

Sunset Elementary School

February 2020



Sunset Elementary is dedicated to meeting the needs of all learners in a safe environment. We strive to give each child the opportunity to inquire and succeed, as open-minded and globally aware life-long learners. We believe that educating the whole child as 21st century learners is the key to the development of caring, innovative, responsible, and reflective citizens who take action in their community and the world.

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Dr. Toni Carr
Principal

Mrs. Laura Espinosa
Assistant Principal

As the second half of the 2019-2020 school year begins, we continue to strive for the academic success of ALL students. As a community of PYP learners, we are committed to providing our students with an excellent educational experience. We hold high expectations for every student and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. Your partnership continues to enable our students to experience rigorous academic, physical, and emotional growth. As a PYP School, parent involvement is essential, especially as we participate in a program review for reauthorization.

To continue to support your child at home, please read together every evening. Students who read nightly improve vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension skills. Please ask your child about their third quarter reading goal. The reading goal is recorded in your child's planner. Each Sunset student is expected to read at least 25 books each school year. In addition, we ask that you review math facts with your child daily to build math fluency. Instant recall of addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts are necessary so that students can effectively solve multi-step math problems. Please encourage your child to practice math skills using the First in Math app nightly. It is available to all students in 1st – 5th grades.

Arriving to school on time and maintaining excellent attendance is also essential to attain successful academic performance. Daily attendance is very important in regard to the academic, social, and emotional success of our students. If a student does not attend school regularly they have a more difficult time achieving their potential. If your child is absent, please send a written excuse within three days after he/she returns explaining the absence. In addition, send a doctor's note after five consecutive days of absence. Likewise, provide a written excuse when your child is tardy to school. Please note, family vacations are unexcused absences. Due to interactive instruction within the curriculum it may not be possible for the teacher to provide written assignments following an absence.

This year our students continue to have opportunities to learn through inquiry and an integrated curriculum. This month our top three science fair projects from each class in grades 3-5 will compete in our Sunset Science Fair. Top winners from each of those grades will represent our school in the County Science Fair later in the year. Grades PreK – 2 completed a class project to learn the scientific process and how we ask questions about the world around us. Those projects will be on display during the school-wide fair, February 3 – 6. We appreciate all the support from parents, teachers, and the PTA in promoting the inquiry learning process.

Finally, please help us continue to maintain a safe, orderly, and healthy school environment during arrival and dismissal. In recent weeks the number of car riders has increased with colder temperatures. Please maintain the established traffic pattern in the lower parking lot. Do not enter the parking lot in the wrong direction or exit against incoming traffic. Also, have your children prepared to exit your vehicle when reaching the designated drop off signs so that traffic flows smoothly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sunset Elementary is a green school, this first Newsletter will be printed. Download or view the full current and future newsletters at www.aacps.org for important dates and information.

Important Dates

Feb. 7

Science Fair Assy

Feb. 8

Father/Daughter Dance
7-9 p.m.

