



# Sunnyside Scoop

Principal and PTO Newsletter  
February 2018



## Principal's Message...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are so proud of how hard our students have been working since their return in January. They have shown Tiger PRIDE on our winter assessments. In addition, they are diligently working daily within their classrooms. Teachers have analyzed student data in order to tailor instruction to meet the needs of each individual student. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, feel free to contact their teacher. Please note, if a late opening is called 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 Gost*

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Team Jersey Day
- February 5<sup>th</sup> - PBIS PE Games Celebration for January
- February 6<sup>th</sup> - PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser launches
- February 6<sup>th</sup> - PTO sponsored Cultural Program ~ Laser Light Assembly
- February 8<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration/Screening for incoming students
- February 9<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration/Screening for incoming students
- February 8<sup>th</sup> - Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Day of Schools
- February 14<sup>th</sup> - Spirit Day ~ Pink and Red Day
- February 16<sup>th</sup> - No School - Winter Recess
- February 19<sup>th</sup> - No School - Observance of Presidents' Day
- February 26<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration/Screening for incoming students
- February 26<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting ~ 6pm in the Learning Commons
- February 27<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration/Screening for incoming students



## WORD OF THE MONTH

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

### Kindness

kind· ness ['kɪn(d)nəs] noun

1. The quality of being friendly, generous and considerate.
2. A kind act



## NEW "FIELD TRIP VOLUNTEER" FORM

Because of our commitment to safety in the Shelton Public School System, it is SPS policy to run a background checks on volunteers who may have contact with our students, faculty, and staff. This is not a check on your talents or skills, but a precaution we must take to protect the children we serve. When submitting this form, you are authorizing Shelton Public School System to conduct criminal background checks on the undersigned during the service as a volunteer. The background check shall include the following components; (a) an identity and legal alias verification; (b) a national criminal record file search; and (c) a national sex offender registry search. If you have any further questions regarding this new procedure, feel free to contact Mrs. Yost

## GLOBAL SCHOOL PLAY DAY



On February 7, 2018 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!

## HEALTHY WAYS AT SUNNYSIDE

With 2018 underway, Sunnyside has created some new ways to support healthy initiatives with our families. First, our library media specialist, Kari Yacawych and physical education teacher, Gary Macek have been collaborating to create fitness videos to share during morning announcements. The first video focused on "The Perfect Push-up". Mr. Macek and third grade students worked together to demonstrate the safe and proper ways to do push-ups. In preparing for Jump Rope for Heart, Mr. Macek's next video will focus on demonstrating the many variations or forms of jump roping.



BrainFood

Next, Sunnyside Staff just launched healthy snack alternatives through video demonstrations. The purpose is to put a healthy spin on snack time by exposing students to new concepts, fruits, vegetables, etc. We will also be sharing safety tips during these quick videos. The goal is to have our families join us by recording their healthy, snack time creations as they become master chefs. As videos are recorded, we will be adding them to our existing Heathy Eating S'more...see link below.

We are excited to work as a community to make 2018 a healthy year!

<https://www.smores.com/r53px>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFeGIdj57ro>

## 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. New format this year...students will partake 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 2017-2018. Please contact us at 203-924-1023, x309 with any questions.

## 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 matter.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19



Shelton Public Schools will begin Kindergarten registration for the coming 2018-19 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 8, 2018 & Friday, February 9, 2018

Monday, February 26, 2018 & Tuesday, February 27, 2018

## PTO CORNER...

-  We have done a great job with Shoparoo; remember to continue snapping pictures of all your shopping & grocery receipts through the app!
  
-  Thank you for using the smile.amazon website for your Amazon shopping. Sunnyside School receives 5% back from your purchases. Your support is greatly appreciated. Feel free to use this avenue throughout the year when purchasing through Amazon.  
Direct link - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3588783>
  
-  Don't forget to send in your BOXTOPS!

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**Tigers show their PRIDE!**