

SUNNYSIDE SCOOP

SUNNYSIDERS SHOW THEIR PRIDE!



Important Dates

- March 2nd
Read Across America
PE Games PBIS Reward
- March 4th
CT Invention Convention Open House for
Grade 4 parents 2-3 pm
- March 6th
Tiger's Read Together Kick Off
Early Dismissal 1:50 pm
- March 8th
Daylight Savings Time (Spring Ahead!)
- March 9th-20th
Read-a-thon
- March 13th
Early Dismissal 1:50 pm
Report Cards sent home
- March 16th
PTO Meeting 6:00pm in the Media Center
- March 17th
Sunnyside Go Green Day- Wear Green
Food Truck & Farmer's Market 4-5pm.
- March 18
JA In A Day
- March 19th
Conferences 4:15-7:15 pm
- March 20st
Early Dismissal 1:50 pm
- March 24th
Spring Portraits
- March 26th
Epilepsy Awareness Day- Wear Purple
Conferences 4:15-7:15 pm
- March 27th
PBIS Shopping
Yearbook Deadline
Early Dismissal 1:50pm

Principal's Message...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring is definitely in the air! We had an inspiring and creative learning opportunity throughout February as we explored Carnevale in many cultures. I was so impressed with our grade levels floats. The partnership with teachers, parents, and students is evident with such amazing floats and parade. We hope you enjoyed our Mardi Gras celebration, as much as we did. Keep spreading that kindness. We take great PRIDE knowing our students are ready to meet the challenges in this diverse world. As you can see below, March is a busy month. We are looking forward to our fourth graders sharing their inventions during the judging on Wednesday, March 4th. Parents are welcome to browse all the inventions after the judging at 2pm.

Our book reveal will be on Friday, March 6th. All families will receive one copy to assist in participating at home. The sibling in the highest grade will bring the book home. We will include an introductory letter explaining the school and home components, in addition to the calendar of events. We are excited to share our love for reading as a school community ~ Tigers Read Together. In addition, there is a parent report from the NAESP about the rewards of reading as an attachment to this newsletter.

We are happy to partner with the PTO and support their Read-a-thon. Student information sheets will go home on March 9th. Students are encouraged to gain donations to read at least 10 hours from March 9th to the 20th. Our hope is that our school-wide read book will assist students and families to gain some of these hours. Teachers will communicate to their families how many hours they have read. Happy Reading!

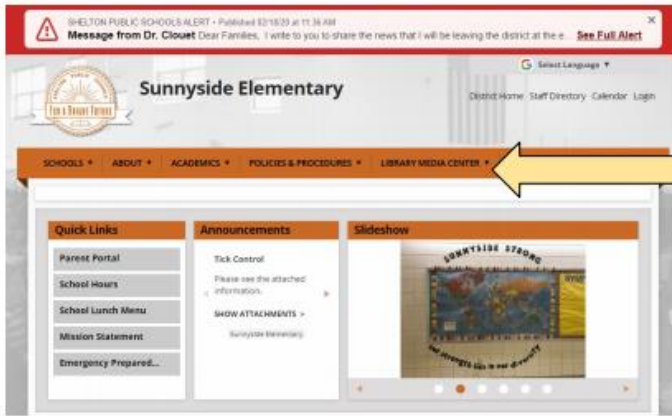
Finally, we are encouraging students to celebrate gratitude and kindness throughout the month of March with our "March Madness Matter Mondays". Staff and students are welcome to wear their "You Matter", "Look for the Good", spiritwear or school colors every Monday in March. Let's brighten up our hallways with these cheerful colors.

Kindly,
Amy Yost, Principal



How to access Mrs. Yacawych's Toolkit

Go to the Sunnyside Elementary School Website
<http://sunnyside.sheltonpublicschools.org/>



Click on Library Media Center Tab

Two choices under the Library Media Center Tab

- **Destiny Catalog**
 - Online access to the catalog of the Sunnyside Elementary Library
- **Mrs. Yacawych's Toolkit**
 - Access to many of the websites used during Library Media Lessons

PTO Message

Sunnyside Families,

Join us for our next meeting on March 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

Don't forget to order your student a yearbook!

All orders are due by March 27th. Late orders will NOT be accepted. There will NOT be any extra copies for purchase at the end of the year. Get your orders in now!

The PTO will launch our first ever Read-A-Thon on March 9th. This two week long, pledge campaign will fit in nicely with Tigers Read Together. More information will arrive home with your student during the first week of March! All funds raised will go directly into the PTO general fund.

Where does the money go?

The PTO funds many events and projects at Sunnyside and we could not do it without your participation in our fundraising efforts. Your fundraising dollars have supported the following:

- \$687 Student planners and folders
- \$322 Summer Reading program reward
- \$1580 Cultural Event programs
- \$1220 Raz-Kids
- \$265 Tigers Read Together

Visit our website SunnysidePTO.org for up to date info. Meeting minutes can now be viewed on our website.

