



# Sunnyside Scoop

Principal and PTO Newsletter  
February 2019



## Principal's Message...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe January is over. Our students worked diligently during the administration of our winter assessments. If you have any questions about your child(ren)'s performance, do not hesitate to reach out to his/ her classroom teacher. These assessments are one component of many that develop a well-rounded student. They assist our teachers and coaches in developing meaningful lesson and groups to support individual needs.

We are excited to launch and support the PTO's Raise Craze fundraising initiative. It is fundraising through KINDNESS. Students will create their own online platform (with parent permission and guidance) to invite family and friends to sponsor their acts of kindness. This fundraiser will run from February 25<sup>th</sup> - March 11<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to raise \$15,000. Last year we raise \$12,500. The funds raised will support the PTO's yearly budget and our playground fund. Students that raise at least \$30, send out 5 emails & complete 3 acts of kindness during the two week period will earn a VIP ticket to a special dance party with Mrs. Yost. In addition, if we hit our goal, there will be a special surprise for me to participate in during field day. Although we are a small school, we have a big heart. If each student raises \$65 we will reach our goal. Keep a look out for informational material being sent home mid to late February. Thank you in advance for your support.

Please note, if we have a late opening due to inclement weather, students may be dropped off at 10:45am. Unfortunately, we do not have staff available prior to that time; please plan accordingly.

*Mrs. Amy Yost*

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- February 1<sup>st</sup> - Football/ Team Jersey Day
- February 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - PBIS PE Games Celebration for January
- February 5<sup>th</sup> - CAS Arts Festival honoring Kailey Hill & Yashila Suresh
- February 6<sup>th</sup> - Global School Play Day
- February 6<sup>th</sup> - K & 1 Parent Workshop on Literacy and Numeracy concepts @ 10am
- February 7<sup>th</sup> - Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Day of Schools
- February 7<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration/Screening for incoming students
- February 8<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration/Screening for incoming students
- February 11<sup>th</sup> - The NAEP will be administered to our Gr 4 students
- February 14<sup>th</sup> - Spirit Day ~ Pink and Red Day
- February 15<sup>th</sup> - No School - Winter Recess
- February 18<sup>th</sup> - No School - Observance of Presidents' Day
- February 20<sup>th</sup> - Gr 4 Invention Convention - Parents welcome to attend @ 2-2:30pm
- February 25<sup>th</sup> - Raise Craze Kicks Off...more information to follow
- February 25<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration/Screening for incoming students
- February 25<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting ~ 6pm in the Learning Commons
- February 26<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration/Screening for incoming students




## WORD OF THE MONTH

The word of the month is **supportive**. Our students are working diligently to represent the meaning of this word in their work and daily interactions.

### **Supportive**

sup·port·ive [sə'pôrdiv]

 The activity of providing for or maintaining by supplying with money or necessities.

## GLOBAL SCHOOL PLAY DAY



On February 6, 2019 we will celebrate **Global School Play Day** at Sunnyside School. Students will be allowed to spread their toys out and play with their friends. According to an article from the American Academy of Pediatrics, "Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them."

Students can bring in toys that do NOT require batteries or electricity. **No devices.** Look around your house for board games, dolls, Legos, blocks, trucks, cars, playing cards, and jigsaw puzzles. The Learning Commons will have a variety of activities if you would prefer to leave your toys at home. If bringing items to school, please clearly label them with your child's name and in an easy carrying case/ bag.

We are excited to be celebrating Global School Play Day at Sunnyside!

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

### **You Matter Letters**

<https://youtu.be/b4Du9KvPF6g>

### **Sunnyside STEM Squad 2019**

<https://youtu.be/5sBtdbx5jjw>

### **ABC - Activity Bursts in the Classroom**

<https://youtu.be/b4Du9KvPF6g>

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Jump Rope for Heart information will be sent home soon for students in grades 2, 3 and 4. Please keep an eye out for this information. Last year's format worked out well. Students will partake in this great endeavor during the school day to maximize participation for those unable to stay after school.



## VALENTINES

The students and staff will show their spirit by dressing in **red** and **pink** on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>! Sunnysiders are welcome to bring in Valentines to pass out to their classmates! If you choose to participate, please ensure that all students in the class are included.

This will send a positive message to all involved.

Students will have time to pass out the cards to their classmates.

### LUNCH PROGRAM

Do you know you can apply for free or reduced meals for your children at **any time** during the school year? If a family member has been laid off or your work is seasonal, you may qualify.

Applications are available at [www.sheltonpublicschools.org](http://www.sheltonpublicschools.org) under District Info-School Lunch Program-Family Application 2018-2019.

### NURSE OFFICE

When visiting the nurse to either pick-up a sick child or stopping in for another medical related issue, please stop by the main office first to sign-in. The nurse will then be contacted to ensure she is available and not attending to a student's medical needs. We appreciate your cooperation in this sensitive matter.


### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2019-20

Shelton Public Schools will begin Kindergarten registration for the coming 2019-20 school year. Feel free to pass this information onto neighbors, friends & family. A mailing is going out to all in-town day care providers, posted on the SPSS website under the "registration" tab & published in newspapers. New kindergarten parents will contact their "home" school to "sign up" for this registration opportunity.

Registration dates:

Thursday, February 7, 2019 & Friday, February 8, 2019  
Monday, February 25, 2019 & Tuesday, February 26, 2019

### PTO CORNER...

 A Box Tops collection and contest is underway from February 4th until February 22nd, we will be tracking the number of Box Tops each grade sends in. Whichever grade sends in the most Box Tops by February 22nd, wins extra recess time!!!!

- Clip your Box Tops and send them in with your child in either an envelope or sealable bag with their name and **grade** on it!

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Website: [www.Sunnysidepto.org](http://www.Sunnysidepto.org)

Email: Sunnyside.pto1@gmail.com

## **Tigers show their PRIDE!**

*Ways to support our school...*

### 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 received through this program will be used to purchase supplies for Sunnyside School. The more Box Tops we collect, the more educational supplies purchased. Happy collecting!

### 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.**

### STOP & 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.

### 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](http://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 proceed will help support our PBIS incentives.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3588783>

### 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.