

SUNNYSIDE SCOOP

SUNNYSIDERS SHOW THEIR PRIDE!



Important Dates

- February 4th
Lion's Club vision screening Grades K & 1
- February 7th
Kindergarten Registration by appointment
Sunnyside Movie Night 6:00pm
- February 10th
Kindergarten Registration by appointment
PTO Meeting 6pm in the Media Center
- February 11th
CAS Elementary Arts Banquet @ 5pm at
the Aqua Turf for our 2 selected students
- February 13th
Red and Pink Day
100th Day of School
Grade 4 Field Trip- Everwonder Museum
- February 14th-17th
Winter Recess
- February 18th
Food Truck & Farmer's Market 4-5pm.
- February 20th
Kindergarten Registration by appointment
- February 24th
Cultural Carnevale Parade 2pm
Snow Day – February 25th @ 2pm
- February 25th
Kindergarten Registration by appointment

Principal's Message...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We made it through January with no interruption by Mother Nature. Let us hope Punxsutawney Phil is right with an early spring prediction.

It gives me great pleasure and pride to share that CT State Department of Education has recognized Sunnyside School for the fourth consecutive year as a School of Distinction. This distinction looks at students' academic performance and growth, attendance and physical fitness at the elementary level. I would like to thank the teachers for their unwavering dedication to our students both academically and behaviorally. In addition, to our parents for their love & support and our students for focusing and putting forth their best effort forward each day.

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is packed with several learning opportunities celebrating Black History Month, Carnevale Around the World, Mardi Gras, World Read Aloud, 100th Day of School and President's Day. I hope families take this opportunity to share about this exciting learning around the dinner table or before bedtime.

Kindly,
Amy Yost, Principal

DECA On-Air" Talent and Fashion Show at SHS

The Shelton High School DECA Chapter welcomes our Shelton families and community members to our annual 'DECA On-Air" Talent and Fashion Show being held on Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 pm in the Percy Kingsley Shelton High School Auditorium, 120 Meadow Street, Shelton CT.



Join us for an unforgettable night as we showcase our amazing Shelton High students and faculty! "SHS DECA invites you to enjoy your favorite hits of the airwaves....LIVE on the Shelton High School Red Carpet!" Modeling the latest fashion set to Pop Music, Hop-Hop/Rap, Disco, Rock Music, Roaring 20's, Country Western and Movies/Musicals! Come and enjoy student musicians and performers—even faculty fun and SO MUCH MORE!" Tickets are ONLY \$8 for students \$10 non-students and will be on sale at the door that evening and during lunch waves at Shelton High School!

Proceeds benefit Children's Miracle Network and our SHS DECA Chapter Members. A special thank you to our sponsors, Paul Mitchell School and Camillo Tuxedo!!! See you on Thursday, February 6th!!!



PTO Message

Sunnyside Families,

Join us for our next meeting on February 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

Thank you for another great year!

SUNNYSIDE PTO

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: Sunnyside.pto1@gmail.com

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21

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, it is 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:

Friday, February 7, 2020 & Monday, February 10, 2020
 Thursday, February 20, 2020 & Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Registration is by appointment only so call us to make an appointment at (203)922-3021.

Plumb Memorial Library celebrates Take Your Child to the Library Day by hosting: The Snow Sisters

The Plumb Memorial Library at 65 Wooster Street in Shelton will be celebrating "Take Your Child to the Library Day" by offering children 5-10 years old and their caregivers a snowtastic event!



This program will take place in Plumb's Meeting Room which is located beside the patron parking lot on the first floor. "The Snow Sisters" event will take place on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 1:00 PM-2:30 PM. Registration is required and will begin on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM either: in-person or by phone (203-924-1580) or through our website www.sheltonlibrarysystem.org.

Our two favorite ice princesses: "The Snow Sisters" will read a story, play interactive games and have a sing-along! After their performance, each child will have an opportunity to meet the snowy siblings and take a photo too! Costumes are welcome.

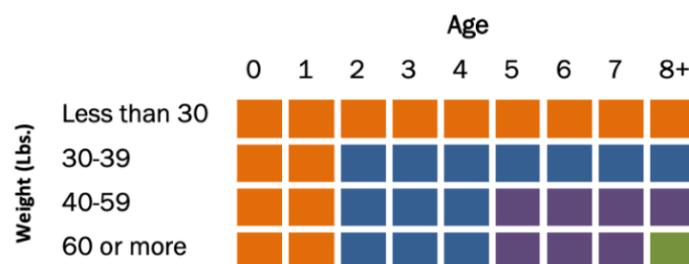
This program is sponsored by Plumb Memorial Library.

Car Seat Recommendations

The United States Department of Transportation recommends

"Air bags reduce the chance that your upper body or head will strike the vehicle's interior during a crash. To avoid an air-bag-related injury, make sure you are properly seated and remember—air bags are designed to work with seat belts, not replace them. And children under 13 should sit in the back seat."

