



Sunnyside Scoop

Principal and PTO Newsletter
March 2018



Principal's Message...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are looking forward to leaving winter behind and embracing the warmer days of spring. In light of the climate around school safety nationally and locally the past couple months, I want our families to know that safety is our top priority. We work closely with the SPD and our Safety Department to ensure annual training for our staff and building reviews. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or email me. We want school to be a safe, fun environment for our students!

Sunnyside School has earned the *School of Distinction* by the CT State Department of Education in two categories (highest performing and high growth for all students) based SBAC scores for the 2nd year in a row. What a wonderful validation for our students, families and teachers for their determination and commitment to student achievement. We take great PRIDE knowing our students are ready for the future. As you can see below, March is a busy month with our school wide read, sponsored PTO events and conferences. Our book reveal will be on Friday, March 2nd. All families will receive one copy to assist by 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.

Mrs. Amy Yost

MARCH CALENDAR

- March 1st - PBIS Dance Party Celebration for February
- March 2nd - Dr. Seuss' Birthday & Read Across America
- March 2nd - Tigers Read Together - School wide read book launch
- March 2nd - Early Dismissal ~ 1:50pm - *Teacher Professional Development*
- March 5th - CE sponsored by PTO - Baryna Show @ 2pm ~ Russian dance & music
- March 9th - Early Dismissal ~ 1:50pm - *Teacher Professional Development*
- March 15th - Conferences 6-8pm
- March 16th - Yearbooks Orders are Due
- March 16th - Spirit Day ~ **GO Green Day**
- March 16th - Early Dismissal ~ 1:50pm
- March 19th - Conferences 6-8pm
- March 20st - Early Dismissal ~ 1:50pm
- March 21st - JA in A Day
- March 22nd - CE sponsored by PTO - Skateboard Science @ 2pm
- March 23rd - PTO Dance Party 6-8pm
- March 26th - PTO Meeting ~ 6pm in the Library
- March 28th - JA in A Day (snow date)
- March 28th - Kindergarten Parent Inform. Night *for students enrolling for 2017-18 @ 6pm*
- March 28th - PTO Outback Restaurant Fundraiser



WORD OF THE MONTH

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

Responsibility

re·spon·si·bil·i·ty [rə,spənsəˈbɪlədē] *noun*

1. The state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone.
2. The state or fact of being accountable or to blame for something.

MEDIA CENTER

Tigers Read Together/ Read Across America

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

WHY WE SLEEP

The average kid has a busy day. There's school, taking care of your pets, running around with friends, going to sports practice or other activities, and doing your homework. By the end of the day, your body needs a break. Sleep allows your body to rest for the next day.

Most kids between 5 and 12 get about 9.5 hours a night, but experts agree that most need 10 or 11 hours each night. Sleep is an individual thing and some kids need more than others.

When your body doesn't have enough hours to rest, you may feel tired or cranky, or you may be unable to think clearly. You might have a hard time following directions, or you might have an argument with a friend over something really small. A school assignment that's normally easy may feel impossible, or you may feel clumsy playing your favorite sport or instrument. If our students need 10-11 hours of sleep a night, think about that bed time...8pm is an average time for elementary students.

Reasons why you need to sleep... Sleep, so you can:

- 🐾 Sleep helps you grow
- 🐾 Sleep helps the heart
- 🐾 Sleep affects weight
- 🐾 Sleep beats germs
- 🐾 Sleep reduces injury risks
- 🐾 Sleep increases kids' attention span
- 🐾 Sleep boosts learning



See link for a quick article about the importance of children's need for sleep.

<https://www.parents.com/health/healthy-happy-kids/the-7-reasons-your-kid-needs-sleep/>

KIDSMARATHON

Mr. Macek is excited to share information with you about KIDSMARATHON.

Sunnyside School is currently looking for students in grade 3 and 4 to participate in this great program, brought to us by CAS (Connecticut Association of Schools). KIDSMARATHON is an 8 to 10 week training program that enables kids to complete a full marathon by running a small amount each week. The final mile is run altogether in front of hundreds of fans at a regional celebration site! More information will be sent home about this fantastic program.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



WOW!!!! Great job Tigers! As totals are being tallied, I'd like to say a huge "Thank You" to Mr. Macek for spearheading such a worthwhile event. The students were energized and demonstrated great sportsmanship. The new format allowed more students to participate and develop stronger bonds. The PTO supplied refreshing orange wedges to keep the energy levels up. Thank you again for your support. We will share the final total this coming week.

SPOTLIGHT ON ~ GRADE 3



Winter has been an exciting season of learning in grade 3! The students had a blast at our recent field trip to Eli Whitney Museum, where we used what we know about the rock cycle to sort and categorize different rocks. Everyone got to take home their very own rock collection! In math, we have been learning about how to represent fractions in different ways-ask your child to show you fractions on a number line, area model, and number bond! Our non-fiction reading unit has focused on text structure and author's purpose. Get ready to find out what's on the mind of our third graders, as we delve





deeper into opinion writing. Our students are going to make a huge difference in this world! We are very proud of all their hard work!

--Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Newman, and Mrs. Satkowski

PTO CORNER...

Sunnyside Families,

Thank you to all that were able to participate in the Yankee Candle Fundraiser...it was a success!

-  **3/16** - Yearbook Orders Due! (Visit our website for further details)
-  **3/23** - Family Dance Party 6-8 p.m. \$5 per person/\$20 per family in ADVANCE. \$6 per person at the door. Watch for flyer!
-  **3/26** - PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
-  **3/28** - Restaurant Night - Outback Shelton - Details to follow

Save the date...

- 4/19** - PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 4/18** - Restaurant Night - Bertucci's Shelton - Details to follow
- 4/26-4/27** - Spring BOGO Book Fair (During school hours)
- 5/4** - Shelton Quassy Night - \$15 per person - Details to follow
- 5/10-5/11** - Spring Plant Sale - During School hours

Thank you for your support!

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Tigers show their PRIDE!