



SUNSET SCHOOL K-8

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A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS AND LEADERS



Sunset Award Winners!

Congratulations to all award winners! Parents, you are welcome to join our zoom awards assembly. Students will receive their award certificates in their classroom in front of their peers, and we invite our whole community to attend the zoom celebrations on Oct. 7th for TK- 5th grade, the awards show for middle school 6th- 8th will be held on Oct. 22nd.

You can tune in at Zoom Meeting ID: 867 8557 4148 Passcode: Awards

October 7th

K-3 grade 12:30-1:00

4th-5th grade 1:00-1:30

October 22nd 6th - 8th 12:30 pm

- Kindergarten, Mrs. Anctil:** Ruby Mooney, Cora Ferrell, Erik Arenas Martinez, Cesar Arenas Martinez
- Kindergarten Mrs. Torres:** Grant Smith, Kian Goodenough, Ollie Wagner, Amy Sanchez, Ruby Moreno
- 1st Grade Ms. Mendoza:** Melanie Sanchez, Timothy Owens, Evelynn Valdivieso, Wesley Cubillas
- 1st Grade Mrs. Hudspeth:** Hunter Davidson, Amelia Markov, Luke Appel, Eve Gold
- 2nd Grade Mrs. Buck:** Milo Jorgensen, Chloe Brown, Julian Juarez, Paloma Garcia, Abbie Carey
- 2nd Grade Mrs. Martinez:** Charlie Williams, Nash Dillard, Gabriel Clapper, Kyler Koepenick, Linkin Echevarria
- 3rd Grade Mrs. Hastie:** Kassidy Urcuyo, Uziel Garcia Perez, Asha Brown, Lachlan MacDonald, Nora Barrett, Gael Colin
- 3rd Grade Ms. Eckerson:** Enzo Tallerico, Kamiko Roy, Dante Petrucci, Laura Lopez, Ivan Saoud
- 4th Grade Mrs. Marshall & Mrs. Bruner:** Sadie Horowitz, Evelyn Garcia, Arturo Velasco, Celeste Bernauer
- 4th-5th Grade Mr. Sarak:** Kamran Lashkari, Kade MacDonald, Sonny Yerena, Evangeline Eubanks, Oliver Tallerico, Andrew Montano
- 5th Grade Mrs. Votruba:** Pyper Hartigan, Raylene Ramirez, Bryce Burt, Violet Valentine
- 6th Grade Mrs. Marshall:** Ollie Guzik, Lyla Anderson, Lucia Hetrick, Moses Monsour, Meliya Alvarez
- Ms. Paniagua and Mrs. Guzik 7th Grade:** Ben Markov, Violet Storey, Kalen Noble
- 8th grade:** Kezhiah Mabanta, David Smith, Brooke Williams

Staff Awards: Ms. Santa Cruz: is a para professional on our campus who gives her heart and soul to our students every day. Thank you for being you! **Ms. Wendy-** thank you for all of your hard work to get school open safely- we appreciate you every day and you make Sunset a better place! **Mrs. Debbie Marostica** is our new health tech at Sunset School, she is awesome and is taking care of all of our students and making sure we are following guidelines to stay healthy. Welcome and thank you Ms. Debbie for all that you are doing! **Ms. Echele:** is our garden educator who does classes in the garden and cooking classes, she is amazing and always provides fun lessons for our Sunset Bobcats, thank you Ms. Alise!

Community Awards: Thank you to **Kate Dunlap**, Molly’s mom, who helps our school out all the time and is the treasurer of our PTA- thank you Kate for all of your help! Thank you to **Jean Barrett** for organizing our Sunset shirt order, our community is grateful for you!

dude. be nice. October is Anti- Bullying Month!

In addition to ongoing student education programs, culture building and expectation setting, Sunset School counselor Ms. Agnes will be facilitating DUDE BE NICE WEEK October 18th- 22nd! There will be many fun and educational activities for students to participate in. If you have never had the opportunity to see a Dude Be Nice Project production check it out at www.dudebenice.com. #BeTheChange!





SUNSET SCHOOL IS A SAFE PLACE!