Chart 1: New Car Seat Requirements
 (PA 17-230, § 11, Effective 10/1/17)



Category	Age Range	Weight Range	Car Seat Options
1	Under 2	Under 30 lbs.	Rear-facing seat with five-point harness
2	2 to 4	30 to 39 lbs.	Front-facing or rear-facing seat with five-point harness
3	5 to 7	40 to 59 lbs.	Booster seat with seat belt or any of the above listed restraints
4	8 or older	60 or more lbs.	Seat belt or any of the above listed restraints

Sunnyside’s Cultural Carnevale!

In Sunnyside’s tradition of learning about other cultures, we will be celebrating Carnival in the month of February. This festival is also known as Carnevale in Italian, Carnaval in Portuguese and Latin America, and Mardi-Gras in Louisiana. There are many countries around the world that celebrate Carnival, each in their own special way. Throughout the month, Sunnysiders will learn about other countries and how they celebrate this tradition.

The kick-off for the month of learning will be at our Movie Night, on Friday, February 7th at 6 pm in Sunnyside’s gymnasium. We will watch Walt Disney’s The Princess and the Frog. The movie is free to all Sunnyside families, and snacks and drinks will be sold. Please, refer to the notice that was sent home for details. Throughout the weeks following the movie, students will participate in classroom activities and prepare for our Carnevale Parade! Classroom teachers will be contacting parents who volunteered to help with the activities. Thank you for volunteering your time! We will be culminating our fun-filled month of learning with our Swamp Romp Cultural Arts Assembly.

Through Reading, Writing, Math, Music, Art, and STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math) activities, Sunnysiders will engage in meaningful, hands-on learning activities. Kindergarten and grade 1 will create masks (grades 2-4 will be given pre-made masks). All Sunnysiders will make musical instruments. Each grade level will create float. A typical Carnevale involves competitions. In an effort to hold true to this tradition, five trophies will be given out, with each grade level winning a trophy. Trophies will be displayed in the Learning Commons, with grade level photographs beside them. The award categories for floats are: Most Creative, Best use of Color, Most Whimsical, Best in Show, and Best Use of Material.



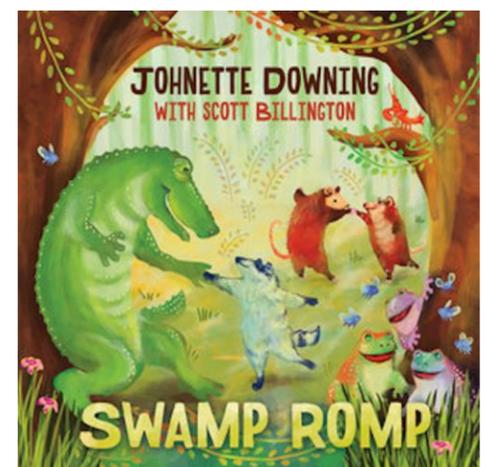
We hope that our students’ families will attend our Carnevale Parade, on Monday, February 24th at 2pm (with a snow date of Tuesday, February 25th at 2pm), as we celebrate our learning! Families and students will line the halls of Sunnyside, watching the floats, while wearing masks, listening to music, and using student-created instruments. As a connection to PBIS, the students will create and toss “kindness confetti”, similar to the candy tossing that occurs in a typical Carnevale. Please, do not bring or send in beads. Thank you.

We hope that our students’ families will attend our Movie Night and Carnevale Parade!

SWAMP ROMP! Cultural Arts Assembly

As a culminating activity for our month of Carnevale, Sunnysiders will experience a Cultural Arts Assembly, known as Swamp Romp. Sunnyside’s PTO has generously agreed to sponsor this cultural event. Thank you, PTO! This assembly will be for Sunnyside students only, on February 27th at 1:30 pm. For more information, please see <https://yamass.org/swampromp>

“Move the furniture and roll up the rug, it’s time to romp in the swamp and boogie on the bayou. Johnette and Scott’s Swamp Romp concert is a rollicking ride through Louisiana roots music from Cajun, zydeco, traditional jazz, Isleño, swamp pop and New Orleans rhythm and blues. Children and families are immersed in Louisiana culture, traditions, cuisine and dance through interactive songs about Mardi Gras king cakes, New Orleans po’ boy sandwiches, the Bamboula rhythm, Isleño oxcarts, and how to spell Mississippi River. Simple words in French and Spanish are introduced, with translations.”



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

Self Management

Self management is taking responsibility for one’s own behavior or well-being.

Sunnysiders show self management by thinking before they act.

Access Google Apps at home with student login.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZJhrr5gykWctDQ3YbhC-CKATaa6LG14WMQbBTQH_OsM/edit?usp=sharing

Lost and Found

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1oz-eXhSZzSgg7EztAzu7GnD4wV-T7zfowKEqSXSS--Y/edit#slide=id.g759976d63f_0_23

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.

SPS Word of The Week

- February 7- Dormant
- February 14 - Reversible
- February 21 - Autobiography
- February 28 - Symbolize