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SPRING 2017 PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

Hello Mustang families!

We have finally made it to spring and soon it will be summer! As we head into the final months of school, please remember to keep your student(s) on a routine to ensure that they are getting enough sleep each night, a hearty breakfast before school, and time set aside to complete homework. Sometimes as the year winds down and students are getting excited about summer, they “forget” about completing homework and having appropriate behavior. We want to finish the year strong and maximize these final days in order to prepare students for next year. I appreciate your continued support. Go Mustangs!

KIDS AT HOPE

All children are capable of success, NO EXCEPTIONS! This is Sunset View’s first year as a Kids at Hope school and we could not be more excited! Several other schools in the district are considering to follow in our footsteps and also become a Kids at Hope School. In April, the Student Leadership put on a Kids at Hope assembly for our entire student body. During the assembly, the students shared what it means to be a Kids at Hope school and what their dreams are for the future. We created a video of many different students sharing their thoughts. Then we shared a video of our staff who had encouraging words and reminders that we are all treasure hunters and WE ALL BELIEVE IN THEM. We also had the fifth grade choir sing and shared some test taking tips. This was a pretty powerful assembly and it was led by some of our very own fifth grade leadership students. It was great to see students leading other students; what a day to be a Mustang!

Do you want to be a part of the Kids at Hope philosophy? Below is a parent pledge that you can take part of and share with you child.

Parent Pledge:

I am an Anchor Parent.

I believe that my child is talented, smart, and capable of success.

I am committed to helping my child reach their goals and dreams.

I believe that my child will succeed.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Can you imagine if every child heard that their parent believes in them every day? Then the child comes to school and hears that every adult believes in them too? This is the message that we want EVERY child to hear every day. Will you join us in making this happen?



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PRIDE

P = Participate Positively

R = Respond Respectfully

I = Improve Daily

D = Demonstrate Safety

E = Embrace Differences

During the spring time it is fairly typical that some students try to test the boundaries at school and may choose to say or do things that are not acceptable. Some students may also bring items to school that they are not supposed to, such as electronics, toys, etc. Please help your child by reviewing the school-wide behavior expectations and student handbook with your child. When students are familiar with the expectations, then they are more likely to follow them. We will also continue to review the expectations with students.

Newsflash: The Mascot has been named! The students came up with different names for our mascot and voted on the top choices. The top name was...Mr. Mustang! The students are very excited to have a mascot and Mr. Mustang will be making appearances at our school events coming up in June!

BULLYING VERSUS PEER CONFLICTS

The word bullying is used often these day and it is important to know the difference between bullying and a peer conflict. Do you and your child know the difference? The Kennewick School District and Sunset View Elementary want to ensure that we have a safe and happy environment for our students and staff to come to each day. Below is a chart that distinguishes between the two:

Peer Conflict	Bullying
Equal Power	Imbalance of Power
Accidental	Purposeful
Happens once or occassionlly	Repeated negative behavior
Not trying to seek power or attention	Seeking power, control, and attention
Not too serious	Serious threat of physical, emotional, or psychological harm
Has remorse and takes responsibility	No remorse and blames others
Wants to solve the problem	No effort or desire to solve the problem

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

As the weather warms up, below are a few reminders regarding the dress code to ensure we have a safe and positive school environment. Please avoid the following:

~ Shorts or skirts shorter than mid-thigh length



~ Clothing that reveals the back, midriff, or leaves shoulders too bare. Generally two-fingers width is acceptable for straps.

~ Clothing that reveals undergarments either because of large openings in the neck or arms, or because of outer garments that are too sheer.

~ **Flip-flops or heeled shoes or sandals (for safety during recess and P.E., plus they break easily)**

~ Hats inside the building. (Hats may be brought for recess, but need to be removed once in the building.)

A good general policy regarding the dress code is: If there is **ANY QUESTION** about an item being inappropriate, avoid wearing it to school.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We still have a lot of instruction to fit in before the end of the year so school attendance is more important than ever! Teachers have important curriculum to teach well into June. This is also the time of year when students are involved in taking the required district and state assessments and they need to be here to complete their part so we can see their progress. Students with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. We want to finish the year strong and one way is to be here at school on time every day. Your continued support of our important work with the students is appreciated.

We miss students when they are gone and we value their contributions to our school. We would like you to help ensure that your student attends regularly and is successful in school. If your student is going to be absent, please contact Cari McClelland, attendance secretary at 222-6002.

PARKING LOT SAFETY AND REMINDERS

As the weather warms up I would encourage students and families to walk to and from school or ride a bike. Not only is this a great way to get some exercise, it will also help out in reducing the number of cars dropping students off and picking students up at the end of the day. However, if you choose to drop off and pick up, please follow the school's expectations.

Dropping students off in the morning:

- **Students may arrive at school no earlier than 8:30.** We do not have supervision until this time. Students who are eating breakfast may arrive at 8:15.
- Please drop your student off at the curb, not in the middle of the lane or in the parking lot.
- The curb is for drop and go only! Please do not park and wait. If you need to wait, then please park in a parking spot.

Picking students up in the afternoon in the FRONT Parking Lot:

- **Please do not come early to wait or arrive before your pick-up time.** No one can move until students are dismissed at 3:17, so coming early to line up and wait will only add to the



congestion. When you arrive, if your student is not ready to load, we will ask you to loop around again. As a courtesy to those behind you, you will not be allowed to wait. If you have students in multiple grades, please come at the latest time to ensure all of your students are outside and ready to go. Below are the pick-up times and zones for the FRONT parking lot only:

- **3:17: Kinder (Zone 1) and 2nd grade (Zone 2)**
- **3:22: 1st grade (Zone 1) and 4th grade (Zone 2)**
- **3:25: 3rd and 5th grade (Zone 2)**
- Please drive slowly
- When moving from one lane to the next, please check to make sure other cars are not already in that lane. This is especially important for parents pulling out of the K-1 zone.
- Please be patient and wait until the car in front of you is moving.
- Please allow cars to merge in and out of the pick-up zones.
- Please keep the handicap parking spaces open for those with a handicap sticker. You will be asked to move if you do not have the appropriate identification.