Thank you for your support!

Sunnyside PTO

You Matter Mondays in March

We're bringing back the spirit of the Look for the Good Campaign by wearing our shirts every Monday in the Month of March. There will be a special announcement every Monday in the morning announcements to remind us of how beneficial it is to be grateful.



If you don't have any Look for the Good shirts, feel free to wear your Sunnyside Spiritwear or Sunnyside colors!

Sunnyside Elementary School introduces The Garden Club

Sunnyside Elementary School Library Learning Commons introduces a Garden Club as a part of its Makerspace. Fourth grade students have volunteered to take on the responsibilities of the Garden Club. The Garden Club meets at times throughout the year and become our resident experts in the Sunnyside Gardens. Members of the club are learning about the importance of sustainability, water, planting, and reducing food waste. Responsibilities include filling the courtyard bird feeder through the winter. The bird feeder and food were supplied by a Girl Scout Troop from Wolcott as a part of their service project. In the spring, students in the Garden Club will clean up the courtyard, tend to the raised beds and assist kindergarteners in their unit on living and non-living things. Students in the club will be able to learn about planting and growing indoors by observing our grow lights and newly purchased AeroGarden.

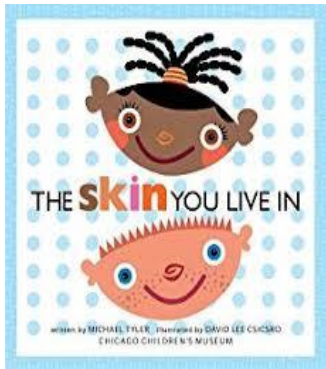
To learn more about Garden Club click here: <https://www.smores.com/su5kh>



To stay up to date with PTO sponsored events, please "LIKE" us on Facebook... Facebook: Sunnyside Elementary School Shelton PTO Visit

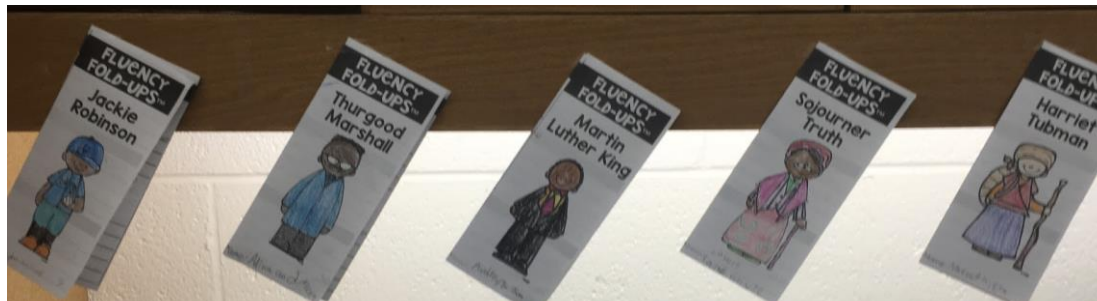
us at: Sunnysidepto.org Email:
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African American History Month!



The month of February is African American History Month or Black History Month. Sunnyside Teachers incorporate the many contributions and accomplishments of African Americans into the curriculum throughout the entire school year.

In preparation for our Cultural Carnival, Sunnysiders studied the various countries and cultures that celebrate Carnivale. This unit of study enabled students to integrate learning through art, music, science, reading and social studies. In addition, we connected our kindness initiatives into our Mardi Gras celebration by throwing “kindness confetti” to parents and friends during our parade. Learning about the positive effects that these cultures have had on our society segued into lessons on Black History Month. Students were engaged in many activities. Students explored books/ videos about George Washington Carver, the Jazz Man, Trombone Shorty, Martin Luther King, Maya Angelo to name a few. Teachers embedded nonfiction articles on Raz-Kids and Newsela that related to African Americans that contributed positively to all facets of life. Our TESOL teacher shared a book, Have You Thanked an Inventor Today?, with our classes that highlighted inventions from African Americans. Texts and lessons were differentiated for each grade level. Students furthered their learning about African Americans in our nation’s history through read-alouds, research projects, guided reading texts, and various writing tasks. They also viewed and discussed short, kid-friendly videos, which highlighted the accomplishments of many African Americans. In the hallways, our cultural bulletin board displayed quotes from famous African Americans, while our lower wing hallway displayed the achievements of African Americans. Sunnyside Strong...Our Strength Lies in our Diversity.



Cancellations

During these winter months please remember the following:

- Listen/ watch for school cancellations and late openings each day—even when the weather seems fine.
- Tune into the following TV stations: Channel 3 (WFSB.com), Channel 8 (WTNH.com) and Channel 4 (WVIT.com). You may also check these stations’ websites and click on school closings.
- Check the District website: www.sheltonpublicschools.org
- Check the information on the back of the yearly calendar for arrival and dismissal times.
- School starts at 11:05am on a 2-hour delayed opening...the building opens at 10:50am. Please plan accordingly.
- If your phone number has changed, kindly call our main office to update your child(ren)’s record.

