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A Note From the Principal

Happy New Year Sunnyland Families!

I spent a couple of days at Sunnyland working during break and it just isn't the same without everyone here. This week has been wonderful hearing the sounds of laughing and chatter and learning. We're happy to welcome everyone back and settle into a learning routine for 2018!

January through the end of March is really when we hit our stride and maximize learning for students. A classroom community has been built, expectations are known, and routines for learning have become ingrained. Thank you for the work you do to make sure your students are here on time and every day! It does not go unnoticed by us!

Our Leader in Me work is currently focusing on Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play).

Put First Things Habit 3 means focusing on the task when there's something else you would rather be doing — the hardest part of all! Help your child learn how to avoid distractions by reminding him or her that, if they stick to it, all the fun things can come right after—with no guilt or nagging!

Once children know these habits, and how to apply them, they can start tackling more difficult tasks independently. They will begin to feel self-confident and proud when they're able to complete homework, chores, and other tasks by themselves. They're also sure to be pleased when they find they have some extra free time to do what they'd like to do.

I don't know about you, but as an adult I sometimes still have trouble with this skill! The more we can practice as adults and model this skill for our children, the better. We can tell them about things, but how we act is the more powerful example. Our children will do as we do.

Please know I am constantly grateful for being a part of the Sunnyland Elementary community. The entire staff appreciates the partnership and trust you put in us each day. Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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Upcoming Dates

- January 9th—
Science Fair kick
off assembly 9:30
am
- January 9th—
Science Fair
Packets home
with students
- January 16th—
Pacific Science
Center visit all
day
- January 24th—
Kindergarten
Conferences
- January 25th—
Kindergarten
Evening Confer-
ences
- January 25th—
Coffee & Conver-
sation 8:15 am
- January 29th—
5th grade Strings
begin
- February 15th—
Sunnyland Sci-
ence Fair

January Lice Newsletter

Cold weather doesn't deter head lice as they stay warm and cozy on the head. As more coats and hats come out, it is a good time to review with your children the need to keep their outer wear away from other student's things in the classroom. As we come back from winter break, there frequently is an increase in head lice showing up on students. This is because they spread from head to head contact during play or sleepovers which happen more often during the break. Then they first get noticed in the classroom when students are sitting still and being observed as they do their classroom tasks.

What you can do:

- Check your child about once a month for signs of lice or nits in the hair.
- Teach not to share hats, scarves, or other hair items and to avoid head-to-head contact.
- Long hair can be braided or pulled back to reduce accidentally brushing against others.
- If you find head lice or are notified that your child is suspected of having them, do not panic. They do not carry disease and there are effective ways to get rid of this pest.

What we do if head lice are suspected on a student:

- We call parents/guardians of the student to inform them and discuss treatment options.
- The student will be reminded not to share hair items or have head to head contact.
- The student can go home as usual at the end of the day, to be treated that evening and can return to school the next day if they have been treated
- For communication, if a classroom has two or more students with infestations, other parents at grade level will be notified that head lice have been an identified at school. Identities are never disclosed in this notification.

If your family is having difficulty getting rid of head lice, or cost of treatment is a problem please contact your school nurse for help and support. For more information on how to treat, please see visit the Families tab on your school website and click on health. More information about head lice and treatment can be found on the website at www.cdc.gov/lice.

Free or Reduced Lunch Program

It's never too late to apply for Free or Reduced Lunches! If something has changed in your household please consider applying now. If you receive SNAP or TANF your children who attend school automatically qualify for free school meals. If you are eligible for unemployment compensation you might also be eligible. The USDA and the State Workforce Agency Administrators are reaching out to vulnerable households. Please consider applying even if you don't think you qualify, you never know.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS

If you think your child may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, please submit a school meal application. You may do this at any time during the school year. Applications are available at each school office, in the Family Handbook, or via Skyward Family Access. Applications are also available [online](#).

You must submit an application each year to be considered for free or reduced price meals. Even if your child received free or reduced price meals last year, you must submit a new application this year. It is important to us that all eligible children receive free or reduced price school meals. We are happy to help you complete the application. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Food Services at (360) 676-6504, or Family Engagement at (360) 676-6456.

Cooking with Common Threads

Happy New Year! As your Common Threads AmeriCorps School Farmer, I'm here to help grow good eaters, seed-to-table! This month, our student chefs will learn to prepare a POTATO CURRY. They'll bring the recipe home--ask about food preservation and spices!

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact me: blair@commonthreadsfarm.org.

For more information, please visit www.commonthreadsfarm.org



Harvest of the Month is Apples on Jan. 31



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The January Harvest of the Month will be apples and will be served on Jan. 31 in school cafeterias.

School lunch will include **French Toast Sticks and Sausage served with Cinnamon Apples.**

It's a great time to try school lunch!

Looking for a way to give back to the Sunnyland community?

Currently volunteers are building a solar gazebo on the southern side of the playground for students to play, read, and talk to friends in! This is your chance to be a part of a permanent legacy that current and future students will be able to enjoy! The gazebo can be moved, which is important to note because if the Bellingham Public Schools facilities bond is approved by voters on Feb. 13, Sunnyland will get a new school! If you'd like to help with the gazebo construction, please sign up via the link below. All abilities and experience levels welcome! Hope to see you there!

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