Please be courteous to the staff and volunteers who are out there helping your child get home safe. Thank you for your cooperation!

SPRING TESTING

We are continuing to complete district and state tests during the month of May. First through fifth grade take the Spring *Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)* test. Third through fifth grade students take the state test, known as *Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)*. You are welcome to communicate with your student's teacher to find out more information or to ask when his/her class will be taking each test. All of these tests will be completed on the computer.

Tips for students and families during testing:

- Students need to go to bed early to ensure they are getting plenty of sleep.
- Students should eat a healthy and substantial meal/breakfast before coming to school.
- Students need to arrive on time everyday so he/she does not miss any instruction and can start the test with the rest of the class.
- Attendance is always important, but it is especially important during a practice or actual testing day. Students tend to do better on the test when they are testing at the same time as their peers.
- Students should use the resources available on the computer when they test. Students have had an opportunity to practice using these resources in class prior to their test day.
- Students should review their work before completing the test.
- Students should try not to stress! Try to remain calm throughout the entire test.



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NURSES NOTES



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Before registering your child for kindergarten, you will need an up to date Certificate of Immunization or physician signed Certificate of Exemption.

MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION: All students are now required to have a Tdap booster before entering middle school. All students should have 2 Varicella shots (Chicken pox) or Doctor verified proof of disease.

Please contact your school nurse if you have questions or if your child is in the process of getting all the required vaccinations.

Required Immunizations for 2017-18: Students must meet minimum intervals and ages to be in compliance with the requirements. Talk to your healthcare provider or school staff if you have questions about school immunization requirements.

	Hepatitis B	DTaP/ Td/Tdap	Polio	MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)	Varicella (Chicken Pox)
K- 5th grade	3 doses	5 doses	4 doses	2 doses	2 doses or Doctor's note
6-12^h grade	3doses	5 doses DTaP and 1 dose Tdap	4 doses	2 doses	2 doses or Doctor's note

VOLUNTEERS

Sunset View welcomes volunteers! As the year winds down there are numerous activities you may want to be a part of. If you would like to volunteer, please notify your student's teacher or contact the main office. Volunteers are needed for a variety of things, including: in-class support, crosswalk duty in the AM or PM, extra supervision during lunch, 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**. After turning in your form, please contact the main office to ensure that you have been cleared to volunteer. The number is: 509-222-6000. We ask all volunteers to sign in each time they visit the building and to wear an identification badge. The safety of our students is our number one priority and we take this process very seriously.



PTO

PTO did a phenomenal job putting on our spring carnival this year. It was exciting to see all the students and families come together for some fun! Thank you PTO for organizing the event. I also wanted to thank the parents, teachers and high school students who volunteered to help set up, run the games, and help with clean-up. It takes a lot of helping hands to make this event happen, so thank you if you had a part in making the carnival a success.

We still have a few more events before the end of the year. Please consider volunteering to support PTO, the school, and your child! Also, don't forget to attend the upcoming PTO meeting this month held on Tuesday, May 9 in the library at 3:30 PM. At the meeting they will be electing PTO Board members for next year, so don't miss out! Child care is provided by the YMCA.

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

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- **May 4: Orchestra Performance at Toyota Center 7:00 PM**
- **May 8: 4th and 5th grade Leadership Meeting 3:30-4:30 in the library**
- **May 9: PTO Meeting 3:30-4:30 PM in the library, childcare provided**
- **May 11: ATP Meeting 3:30-4:30 in room 13**
- **May 15: 4th and 5th grade Leadership Meeting 3:30-4:30 in the library**
- **May 19: Outdoor Movie Night 6:30 PM**
- **May 24: 5th grade Talent Show Auditions**
- **May 29: No School, Memorial Day**
- **May 30: 5th grade Patrol Picnic 11:00 AM at the Carousel of Dreams**
- **May 30: 5th grade Leadership Celebration 3:45 PM in the cafeteria**
- **June 6: Middle School Visit to 5th grade classes 9:00 AM**
- **June 9: Picnic Lunch---Students will eat at their regular scheduled lunch time and return to class and their regularly schedule time. Parents are welcome!***
 - **Kinder: 11:10-11:35 Lunch, 11:35-12:00 Recess**
 - **1st: 11:20-11:45 Lunch, 11:45-12:10 Recess**
 - **2nd: 11:30-11:55 Lunch, 11:55-12:20 Recess**
 - **3rd: 11:25-11:50 Recess, 11:50-12:15 Lunch**
 - **5th: 11:35-12:00 Recess, 12:00-12:25 Lunch**
 - **4th: 11:40-12:05 Recess, 12:05-12:30 Lunch**



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***Don't forget to bring lunch for yourself, something to sit on, and something for shade, if you desire.**

- **June 13: 5th grade Party 1:00-3:00 PM**
- **June 14: Last day of school for students. This is a FULL day of school. We will be doing an all-school assembly and then our 5th grade walk at the end of the day.**
- **June 15 and 16: Parent-Teacher Scheduled Conferences running from 9:00-Noon and 1:00-3:00 on both days.**
 - **If you are interested in having a scheduled conference time, please contact your child's teacher.**