Word of the Month

Interdependent

Interdependent is being able to work and learn from others, team work.

Sunnysiders show interdependence when they work well with others.

SPS Word of The Week

- March 6 - Ultrasound
- March 13- Dictum
- March 20 - Commander
- March 27 - Forsee

Sunnyside Videos

Jump Rope for Heart
<https://www.wevideo.com/view/1597277267>

Carnevale at Sunnyside
<https://www.wevideo.com/view/1597411192>

Attendance

The Shelton Board of Education believes that regular school attendance is essential for an effective and productive learning experience. The sequential presentation of school learning requires a continuity of instruction. The maximum benefits for each individual child can be achieved only from participation and interaction in daily activity. Regular school attendance is both encouraged and mandated.

Shelton Public Schools recognizes that students may occasionally miss school or class for legitimate reasons. These reasons, when documented by a parent/guardian/school administration/physician, will be reviewed and may be taken into consideration when a student's absences become excessive and/or chronic. Excessive/Chronic absences will warrant appropriate follow-up action by the school and may lead to loss of credit and/or promotion.

The following guidelines are helpful to know when reviewing a child's absence history...

- All late arrivals (after 9am) and early dismissals (before 3:45pm) are considered unexcused. A doctor's note can excuse a late arrival and/or early dismissal. It will be marked as an excuse tardy or excused early dismissal.
- An absence is considered excused when a doctor's note is received by the school within ten days of the child's absence.
- A child is considered truant when he/ she accumulates 4 unexcused absences in a month or 10 in a school year.
- A child is considered chronically absent when he/she has missed more than 10% of their enrolled school days.
- All absences should be called into the main office by a parent/ guardian each day the child will not be at school. Our phone number is 203.922.3021. You may leave a message on our voicemail if leaving a message prior to the start of school. Calling in absences does not guarantee an automatic excused absence.

Currently, we recognize perfect attendance per month to students with no absences, late arrivals or early dismissals.

Food Service

Did you know you could apply for free or reduced lunch for your child anytime throughout the year? Applications are available in our main office and on www.sheltonpublicschools.org. Please follow the links – District Information → School Lunch Program → Family Application. Any questions regarding this program can be directed to 203-924-1023, ext 309.

Student Lunch Accounts

Student lunch balance may be accessed through Infinite Campus. Payments are sent into school or submitted on-line through Infinite Campus. If sending money into school, please have it in a sealed envelope labeled with your child's name and classroom teacher. Checks can be made out to Shelton Lunch Program.

Fundraising

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops for Education can be sent in to your classroom teachers anytime throughout the school year. Please submit them in an envelope whenever possible with your child's name, teacher's name and number of Box Tops written on the outside. The money we receive through this program will be used to purchase supplies for Sunnyside School. The more Box Tops we collect, the more educational supplies we can buy. The class that collects the most will earn extra recess time! Happy collecting!

SHOP & SHOP A+ Bonus Bucks

Please register your Stop & Shop card on the Stop & Shop website so that Sunnyside School will receive contributions from your grocery purchases. You will still earn your Gas Points.

Directions:

1. Go to Stop & Shop website: <http://www.stopandshop.com>.
2. Click on the A+ in the upper right hand corner.
3. When you get to the A+ page click on the Learn more button.
4. Register your card by responding to the questions about the first 3 letters of your last name and your card number.
5. Continue responding to the prompts until you have confirmed the registration. Please make sure that you select Sunnyside Elementary School as your school of choice. School Code - 06217 OR Send in your 13-digit number, and the name the card is registered under, to the main office.

TARGET

Help Sunnyside School earn extra funding by registering your REDcard under Sunnyside School. Parents may register online through the Target website. Target will donate up to 1% of your REDcard purchases at Target stores and at Target.com.

AMAZON SMILE

Sunnyside School is registered for Smile Amazon. It's another reward program where the school earns a percentage of your purchases when shopping with Amazon. All you need to do is sign into Amazon through www.smile.amazon and select Sunnyside Elementary School PTO. Once you select Sunnyside School, every time you shop through smile.amazon, it automatically recognizes that charitable organization. It's the same site as Amazon, and your Amazon Prime subscription works too! The upcoming holiday shopping season is the perfect time to raise money for our school! All proceeds will help support our PBIS incentives. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3588783>

SHOPAROO

Help raise funds for Sunnyside School. Download the free Shoparoo app and start snapping your receipts. Snap pictures of your receipts through the app from any store, big or small, that primarily sell food, health or beauty items to earn Roo Points (cash donations) for your school. Whether you're shopping at a supercenter, dollar store, or local convenience store - it doesn't matter where you shop or what items you buy - Shoparoo will make a cash donation for every receipt!

SHOP...SNAP...EARN DONATIONS FOR Sunnyside School.