Feb. 10

Report Cards Go Home

Feb. 12

2Hr. Early Dismissal
Professional Development
UNITY DAY-wear orange

Feb. 17

Presidents' Day
School Closed

Candid and Club Pictures

Feb. 20th

Northeast Band & Strings
Cluster Concert

Feb 25th

For updated school info.
Join the PTA facebook
page. Search Sunset PTA

February 2020



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		<p>Early Bird yearbook sales begin</p> <p>Feb. 3, 2020 –Feb. 28, 2020 @ \$22.00</p> <p>Feb. 29, 2020-March 31, 2020 will be \$27.00</p> <p>Forms have been sent home!!</p>				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<p>PTA Five Guys nite Science Fair Judging</p>	<p>Girls on the Run 7:20-8:35 am</p> <p>Science Fair Judging Drama Club 3:30-6:00</p>	<p>Pre-K Registration begins 9:30-1:00</p> <p>Science Fair Judging</p>	<p>GOTR</p>	<p>Science Fair Assy Gr. 3-5 @ 10:00 am K-2 @ 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Father/ Daughter Dance 7-9 PM</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<p>Report Cards go home</p> <p>1st Gr. AACO Dental Clinic</p>	<p>GOTR</p> <p>Principal Honor Roll Breakfast</p> <p>Drama Club 3:30-6:00</p>	<p>2Hr early dismissal- Professional Devel.</p> <p>Unity Day-Wear Orange</p>	<p>GOTR</p> <p>Naval Band Assy 9:30- 10:30 am</p>	<p>Valentine's Day</p> 	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<p>Presidents' Day</p> <p>School Closed</p> 	<p>GOTR</p> <p>Drama Club 3:30-6:00</p>	<p>Parent Lunch A-L</p>	<p>Candid & Club pictures 9:15-1:30</p> <p>GOTR</p>		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<p>NEHS Lunch Mtg</p>	<p>GOTR</p> <p>Northeast Cluster Band & Strings</p> <p>Drama Club 3:30-6:00</p>	<p>Parent Lunch M-Z</p>	<p>GOTR</p>	<p>Yearbook Early Bird sale ends</p> <p>Coffee w/Principal</p>	

School Hours
Arrival Time—8:40 a.m.
Late Bell—9:00 a.m.
Dismissal Bell—3:25 p.m.
Students cannot be dropped off or exit busses prior to 8:40 a.m.
Sunset Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.—3:45 p.m.



Read a good book lately?

Tell about the book you read recently that has you excited! Fill out a book recommendation form and give it to Ms. McDonald. You may be selected to read your recommendation on our morning announcements and be entered in a monthly raffle winning a cool prize. Remember – books are your friend, enjoy reading lots of them!

**Thank you for registering for Pre-Kindergarten
at Sunset Elementary School**

What's next?

If you are a Category 1 applicant, and all your required documents have been received by Sunset Elementary, you will be contacted on or about **July 15, 2020**, regarding enrollment of your child into the program.

If you are a Category 2 applicant, and all your required documents have been received by Sunset Elementary, and there are seats remaining, you will be contacted on or about **August 15, 2020**, regarding enrollment of your child into the program.

If you are a Category 3 applicant, and all your required documents have been received by Sunset Elementary, and there are seats remaining, you will be contacted on or about **September 15, 2020**, regarding enrollment of your child into the program.

If you accept a seat in the program, you will then receive an additional letter containing information such as:

- The date and time of your parent-teacher conference
- Which day your child will have a staggered entrance day

If you should have any further questions, or require additional information, please call 410-222-1622. **Please do not call to inquire your status before any of the dates above.**





PRE-K REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Pre-Kindergarten Application Process

Begins Wednesday, February 5th

9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Required Income Documentation

- Current Income tax return (1040)--gross income reported or
- Current Food Stamp Award Letter or
- Current Temporary Cash Assistance Award Letter or Proof of Foster Care income

Additional Required Documentation

- Child's original birth certificate and
Copy of child's immunization record ([immunization requirements](#)) and
- Proof of residency in Anne Arundel County (Lease/mortgage document AND a current telephone bill or utility bill or income tax/property tax notice OR A notarized Tenant Verification Form (available at all schools)
- Proof of Foster Care income

Note: Homeless students have the right to enroll immediately.

More information can be found at www.aacps.org under the Academics/Early Childhood.

Kindergarten registration begins Wednesday, April 1, 2020.



SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE

Before School Child Care Openings Currently Available at

Sunset Elementary School

The Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Park's sponsored Child Care program has openings for the before school program. The program operates from 7am until the start of the school day every day that school is open for students. Interested parents should visit our website at:

<http://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/> > Child Care, or contact the Child Care office at 410-222-7856, ext. 0 for registration information.

Volunteers needed for Reading Club!

8:40 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.

Monday through Friday!

Any amount of time is greatly appreciated!

