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SUNSET VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fall 2015 Principal's Corner

Hello Mustang Families!

I want to start by saying welcome to the 2015-16 school-year. My name is Heidi Riegsecker and I am the new Principal at Sunset View. I moved to the Tri City area and joined the Kennewick School District July 1st. I am excited to join this wonderful community, school district, and Sunset View family. I look forward to meeting you throughout the school-year!

SCHOOL MISSION AND BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

Sunset View's mission is to value, recognize, and maximize the potential of all students. To accomplish our mission we will be establishing a school-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support system, also known as PBIS. The key to this program is teaching the expectations or appropriate behavior to our students in language they understand. When students meet these expectations we will recognize and praise students in various ways. When students make mistakes, we will intervene, re-teach the expectations, and look at interventions we can implement to better support the students. Similar to what we have done in the past, we will be using the word "P.R.I.D.E." to communicate our school-wide expectations. Each letter in the word "PRIDE" represents a category within our school pride mission at Sunset View.

P = Participate Positively
R = Respond Respectfully
I = Improve Daily
D = Demonstrate Safety
E = Embrace Differences

You will be hearing more about PBIS throughout the year. You can also learn more about PBIS and how you can support your student and the school by going to:
<http://www.pbis.org/family>.

PARKING LOT

Dropping Off and Picking Up Children

Our school is in a high traffic zone. In the morning and at dismissal there is a lot of traffic and very little parking. To help keep our students safe, we request that children ride the school bus if bussing is available. Please pick your child up at the front of the school. Please do not pick up children in or near the bus zone. Avoid parking or stopping in the bus loading zone or blocking the service driveways. We ask that everyone follow the safety procedures set in place, abide by the signs, and use crosswalks supervised by school safety patrol. We want all our students and parents to think "safety" when crossing streets. Please avoid

calling the office at the end of the day to change departure directions by making those arrangements before your child leaves for school in the morning.

Three Important PARKING LOT safety rules at Sunset View

- 1- Please use **right** curbside for pick up and drop off only.
- 2- Please do not leave cars unattended at curbside.
- 3- Please use crosswalks at all times.

**The left curbside throughout the parking lot (starting at the big green grass curbside island) are not open for parking OR student pick up/drop-off.*

Safety Expectations for Dropping Off & Picking Up Students

1. During the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the bus loop is for busses only, cars are prohibited.
2. Drop students in drop off/pick up zone...it is a very short walk to classrooms.
3. Please do not park in the drop off/pick up zone. This blocks traffic from flowing and it also ends up backing traffic up on the road. If you need to park and come inside, you need to park in the parking lot.
4. Please do not wait or park in the fire zone.
5. Please refrain from using the parking lot as a pick up/drop off area unless you park and escort your child inside.
6. For the safety of your child, in the afternoon once staff and crossing guards return inside, any student still waiting for rides will be escorted to the office. Office staff will attempt to call each family in order to ensure a ride is coming. Parents will then need to park and come into the main office to check their student out.
7. Teach and remind your student about being safe around moving vehicles.
8. Please stay out of the bus loop. Walking between busses is very dangerous even for adults!
9. **Always** be a role model for following rules for your children.

Please use caution when picking up and dropping off your child to and from school. It is very important that we use the cross walks within the parking lot. In the afternoon we have staff helping with traffic control. So please follow their direction before crossing. I appreciate your patience and team work to make the parking lot and surrounding perimeter of the school safe for our children. Thanks!

NEW MEAL PROGRAM CHARGES

Our new meal program does **NOT** allow students to “charge” a milk against their account. Students must either have monies in their account to buy milk or they will not be able to have milk.

VOLUNTEERS

Sunset View welcomes volunteers! If you would like to help, please notify your student’s teacher or the main office. Volunteers are needed for a variety of things, including: in-class support, cross walk duty in the AM or PM, extra supervision during lunch and recess, support with computer lab, and a variety of other more clerical duties. Before volunteering, you must complete a registration packet which includes a background check through the Washington State Patrol. This must be completed **every year**. We ask all volunteers to sign in each time they visit the building and to wear an identification badge. Please pick up your application form from the school office. You can call the main office to verify that you have been approved and then get started!

PTO

We have a fabulous PTO organization! This year PTO meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month. Thank you to everyone's efforts in making our fundraiser, the Jog-a-thon a huge success! If you were not able to volunteer, no worries, our school carnival is right around the corner and we need many helping hands! Below is the contact information so YOU can get involved today!

- Facebook: facebook.com/sunsetviewelementaryPTO
- email: sunsetviewvolunteer@gmail.com
- Newsblast weekly updates: ssvnewsblast@gmail.com

ATP

Susent View Elementary's Action Team for Partnerships (ATPs) is a committee of educators, parents and community members that meets monthly to develop and implement a plan for our school, family and community partnerships. This plan is centered around four goals, two academic and two non-academic, that are aligned with our school improvement plan. If you are interested in seeing what ATP is all about please join us! We meet the second Thursday of every month in the conference room and we are currently in need of parent and community members!

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- Friday, Oct. 16th: Author/Illustrator Visit: Kevan Atteberry
- Thursday, Oct 22nd Carnival 5:30-8:30
- Tuesday Oct. 27th: Anti-Bullying Assembly
- Friday, Oct 23rd No school for students!
- Thursday, Nov 5th Bus Evacuation Drill