



Sunset Hills Elementary School

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR | APRIL NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Sunset Hills Family,

It is hard to believe we are already in April! We had a very successful month of March! We celebrated our students' accomplishments with our 3rd quarter awards ceremonies. We also celebrated student successes for benchmark 3 with leveling up ceremonies for students who leveled up proficiency levels and/or achieved proficiency! Lastly, we welcomed our incoming kindergarten families and students to our kindergarten showcase! It was a great turnout and we are looking forward to seeing all of our incoming kindergartners next school year!

As we begin the month of April, it is so great to see our final season of sports is in full swing! Girls and boys basketball, girls and boys soccer and cheer have started their seasons. Our cheer team competed in the Verrado Spirit Competition and took 3rd place in Group Stunt and Pom! This was outstanding for the first time competing against other schools outside of Dysart. Our boys basketball team also competed in the first White Tanks Jr. High Tournament at Willow Canyon HS. They played great! It is wonderful to see our programs growing at Sunset Hills and having additional opportunities to compete with other schools! Best of luck to our bobcat teams this last season of the year!

April also kicks off state testing. Our 5th and 8th grade students took the AzSCI test last week. AASA writing, reading and math assessments will be throughout the month of April for grades 3-8. Testing dates have been shared and these are also in this newsletter. We ask that you please avoid scheduling doctor's appointments during school hours. Students should arrive at school on time, as testing begins promptly at 8:15. Please make sure your student is getting a restful night of sleep and eat a healthy breakfast the morning of testing. As always, please encourage your child to do their best!

Sunset Hills is an extraordinary place to be! As always, we appreciate your partnership! We are so proud of our school and love that we get to spend time with your children each day at Sunset Hills!

Sincerely,
Joey Tokhi, Principal

Academics & Leadership

Sunset Hills Elementary – State Testing Calendar

Testing Day Lunch Schedules:

Lunch schedules will be adjusted on certain testing days. Please note the revised lunch schedules for testing days:

4/5, 4/18, 4/19, 4/20 and 4/21 will have the following schedule:

- 10:30-11:10 Kindergarten
- 10:55-11:35 1st Grade
- 11:20-12:00 2nd Grade
- 11:35-12:05 7th Grade
- 11:50-12:20 8th Grade
- 12:05-12:35 6th Grade
- 12:20-12:50 5th Grade
- 12:40-1:20 3rd Grade
- 1:00-1:40 4th Grade

4/11 & 4/13 will have the following schedule:

- 10:30-11:10 1st Grade
- 10:50-11:30 2nd Grade
- 11:05-11:35 7th Grade
- 11:25-11:55 8th Grade
- 11:45-12:15 6th Grade
- 12:00-12:30 5th Grade
- 12:10-12:50 Kinder
- 12:35-1:15 4th Grade
- 1:00-1:40 3rd Grade

Tue 4/4

Wed 4/5

Thu 4/6

Fri 4/7

3rd - 8th
Grade
AASA Writing

Tue 4/11

Wed 4/12

Thu 4/13

Fri 4/14

3rd & 4th
Grade
AASA
Reading 1

3rd & 4th
Grade
AASA
Reading 2

Tue 4/18

Wed 4/19

Thu 4/20

Fri 4/21

3rd & 4th
Grade
AASA Math 1

5th-8th
Grade
AASA
Reading 1

5th-8th
Grade
AASA Math 1

3rd & 4th
Grade
AASA Math 2

5th-8th
Grade
AASA
Reading 2

5th-8th
Grade
AASA Math 2

Student Council

April 2023

Month of the
Military Child

April is "Month of the Military Child"; this is a month of recognizing and paying tribute to military families and their children for the daily sacrifices made, their commitment,

courage, and unconditional support of our Armed Forces!

Student Council will be having a **PURPLE UP DAY** on April 21st in support of our Military Children and their families. Purple symbolizes "joint" in the military world, meaning "all services." In the world of color, if you combine Army green, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Navy blue, you get purple.

Athletics

Girls Soccer

The girls soccer team is off to a great start this season. They are working well together as a team and catching on to changes that they are needing to work on. We are so excited for the season!



Boys Soccer

Boys Soccer is off to a great start! We are 2-1 so far on the season and can't wait to see where this team can go! They continue to grow with every practice and game and their teamwork is incredible! Way to go Bobcats!



Girls & Boys Basketball

The boys and girls basketball season is in full swing. Both boys and girls teams have a lot of new players, and are learning to work together to win games. Each team has a lot of talent and are hard workers. Please come out to show your support and cheer them on!



Cheer

The Sunset Hills Cheer team competed in the Viper Showdown on March 25th. This competition included teams from around the west valley, with 15 schools competing. The cheer team was awarded 3rd in the Pom Division and 3rd in Group Stunt. We are so proud of this group of athletes.



Arts



There are very exciting developments on the horizon for Sunset Hills as we continue to grow our Arts Signature Program, including some new building modifications that have been designed and approved, and we need our community's support to help us achieve our goals aligned with providing our students with second-to-none opportunities! All of our after-school Arts and Enrichment programs rely on annual financial support from our community. We cannot offer students opportunities like our School Musical, Afterglow Choir, Bobcat Singers, Garden Club, Art Club, etc. without donations using the Arizona Education Tax Credit. You still have time to donate at dysart.org/taxcredit for 2022 at no additional cost to you! The deadline to make or max out your donation for last year is April 14th. Any Arizona income tax payer can donate any amount (up to \$400 married/\$200 single) and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit toward their Arizona income tax. Please share the link with family and friends -- you don't have to be a Sunset Hills parent to donate! Our programs need your support to continue next year.

AfterGlow



Rehearsals continue on Wednesdays throughout April.

- 4/7 - Deadline for all payments and fundraisers for the Disneyland Performance Trip
- 5/8 - Spring Spectacle Concert @ SRHS
 - Call Time 6:30/Concert 7:00pm
- 5/9 - Mandatory Parent Mtg for Disney in Cafe @ 6 pm
- 5/12 - Disneyland Performance Trip Departure @ 11 am

Bobcat Singers

Rehearsals will continue on Thursdays throughout April as we prepare for our Pep Assembly Performance and Year End Concert.

- 4/14 - Deadline for Student Activity Fee payment (online)
- 5/5 - Pep Assembly Performance (during school)
- 5/8 - Spring Spectacle Concert @ SRHS
 - Call Time 5:30/Concert 6:00pm

Band

Sunset Hills Band students have been working hard all year and are in the home stretch for our big end of year concert!

End of Year SHES Band Concert

Date: Tuesday, May 2nd

Where: SRHS

Times: 6:30-7:30pm

SHES Pep Band

For current members only. Practice will happen every Tuesday and Thursday, 3:15-4:00pm. Our upcoming performances are the May 2nd Band Concert and the May 5th Pep Assembly.

Upcoming Band Party

Date: Wednesday, April 19th

Where: SHES Cafeteria

Times: 3:30-5:30pm

Optional event; students will RSVP in class and will sign up to bring snacks and drinks.

PTO Updates



Sonic Night

Wed 4/12 from 5-8 pm

Mention our school when ordering! Order ahead does not count



PTO GLOW RUN EVENT

KICK OFF EVENT 4/17

GLOW RUN EVENT 4/28

Look for exciting information coming home about our Glow Fun Run that we will be doing on Friday, April 28th!