

SUNSET HILLS' NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

October brings cooler mornings, changing leaves, and plenty of fall excitement.

Friendships are blossoming, classroom routines are well established, and students are creating new memories together. As students feel welcomed, connected, and ready to learn, this positive school climate supports their academic success. We're excited to see students continue learning, growing, and supporting one another throughout the year. We're working hard together to build on these successes by leveraging strong partnerships between home and school. Please stay in touch with your child's teacher, ask about their school experience, and share your questions or ideas. We value your involvement and look forward to working together throughout the year.

October is a lively month at Sunset Hills. The School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting and election will be held on October 8, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Location TBD.

We hope families will join us. Red Ribbon Week is also coming up, so watch school communications for details. And please remember that Family Lunch Days take place on the last Friday of each month. We look forward to welcoming families to share this time with students.

As you enjoy Halloween festivities, please remind children to stay with a trusted adult, use crosswalks, wear visible clothing, and check treats before eating. Thank you for your patience and support as we begin the year, and for all you do to help our Stingrays thrive. We are excited about the months ahead and grateful to share this journey with you. Here's to a joyful October and a year of connection, confidence, and growth!

Warmly,

Principal Crawford
Sunset Hills Elementary School

Volunteer News

All volunteers must be cleared as a Level 2. If you are unsure of your status, please contact Mrs. Claire in the front office. Volunteers make a difference in Pinellas County Schools!

<https://www.pcsb.org/departments/district-services/strategic-partnerships/volunteer-information>

Scan the QR code to sign up for the 2026 Great American Teach-In



Campus Highlights

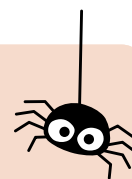
Digital Responsibility Lessons

All students grades Kindergarten through 5th grade received their first of four Digital Responsibility Lessons in September. These lessons help students become responsible online citizens engaging them in reflective critical thinking activities. For more information and family resources visit this page on our school website:

[Digital Responsibility Family Resources](#)



Upcoming Events



- 10/8: SAC meeting @ 6:30
- 10/8: Spirit Night
- 10/9–10/16: Book Fair
- 10/16: Haunted Halls (PTA event) Book Fair will be open during the event.
- 10/12: No School
- 10/21: Picture Retake
- 10/30 Family Lunch



Reminder



No school on October 12th
(Teacher Planning Day).

October

Student of the Month trait:

Tolerance

Respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.



What is SAC:

Each school in the State of Florida must have a School Advisory Council (SAC).

By law, each SAC must be composed of the principal and an “appropriately balanced” number of “stakeholders”.

These individuals must be representative of the ethnic, racial and economic makeup of the community served by the school.

The team of people representing various segments of the community could include parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/industry people, and other interested community members.

The purpose of a SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the results of the school improvement plan and to assist the principal with the annual school budget.

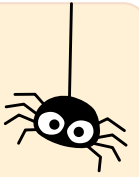
Additionally, SAC receives funds to be used at the discretion of the council. A portion of the money should be used for implementing the school improvement plan. Funding for use by SAC should be allocated directly to the council, should be clearly earmarked for their use and is not subject to override by the principal or interim approvals by school district staff.

These funds may be expended only on programs or projects.

Our first meeting and election will be held on October 8, 2026, 6:30 pm. Location TBD.



Family Lunch Day Guidelines



- Family Lunch Day is on the last Friday of the month only; starting August 28, 2026, and ending May 14, 2027

- All visitors must have a physical government issued ID with them to check in at the front office. Pictures of ID's are not permitted.

- Family lunch is in the courtyard only, weather permitting.

We are unable to host the event inside our building.

Tables and umbrellas are not to be moved, please.

- Students must report back to their teacher as the class exits the cafeteria.
 - Know your students' lunch time and have them meet their teacher in the courtyard to return to class.
 - Parents or visitors will NOT be allowed in classrooms at any time unless it is scheduled by the teacher ahead of time.
 - Parents are to have lunch with their child only. Friends and classmates are not permitted to join you.
 - Siblings in other grade levels are not permitted to eat during family lunch outside of their scheduled time.
 - Please make sure your family lunch does not include climbing on the planters, swinging or sitting on the poles/bars or running and playing in the courtyard. We have classrooms still in session, and those students are still learning. Please be considerate of them.
 - Please exit back through the front office door by elevator.
- Your name tag will need to be returned to the front office staff to check you off campus.
- Please DO NOT enter the cafeteria at any time; your student will need to make sure they have all their utensils and snacks before they exit the café.

REMINDERS

- Please do not sign-out your student early; it becomes very disruptive to the school day. If there is an emergency and you need to sign-out your student, they must return to class with their teacher first!
 - We ask that you please monitor your child for respectful/responsible school behavior during lunch time.
- Please be willing to share your table with another family; we have a limited number of tables.





Also open during the PTA Halloween Event

Exciting kids about reading. Earning funds for your school.



Book Fair eWallet

The **easy way** for kids to pay!

Easy for families to set up, easy for others to contribute. Book Fair eWallet lets your child shop independently and choose books they want to read. After your school's Fair, any unspent funds remain in your Scholastic account for future Fairs.

Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sunsethillselementaryschool7>

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Sunset Hills PTA Presents

THE

HaUNTeD HaLLS

OF SUNSET HILLS

Join us "after-dark" when school turns SPOOKY! Change into character (costume) and head down our tricky-treat trail starting at 6 PM!

Brave our HAUNTED harvest house.... and if you find your way out, don't go "missing" from our

ALL-NEW MONSTER MASH (DANCE)

a NEW spin
on Trunk
or Treat

BOOK
FAIR

Costume
Contest

OCTOBER 16th

6 TO 9 PM

CANDY

FOOD+
DRINKS

Games

MUSIC

Join the spook-tacular lineup!

DECORATE YOUR BOOTH
BASED ON A BOOK

EMAIL YOUR
BOOTH THEMES TO:
TRUNKORTREAT
@SHELSP.TA.COM
BY TUESDAY 10/6



BEST THEMED BOOTH WINS:

1ST PLACE: \$50 AMAZON GIFT CARD

2ND PLACE: \$25 AMAZON GIFT CARD

ADULT SUPERVISION IS MANDATORY

JERSEY MIKE'S

SUBS

SPIRIT NIGHT

SUPPORT



SUNSET HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Join us for dinner and give back to your school!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**IMPORTANT
GUESTS MUST USE PROMO CODE**

JMGIVES

20%

**OF ALL PROCEEDS DURING 4:00-8:00 PM
WILL BENEFIT SUNSET HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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National School Lunch Week is Oct. 12–16.

The annual observance highlights the importance of a healthy school lunch and its impact both in and out of the classroom. 

