  - Monitor hallways and campus areas
  - Support student well-being and school safety
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## Chain of Command

We kindly ask families to follow our communication structure to help us address concerns effectively:

1. **First**, speak directly with your child's **teacher**, even if the concern is about the teacher.
2. **Next**, contact our **Assistant Principal**.

3. **Then**, speak with our **Administrative Assistant** to schedule an appointment with the **Principal**. Please provide a brief reason for the meeting. Your privacy is always respected.

In most cases, situations are resolved at the teacher level. If additional support is needed, we may reach out to the **Director of Student Services** at the district level.

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## **Sundance Elementary Staff 2025–2026**

### **Administrators**

- Mrs. Nelson – Principal
- Ms. Bleau – Assistant Principal
- Mr. Ricks – School Resource Officer

### **Kindergarten**

- Mrs. Montejo
- Ms. Gollihare
- Ms. Cozart
- Ms. Plarisan

### **1st Grade**

- Ms. Hall
- Mrs. Wesnitzer
- Ms. Larson

### **2nd Grade**

- Mrs. Cruz
- Mrs. Kaur

### **3rd Grade**

- Ms. Robson
- Ms. Goddard

### **4th Grade**

- Ms. Hernandez
- Ms. Arsenault

### **5th Grade**

- Mrs. Schuett (Math)
- Mr. Downey (ELA)
- Ms. Lorenzen (5/6 Social Studies)

### **6th Grade**

- Ms. Willis (ELA)
- Mr. Owusu (Math)
- Mrs. Roberts (5/6 Science)

### **7th Grade**

- Ms. Davis (ELA)
- Mrs. Ingiosi (Math)

- Mrs. Callaghan (7/8 Science)

### **8th Grade**

- Dr. Gomes (ELA)
- Ms. Maambong (Math)
- Mr. Holliday (7/8 Social Studies)

### **Special Services**

- Mrs. Rivas
- Mrs. Maxwell
- Mrs. Wheelington
- *One additional Special Services teacher is expected*
- Dr. Mundo – School Psychologist
- Ms. Vivian Cortez – School Counselor
- Mrs. Becker / Mrs. Graffious – Speech
- Mrs. Barnett – Academic Coach
- Ms. Almaraz – Reading Specialist

### **Special Area Teachers**

- Ms. Bhullar (Ms. G) – Technology
- Ms. Onofre – Art
- Mrs. Ibo – Music
- Mr. Jaime – PE
- Mrs. Hernandez – Library

### **Paraprofessionals**

- Mrs. Jarzabek
- Mrs. Maciel
- Mrs. Trujillo
- Mrs. Williams
- Ms. Lawson
- Ms. Quinde
- Ms. Garcia
- Ms. Peralta
- Mrs. Tinoco
- Mrs. Armas-Chavez
- Mrs. Navarette
- Mrs. Armenta
- Ms. Barragan
- *More hiring to come!*

### **Playground Aides**

Mrs. Rodriguez

Mrs. Hernandez

Mrs. Gomez

### **Front Office Staff**

- Mrs. Arias – Office Clerk
- Ms. Santana – Health Aide & Attendance Clerk
- Ms. Cervantes – Administrative Assistant

### **Support Staff**

- Mr. O'Meara – Maintenance Manager

- Mrs. Chavez – Cafeteria Manager
  - Mrs. Carreras - Bonus Teacher
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We're excited to welcome our families back for another successful school year. Remember — **Together We Rise!**