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# The Sunnyland SCOOP

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May/June 2018

Hello Sunnyland Families!

Hard to believe this will be our last newsletter for the 17-18 school year! I encourage you to reflect with student(s) on all the things they have learned this year. Sometimes it is helpful to remind them of the skill level you saw them start the year with, so they can recognize their own progress.

On my part I started the school year new to Sunnyland and Bellingham. I talked to many in the community and staff as a part of my formal entry plan, learning about the strengths and next steps for us at Sunnyland. One of the strongest findings in my entry plan was the incredible heart that the staff and community show to our students.

A next step that surfaced was the desire and need to further our collaboration around the art and science of teaching. To examine the art and science of teaching we'll be studying the Instructional Core, which looks at three pieces of every learning opportunity:

- Improving the expertise and knowledge of the teacher
- Changing the role of the student to be active and inquiring
- Providing rigor in the content being taught

Our Sunnyland staff are open learners and I look forward to tackling this deepening of our knowledge to collaborate around next year.

Students who read through the summer show a higher retention of skills than students who don't read. I encourage you to make sure your student has ample opportunity to spend time reading as well as spending time outside and getting physical exercise. To aid in having reading time, students will be allowed to check out books from the school library to have over the summer to read. Students then can bring the books back in August.

Speaking of August, our first day of school for grades 1 - 5 in the 18-19 school year will be Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten students will start Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and will have early release on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our Meet and Greet for grades 1 – 5 will be on Tuesday afternoon, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, we'll still be working hard until dismissal on June 14<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you for continued partnership!

Principal Lynn

## Upcoming Dates

- 5/22-5/25 Scholastic Book Fair
- 5/24—Coffee & Conversation in the library
- 5/24— 2018-19 Kindergarten Open House 6:30-7:30
- 5/29—Skahan's class to Trader Joe's
- 5/30 First grades to Padilla Bay all day
- 6/1 5th grade track meet 8-12 pm
- 6/5—Sunnyland Leadership Day
- 6/5 PTA Menchie's Fundraiser
- 6/6—Martin's class to Trader Joe's
- 6/6 Avera's class on Sound Experience Sailing Trip 1-4 pm
- 6/8 PTA end of the year BBQ 6-8 pm
- 6/8 No School—Teacher Workday
- 6/12 PTA meeting
- 6/13 Field Day—10-1:30 pm
- 6/13—Richardson to Trader Joe's
- 6/14 Last Day of School 12:45 dismissal



## Field Day June 13th

Mr. Luke, Grades 2 and 3 have field day scheduled from 10-11:15 am.

Ms. Avera, Grades K and 1 is scheduled from 12-1:30 pm.

**Parent Volunteers are needed. Please sign up at**

<https://bit.ly/2xbAZff>.

## Summer Reading

Please encourage your children to read during the summer! They need to practice the skills they have been learning! If your child received Title 1 services, look for books coming home the last week of school. In addition, current K-4<sup>th</sup> graders who had Title 1 services will have books delivered to your home in July and August! These are books your child selected at their independent level, but they still may need some support. Thank you for setting aside some time each day to enjoy books together! Please see page 4 for our School-Wide Summer Reading Goal.



Friday, July 6 at 6 pm at Battersby Park,  
corner of F St & Girard St. across from Whatcom Middle  
School. The luminaria ceremony starts at 9 pm.

## Gardening with Common Threads

Hello families! Our students are enjoying exploring the garden, tasting kale flowers, building insect homes, and getting their hands dirty planting seeds and seedlings! **If you're interested in helping with summer garden care, please contact me at [blair@commonthreadsfarm.org](mailto:blair@commonthreadsfarm.org).** You can also sign up through our web page: [www.commonthreadsfarm.org/summergardencare/](http://www.commonthreadsfarm.org/summergardencare/) (click on Sunnyland.)

Volunteers are invited to join weekly Garden Gatherings on the following dates from **1-4pm** to meet with me and fellow volunteers, ask questions & share experiences:  
June 21, June 25, July 2, and July 11

I hope to see you in the garden!



## Head Start Preschool

is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year.  
Call 360-734-8396 for more information.



If you have a child or know of a child that will be 5 years of age on or before August 31st they are eligible for full time kindergarten this Fall.

**Please register your child today for Kindergarten  
for the 2018-2019 school year.**

Elementary school offices have registration packets or you can find registration forms on the district website.



### Menchie's Fundraiser

Tuesday, June 5th in the evening from 5pm to 9pm , 100% of Net Proceeds (50% of each yogurt purchase) goes toward the fundraiser. It would be a Fill Your Cup event where a 16oz sized cup of yogurt is \$5.99 and an 8oz sized up of yogurt is \$3.99.

### End-of-the-Year PTA BBQ

Thursday June 7, 2018

From 6-8pm by the playground

**Food! Fun! Music!**

The local band Heroes will be playing on our new stage.



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# Sunnyland Summer Reading 2018

Reading's for fun, read in the sun,  
 Read to a "me", read by the sea,  
 Reading aloud, read under a cloud  
 Read mysteries, read histories

Read jokes or poems, or all about gnomes!

**Read about boars or huge dinosaurs!**  
**What do meerkats eat?**

*Why are some things sour and some things sweet?*

Weed about gardens -and how things grow.

Read about building things, or robots, or snow!

Read till your eyes droop and you're ready to sleep- ready, set? Get snuggled in deep.



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Dear Families, we want to help you get started with your summer reading by checking out 3-5 books to your student for the summer. Please return them to the Sunnyland Library in August. **If you move over the summer, library books can be returned to a Bellingham Public Library branch and the books will find their way back to Sunnyland.**

Our school-wide Academic W.I.G. (Wildly Important Goal) is to read every day all summer long. Keep track of your reading, by checking the box each day you read~ It doesn't matter how many boxes you check~ Just read

**Turn in this paper, signed & with new teacher's name, to Mrs. Robb, no later than Friday, September 7!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					June 15 Start here	
			August 29 End Here but keep reading!	Turn in your paper as soon as you can!	Turn in your paper any day	
	Any day	Any day	Any day	Today or to- morrow for sure~	Sept. 7 Last day to turn in	

First and last name of student \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name for 2018-19 \_\_\_\_\_

We will have a SUMMER READING CELEBRATION during an assembly in September!