



MUSTANG UPDATE

October 2018 Newsletter

A Note from the Principal –

For new families to our wonderful school community, a warm welcome to Sunset View! We are proud to serve you and look forward to a great school year! As we settle into October, teaching and learning are in full swing. Please remember that you play a vital role in your child's success at school. You can help by asking your child about his/her day, having a positive attitude about school learning, and reading to or with your child every night. You would be amazed what 20 minutes of reading with your child each night will do to his/her language development and reading skills. Your role with attendance is very important too. When students arrive late or are picked up before dismissal teaching and learning are disrupted. Please make every effort to have your child in school from 8:40-3:17 each day. Good school attendance is one of the primary indicators of student success. I want to thank all of you for a tremendous start to the school year.

Yours Truly,

Mrs. Sonderland, Assistant Principal

Kudos to all the parents who are exhibiting PRIDE in our parking lot! When people follow the procedures – great things happen! Thank you so much for all of your patience!

Counselor's Corner -

Happy October! I am Mr. Paulakis and I am the School Counselor at Sunset View! We have a lot of new additions to our family this year, so I wanted to reach out and let everyone know who I am and what I do at the school. What does a school counselor do at the elementary level? I provide many services to our students such as social-emotional learning through classroom lessons, small-group counseling, and short-term goal-focused counseling. I am the 504 coordinator. This means, I oversee the paperwork if your child needs classroom accommodations. I also coordinate resources for our school family such as food on the weekends, coats/clothing, school supplies, as well as our annual Holiday Giving Tree (Let me know if you or someone you know would be interested in receiving a place on the tree this year). As a trusted adult, students can come to me with any problems they might have at school or at home. I love serving our community and I am here to support our students. I believe all kids are capable of success, **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Email or call me with any questions at: nicholas.paulakis@ksd.org or 222-6000.

PTO Thanks You –

We really appreciate all your support! Our first Papa John Pizza fundraiser night raised almost \$184.41! Currently, we are in full swing of donation collections for Mustang Stampede, our annual jog-a-thon fundraiser. This event usually brings in much of our budget for the year.

Important Dates

- Tuesday, October 9 – PTO Meeting in the Library
- Friday, October 12 – No School for Kindergarten
- Friday, October 19 – No School for Everyone
Professional Development
- Wednesday, October 17 – Mustang Stampede
(Jog-a-thon)
- Wednesday, October 24 – Author Visit
- Wednesday, November 7 – Veteran's Day
Assembly &
Destination Night

Honoring Our Veterans –

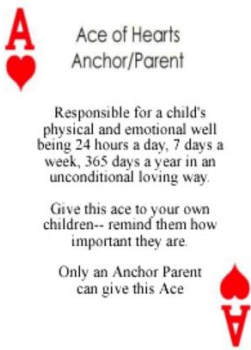
Our annual Veteran's Day Assembly is on Wednesday, November 7 at 9:20 am. Both Choir and 4th grade students will be singing a few songs and we will even have a special guest speaker. We would love to include photos of the veterans in your families in our slide show. Please send in a picture to the office along with the veteran's name and relation to you or email a copy to Mrs. Coe at Jennifer.coe@ksd.org.

Weekly Mustang Update Emails -

We try to send a weekly message out to our families to make sure everyone is in the know about what is going on at school. This is not to be confused with the PTO's Newsblast that is also sent out weekly, as they have different information to let you know about. If you are not receiving these emails, you probably need to update your information in School Messenger on PowerSchool. If you do not have access to email and would like a printed copy of these, please write a note stating this and drop it off in the office. We will do our best to accommodate anyone who can't receive the information in a digital format.

Kids at Hope -

As Treasure Hunters, our staff give "aces" every day. There is one that most of us can't give to our students, but you can. It is the Ace of Hearts!



A Ace of Hearts
Anchor/Parent

Responsible for a child's physical and emotional well being 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year in an unconditional loving way.

Give this ace to your own children-- remind them how important they are.

Only an Anchor Parent can give this Ace

Kennewick School District's Non-Discrimination Policy -

The district would like to make sure that everyone is aware of our non-discrimination policy. It states the following -

The Kennewick School District provides equal access to all programs and services without discrimination based on sex, race, creed, relation, color, national origin, age, honorable discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or use of trained dog, guide or service animal by a person with a disability, and provide equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

Civil Rights & Equity: Douglas Christensen (509) 222-5010 (doug.christensen@ksd.org)
Section 504, Title IX: Jack Anderson (509) 222-5004 (jack.anderson@ksd.org)
Kennewick School District
1000 West 4th Ave
Kennewick, WA 99336

Privacy Act -

The district would also like make sure you are aware of a federal privacy act. This act does not mean that the school district will give out or sell your family's information. This generally pertains to media release information for special clubs or events and would rarely include requests for all the specific information listed below, especially in the elementary school setting. Most of these requests are for participants in sporting events and again, do not actually request all of the information listed below. However, if you are at all concerned about this and would like to omit your child(ren), please tear this off section off, complete the table below and return it to school with your child.

The Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 permits the Kennewick School District to release certain information known as "directory information," to certain people or institutions, unless parents request, in writing, that such information not be released.

In many cases, requests for this type of information come from news media or the armed forces for recruiting purposes. Directory information may include: 1) student name, address, and telephone number, 2) date and place of birth; 3) participation in officially recognized activities and sports; 4) weight and height of athletic team members; 5) dates of attendance; 6) photographs or other similar information. Photographs may occasionally be taken of students for use in the news media or school district publications.

I am requesting the Kennewick School District not release directory information on my student(s).

Printed Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature
