

August 2026

Dare to SOAR!

SUNSET NEWS



A Note from the Principal

Sunset Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. As we begin the 2026-2027 school year, I want to share how excited we are to see our students return to the building, ready to learn, grow and connect with one another.

The start of a new school year always brings a sense of energy and possibility. Our staff has been working hard to prepare engaging lessons and create a positive environment where every student can succeed. We are looking forward to a great year filled with academic achievement, new opportunities and memorable experiences.

A strong school year starts with good habits. Regular attendance is essential for student success. When students are at school each day and on time, they are better able to stay involved, form meaningful relationships and stay current with their learning. We also encourage every student to do their very best each day. Effort, perseverance and a positive attitude make a big difference in reaching goals.

We encourage all students to get involved, support one another and know that they belong here. Families, your support plays a vital role in student success, and we appreciate your partnership. Let's make the 2026-2027 school year a fantastic one!

Best regards,

Dr. Brandon J. Cheeks

Principal

Sunset Elementary School

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School Marathon

The school marathon will start Monday, August 31, before school.

Parents and guardians are welcome to walk with their student(s). Please sign in at the office before you enter the playground.

Student absence

If your child needs to miss school, please use one of the following methods to keep us informed:

- Call by 9:00 a.m., 785-309-4520
- Leave a message on the answering machine if you are calling in the middle of the night, 785-309-4520.
- Email absences to:
sunset.attendance@USD305.com



Email absences here

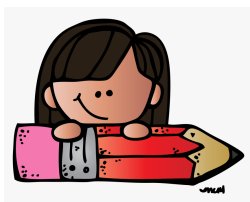
Meet the Teacher

First - Fifth Grade

Aug. 11, 4:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Kindergarten

Aug. 13, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.



Daily Attendance

The staff at Sunset Elementary School is excited to welcome you to a new school year filled with opportunities to learn and engage!

Getting into the habit of daily attendance is more important than ever. It helps to:

- reduce stress
- make it easier to connect with friends and teachers
- support learning

Please call us at 785-309-4520 if you need help with attendance.

- Taylor Stockwell (Social Worker)
- Kadey Nordell (School Counselor)

We are working to make our school environment a place where everyone can learn, be healthy and thrive. We will do our best to listen and partner with you so that your children have a successful year. Do not hesitate to reach out to us with questions or concerns.

Please make sure we have your correct email and the best phone numbers where we can reach you.



More information about attendance



Click here to update email and phone numbers

SUNSET ELEMENTARY

Student Drop Off Procedures

Parents, please help us keep drop-off safe and efficient for everyone.

Supervision begins at 7:55 a.m. Please do not drop off students before this time if at all possible.

While waiting to enter, all students should line up along the building.

Pull up to the curb in the front drive when dropping off students.

- Do not park next to the curb or let students out in the middle lane.
- If you need to exit your vehicle, park in a parking space or on the street and walk your student to the appropriate area.

Arrival Locations:

- Grades K-2: Front of the building
- Grades 3-5: South side Door 3

Safety Reminders:

- **Be aware of crosswalks** and students crossing the street.
- **Do not block the Kindergarten/First Grade crosswalk** on Pueblo.
- **Follow all traffic safety rules** - we want everyone to arrive safely.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe!

Student Pick Up Procedures

Kindergarten and first grade exit the north (door #17) and northeast doors (door #18).

Second grade is dismissed from the east doors, north of the main entrance (door #20).

Third grade exits the main entrance doors (door #1).

Fourth grade exits the southeast doors, (door #3).

Fifth grade is dismissed from the southwest doors on Republic (door #4).

August Calendar

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11 - Meet the teacher, Grades 1-5

12 - First day of school, Grades 1-5

13 - Meet the teacher: Kindergarten

14 - First day of Kindergarten

17 - First day for Pre-K

31 - Marathon starts

Contact Us

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