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# The Sunnyland SCOOP

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## A Note From the Principal

Hi Sunnyland Families!

It is difficult to believe we are halfway through the school year already! Teachers are working diligently to prepare report cards to update you on your student's progress toward academic standards. Students in grades 1 – 5 will bring home report cards on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Kindergarten students will bring home report cards on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Voters will decide on a bond this February regarding facilities for Bellingham Public Schools. This bond includes the highest priority needs, including rebuilding Alderwood, Sunnyland and Parkview elementary schools and improving safety and security at all of our schools. Ballots should have arrived to you last week. Be sure to vote by February 13<sup>th</sup>. More bond information is contained later in this newsletter or check out [bellingsham-schools.org/bond](http://bellingsham-schools.org/bond).

During the month of February our Leader in Me focus is Habit 4: Think Win-Win. Being able to think beyond what I want and see what another person wants, then find a solution that works for both people is the essence of this habit. Here are the teaching points we will be focusing on this month:

- I can problem solve when an issue comes up with another person.
- I think about what other people want and not just what I want.
- I am kind to others and try to think of ways to help lift others up.

Are you curious about how to help your student continue these habits at home? Join Mrs. Berreth and Mrs. Miller for Coffee and Conversations on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 am. I will join at 8:30 am for a general question and answer time on all things Sunnyland!

I am pleased to announce that Sunnyland has been awarded a \$2500 Big Idea Grant from the Bellingham Schools Foundation! We are thrilled with this award and will use the money to buy items to increase student options for flexible seating in classrooms. Flexible seating has been shown to increase student engagement, ownership and investment in their learning, and confidence level in their classroom. Stay tuned to our social media pages – Sunnyland Elementary on Facebook and sunnylandlions on Instagram – for pictures of our changing seating.

Thank you for sharing your students with us and trusting us with their safety and education.

Principal Lynn

### Upcoming Dates

- February 7th—  
1st, 2nd and  
3rd grades to  
Mt Baker The-  
ater 9:30-11:30  
am
- February 8th—  
PTA Meeting  
6-7:30 pm
- February 9th—  
Teacher Work-  
day NO  
SCHOOL
- February 21st  
—1-5th grade  
Report Cards  
home
- February  
15th—  
Sunnyland  
Science Fair
- February  
22nd—8-8:45  
am Coffee &  
Conversation
- February  
23d—  
Kindergarten  
Report Cards  
home

## Head Start accepts applications all year long.

Families of 3 and 4 year olds  
can apply at

<https://www.opppco.org/hs-eceap-ehs-initial-app/>.



## 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.

## 2018 Facilities Bond Election Day is Feb. 13

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Please vote by Feb. 13.

Visit our website to learn more:  
[bellingshamschools.org/bond](http://bellingshamschools.org/bond).



Thursday, February 8th at 6p.m.

Sunnyland's PTA is sponsoring a Wallace & Gromit double header. While the movie is playing there will be a short PTA meeting.

## Cooking with Common Threads



Classes in all grades are enjoying monthly cooking lessons through March 8th. This month, our student chefs will prepare and taste a Potato Curry and a Garden Stir Fry! They'll practice culinary creativity and healthy, adventurous eating, as well as respect and responsibility. Keep a look out for recipes coming home! And visit <https://commonthreadsfarm.org/recipes/> for more! As always, if you're interested in getting involved, please contact me: [blair@commonthreadsfarm.org](mailto:blair@commonthreadsfarm.org)



**Don't forget  
to check it!**

## 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.

## Fifth Grade Strings Program



Sunnyland's 5th graders have begun their Strings Program as of January 29th. Fifth graders will have Strings lessons each Monday and Wednesday morning in the cafeteria. Mrs. Gates' class on Mondays is scheduled from 9-9:40 am and on Wednesdays from 8-8:40 am. Mr. Bill's class is scheduled on Mondays 9:45-10:25 and on Wednesdays from 8:45-9:25 am.