EDUCATION:

All students at Sunset will receive explicit training and lessons about anti-bullying, handling peer conflicts, how to report peer concerns and how to treat all humans with kindness and respect both virtually and when on campus! Classroom teachers, our counselor Ms. Agnes and principal Sims will all be presenting lessons to students. These grade-level geared teachings will include social emotional “check ins” so that we can best support our Sunset School students.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND SCHOOL-WIDE LANGUAGE:

Explicitly teaching how to manage your emotions is essential to personal and academic growth as well. You will hear about these things at home; “BUCKET FILLING VRS. BUCKET DIPPING” and “BEING AN UPSTANDER NOT A BYSTANDER”, “ZONES OF REGULATION”, “BIG DEALS VS. LITTLE DEALS” and various self-control strategies. All of these tools will be taught and reinforced. When we all use the same language the expectations for all students are clear!

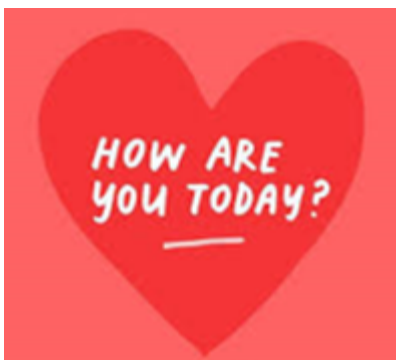
CULTURE:

At Sunset School we love to honor and recognize students who are persevering, who “get caught” doing the right thing, making good choices, being kind, and being an upstander. Whether you are 5 years old or 14.... It feels good to be celebrated. We love to hear about great things our students are doing at home and in the community. Please share good news with us so we can honor our students!

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME:

Talk to your student, talk to your child’s teacher, report concerns as they arise with your classroom teacher. We are a team to support our student learners, as well as the adults, who are supporting them at home. Our staff is ready to assist and provide resources, but we cannot help if we don’t know there is a need! At home you can assist by monitoring what your student watches on their devices and the games they play, to ensure age appropriate content is being seen. For older students, it is suggested that an adult monitors social media use and ensures what is being posted is safe and kind. Want more resources? Check out the resources at www.commonssensemedia.org

A GREAT YEAR IS AHEAD! REACH OUT IF YOU NEED HELP!





HEALTHY SCHOOLS PROJECT & FAMILY COOKING NIGHT

Greetings Sunset Families,

We are happy to announce that Ms. Alise Echele, Garden and Nutrition Specialist with the Healthy Schools Project, has returned to teach weekly garden and cooking lessons at Sunset! The VUSD Healthy Schools Project is the education arm of our Farm to School Program that has been growing healthy kids and connecting them to nourishing food since 2001. [Click here to learn more about the Healthy Schools Project.](#)

We are also excited to announce that Sunset families are invited to participate in a fun **Family Cooking Night** on **Wednesday, October 13, 2021** from **5:30-6:30 PM** via **ZOOM**. We will be preparing the **October Harvest of the Month Recipe-Ranch Hand Pepper Salad** featuring our **October** crop, **lettuce!** This delicious dish can be served alongside dinner or as a snack! [Click here to view the recipe.](#)

The class will be taught in **English** with **Spanish** interpretation. Families have the option to have the ingredient kit sent home with their student on **Monday, October 11th** or purchase the ingredients independently.

Please sign-up by **Wednesday, October 6th, 2021 by 11:59pm:**

- Click [here](#) to sign-up if you will provide your own ingredients. See recipe linked above.
- Click [here](#) to sign-up and request an ingredient kit to be sent home with your student

We will send the Family Cooking Night ZOOM link and class instructions on **Friday, October 8th.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alise Echele, RDN, at alise.echele@venturausd.org or 805-641-5000 x1310.



Harvest
of the
Month



Make-Up Picture Day is Coming Soon!



Sunset School K-8

**Make-Up Day:
Friday, October 15th**

Please attend the make-up if you missed Picture Day or if you are not satisfied with your first portrait and want to try again. If you "re-take" your photo, the original photo will be null and void for yearbook and other school service items.

Portrait Day Details



There is no need to prepay or submit any forms. Picture day is all about the portrait! Cornerstone photographers understand lighting, posing and most importantly, expressions! They will help your child create the best smile possible.

Preview Before Purchasing



Approximately 2-3 weeks after Picture Day, you will receive an email link to view and order your portrait online with a secure personal access code. You will be able to select from a wide variety of backgrounds, packages, instant downloads and portrait gifts. All orders are placed online and will be shipped directly home.



What to Wear

Solid colors, collars and detailed necklines photograph nicely. Avoid large logos and busy patterns.



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