Contact the office or Media Center for more information!!



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Order Deadline:
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Yearbook ID Code:
Código ID del anuario:
3658320

School Name:
Nombre de escuela:
Sunset Elementary School

Yearbook Anuario \$22.00

- Sturdy soft cover with protective coating
- All-color pages that vibrantly capture your memories throughout the school year
- Durable binding that keeps the yearbook intact through wear and tear

- *Cubierta blanda resistente con revestimiento protector*
- *Todas las páginas a color, que captan de manera vibrante tus recuerdos durante el año escolar*
- *Encuadernación cosida, que mantiene el anuario intacto contra el desgaste natural*

Packages Paquetes

BEST VALUE! ¡Mejor valor!
PACKAGE A \$29.50
PAQUETE A

- Yearbook
- Personalized Yearbook Cover
- Zoom
- Autograph Insert
- Yearbook Stickys
- Anuario
- Cubierta personalizada
- Zoom
- Volante de autógrafa
- Adhesivos del anuario

PACKAGE B \$27.75
PAQUETE B

- Yearbook
- Personalized Yearbook Cover
- Zoom
- Autograph Insert
- Anuario
- Cubierta personalizada
- Zoom
- Volante de autógrafa

PACKAGE C \$26.00
PAQUETE C

- Yearbook
- Personalized Yearbook Cover
- Zoom
- Anuario
- Cubierta personalizada
- Zoom

Extras Adicionales

\$5.00



Personalized Yearbook Cover*

Your student's name stamped in foil on the cover.
Cubierta personalizada. El nombre de tu estudiante estampado en lámina metalizada en la cubierta.

Included



Zoom: Current Events Insert **

An insert displaying this year's most memorable news, sports, entertainment and more!
Zoom: Volante de los eventos actuales. ¡Un volante que exhibe los deportes, el entretenimiento, las noticias más memorables de este año y mucho más!

+\$2.00



Autograph Insert**

An insert for students to collect signatures and messages from friends and teachers.
Volante de autógrafa. Un volante para que los estudiantes reúnan las firmas y mensajes de amigos y docentes.

+\$2.00



Yearbook Stickys

Vibrant, removable stickers to personalize yearbook pages.
Adhesivos del anuario. Adhesivos vibrantes y removibles para personalizar las páginas del anuario.

YEARBOOK IS ON SALE NOW !! EARLY BIRD SALE WILL END ON FEBRUARY 28. BOOK WILL INCREASE TO \$27.00 ON FEBRUARY 29. PACKAGES WILL INCREASE ACCORDINGLY. ** ORDER EARLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SAVINGS **

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*Yearbook design varies by school. El diseño del anuario varía según la escuela.

**Inserts must be affixed in the yearbook after arrival. *Los volantes deben ser anexados al anuario después de su llegada.

When Do I Keep My Child Home from School?

(Although no comprehensive list is possible, the following conditions are appropriate reasons to keep your student home from school)

- Temperature 100° or greater; Student must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Severe pain
- Shortness of breath; wheezing
- Productive cough
- Abdominal pain
- Red, draining eyes
- Chest pain
- Head injury
- Earache
- Nuisance condition not currently treated e.g., ringworm, scabies, head lice
- Students must be treated for head lice prior to returning to school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Health Room at 410-266-3776 (new direct line for Sunset Elementary Health room).

Jessica Shifflet - Nurse

Shari Jackson – Health Aide

P. Y. P.

Pre- Kindergarten

February Unit of Inquiry: The Earth, Our Home

Central Idea: Why the Earth is so important to us

February Unit Highlights:

- Animals and their habitats
- How the weather and Seasons affect what we wear and what we participate in
- Ways to help the environment, such as recycling

Looking Ahead to March:

What things grow?
How do we know if something is alive?
How do animals grow and change?

Cultural Arts Connections:

WCL:

P.E.:

Music:

Media:

Spanish:

Ways to Connect at Home: Discuss different animals you read about and see on TV. Discuss the names of animals and their babies.

Ask your child:

Why do we need to wear a coat or hat/gloves?
Why do we stay inside when it's raining or snowing?

How can we help the Earth by recycling?
How does the weather change when it's Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall? What changes do you notice?

Ways to connect with school: Ask your child to describe an animal that lives in the desert, rain forest, mountains, ocean, etc.

Kindergarten

February Unit of Inquiry: How the World Works

Central Idea: Living things are connected and impact one another

February Unit Highlights: What animals are you knowledgeable about? How do animals change and grow? What is a habitat?

What creatures live in the ocean?

Looking Ahead to March: What is an insect?
What are the parts of a plant? How do seeds travel?
What are different types of weather?

Cultural Arts Connections:

WCL:

P.E.:

Music:

Media:

Spanish:

Ways to Connect at Home: discuss different animals and their habitats. How are pets different from animals that live in the wild?

Ask your child: ask about farm animals , forest animals, ocean animals, desert animals and animals that live in the jungle.
Ask about animals and their babies, what do you call a baby_____?

Ways to connect with school: Ask about different animals, their names and where they live. What do they need to survive? Read books/magazines about animals.

P. Y. P.

1st Grade	
February Unit of Inquiry: How We Organize Ourselves Central Idea: Community members have different roles and responsibilities.	
February Unit Highlights: Types of Communities - Urban, Suburban, Rural Community Workers Wants and Needs Looking Ahead to March: Cultural Arts Connections: WCL, P.E., Music, Media, Spanish:	Ways to Connect at Home: Discuss the 3 types of communities Ask your child: What type of community do we live in? What are the characteristics of the types of communities? What workers do we see in our community? Ways to connect with school: What community workers do you see at school? What do they do?
2nd Grade	
February Unit of Inquiry: How We Organize Ourselves Central Idea: People engage in economic activities to meet their needs and wants.	
February Unit Highlights: Needs and wants, goods and services, earning money to buy from a class store, planning an imaginary Disney trip Looking Ahead to March: We will be finishing our How We Organize Ourselves unit and being working on our Sharing the Planet unit. Cultural Arts Connections: WCL, P.E. ,Music, Media, Spanish:	Ways to Connect at Home: Discuss the difference between needs and wants. Ask your child: What are good and services within our community? Ways to connect with school: Help your child to plan the next family vacation by discussing choices about needs and wants and balancing spending money on their needs and wants for the trip.
3rd Grade	
February Unit of Inquiry: How the World Works Central Idea: The interaction of forces causes change in the motion of objects.	
February Unit Highlights: magnetic forces, Solving problems with magnets Looking Ahead to March: Continue study of forces, study of communities Cultural Arts Connections: WCL, P.E. ,Music, Media, Spanish:	Ways to Connect at Home: How are magnets used in real life? Where do you see the force of motion in your daily life? Ask your child: How do magnets work? What forces are in nature? Ways to connect with school: Read books about forces, motion, magnets.

P. Y. P.

4th Grade

February Unit of Inquiry: How We Organize Ourselves

Central Idea: Society's responsibility impacts the transfer of knowledge.

February Unit Highlights: impact of slavery and Maryland's role in war

Looking Ahead to March: Maryland's connection to the War of 1812

Cultural Arts Connections:

WCL:

P.E.:

Music:

Media:

Spanish:

Ways to Connect at Home:
Historical Fiction Literature

Ask your child:
How has Maryland changed over time?

Ways to connect with school: Research timelines of historical events of Maryland

5th Grade

February Unit of Inquiry: How the World Works

Central Idea: Natural phenomena change, shape, and affect life on Earth.

February Unit Highlights:

- The four spheres of Earth (hydrosphere, atmosphere, geosphere, and biosphere)
- Properties of Matter

Looking Ahead to March:

- Exhibition!

Cultural Arts Connections:

WCL:

P.E.:

Music:

Media:

Spanish:

Ways to Connect at Home:

- Identify examples of solids, liquids and gases around your home
- Talk with your students about current events in the community, state, country, and the world

Ask your child:

- How would you describe _____?
- How is the Earth impacted by a specific event?

Ways to connect with school:

- Watch the news, or read news articles

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**Please bring reusable grocery bags with handles.
Be prepared to carry 20 to 40 pounds of food.**

More information: 410-222-1020



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The services of the Brooklyn Park Healthy Food Pantry are available to all without regard to race, color, religion, political affiliation or opinion, national origin, age, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability.

Access Sunset's website

Logon to www.aacps.org

Go to the top of the screen under School Links and click Elementary Schools and find Sunset Elementary, scroll and click on Sunset Elementary School. This will bring up an informational page on Sunset. Go to the center of the screen and click on School Website, View or print out Sunset's Monthly Newsletter.

School Hours

- Students will enter the gym at 8:40 a.m.
- Instruction begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.
- Students not in class by 9:00 a.m. will be marked late.
- Dismissal is at 3:25 p.m.



PLEASE NOTE: NO ADULT SUPERVISION IS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE TO STUDENTS BEFORE 8:40 A.M.

Health Room NEW Direct Phone
Number 410-266-3776

Have you paid your child's

Weekly Reader fee?

The Weekly Reader is part of the school curriculum and school supply list. Checks can be made to Sunset Elementary School and sent to the office.



MEDICAL CONCERNS & ADMINISTERING MEDICATION: PLEASE READ

- Parents should make the school aware of any medical problems a child might have.
- **Only the health room staff may administer medicine** to students at school, including **cough drops, aspirin or medicated chap stick**.
- A **medical authorization form** is attached in newsletter in case you have a need for it. Please complete this **whenever your child will need to take medication during the school day. This must be signed by a doctor.**
- **Any medication to be given at school must be delivered to the health room by an adult. PLEASE DO NOT HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING ANY MEDICATION TO SCHOOL.**

Thank you for your cooperation!



Sunset Elementary School Video Camera System

Our school is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083."



2019-2020 School Year New School Meal Prices

Breakfast, All Schools	\$1.50
Lunch, Elementary	\$2.75
Milk 1/2 pint, ALa Carte	\$.55
Reduced-Price Breakfast	\$.30
Reduced-Price Lunch	\$.40

If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Risse, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services at 410-222-5900 or jrisse@aacps.org.

Field Trip Information

Please be advised that ALL field trips are subject to cancellation AT ANYTIME by the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee when, in their discretion, cancellation is in the best interests of students and staff. In such cases, parents and students have the risk of loss for financial or other commitments they have made. The Board of Education, its employees, and agents will not be responsible for any losses arising out of cancellations.



Lunch and Recess Schedule

Grade	Recess	Lunch
K		11:40-12:10
1	1:10-1:30	11:00-11:30
2	11:00-11:20	11:20-11:50
3	12:45-1:10	12:15-12:45
4	11:40-12:00	12:00-12:30
5	12:20-12:40	12:40-1:10

No Breakfast/Lunch Money

Food Service will provide the following for students who do not have breakfast or lunch money....

Breakfast-Jelly Sandwich, (1) fruit serving and a cup of water.

Lunch-Jelly or Cheese Sandwich, (1) fruit or vegetable serving and a cup of water.



Are you receiving emails from our school, important reminders, newsletter, etc. Do we have your email address?

Name: _____ Student: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please return this form to your child's teacher to forward to the office. Thank you!

SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ABSENTEE FORM

My son/daughter, _____
Legal first and last name
was absent from school on _____ for the
Month/day/year

following reason (s): (Check reason(s) below)

- Illness of child Doctor or dentist appointment
 Death in immediate family Court summons
 Other (Explain): _____

TEACHER: _____

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