



# Sunnyside Scoop

Principal and PTO Newsletter  
April 2019



## Principal's Message...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Birds are chirping and flowers are blooming. Sunnysiders are excited to enter the last trimester of the 2018-19 school year. I cannot thank our families enough for their outstanding support with our Raise Craze fundraiser. The acts of kindness completed and donations collected are a testament to your commitment to your children and our school. I would like to thank our families for delving into our read initiative with **Chocolate Touch**. We are excited to share some chocolate-inspired activities during our Family Night on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. In addition, some community businesses are joining us to share ways to combat those chocolate cravings. Although our book has ended, the love of reading as a family never ends. Take advantage of your local library and bookstores to continue this "family read" tradition.

Our grade 3 & 4 students will be participating in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) this May. They are assessed in three areas - reading content, mathematics content and mathematic performance task. Our testing window begins May 7<sup>th</sup> and concludes on May 24<sup>th</sup>; giving an extra week for make-up testing. Students are given extra time and may continue the following day if needed. We encourage students to get a good night sleep, arrive to school on time and eat a healthy breakfast. Our teachers and students have been working diligently incorporating higher level thinking skills and problem solving strategies into their daily lessons. They are well prepared and eager to demonstrate their skills. We have confidence in their ability to perform well.

*Mrs. Amy Yost*

## APRIL CALENDAR

- April 1<sup>st</sup> - Spirit Day - Crazy Hair Day
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - World Autism Awareness Day - Dress in **BLUE** Day
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chocolate Touch STEM Family Night @ 6pm
- April 5<sup>th</sup> - PBIS Board Game Day/ Learning Commons Celebration  
for PRIDE Behavior during March
- April 10<sup>th</sup> - Ukrainian Egg Project @ 4pm - pre-registration is required.
- April 15-19<sup>th</sup> - Spring Recess
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Classes resume
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> - PTO Mixed Bag Fundraiser begins
- April 24<sup>th</sup> - Read Across the Valley for Kindergarten & Grade 1 students
- April 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> - Scholastic Book Fair - Buy One Get One for Free (BOGO)
- April 29<sup>th</sup> - Grade 3 Field Trip to Ridgefield Playhouse
- April 29<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting @ 6pm in the library
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Raise Craze VIP Dance Party with Mrs. Yost - more info to follow

## WORD OF THE MONTH

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

### Helpful

- 🐾 Helpful means offering service or assistance.
- 🐾 Sunnysiders show they are helpful when they do chores around the house and school

## MEDIA CENTER

Gr 2 Model Magic Creatures created in Art.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZ\\_galHggZ4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZ_galHggZ4&feature=youtu.be)

K-1 Parent Workshop on Understanding Assessments (1 hour in length)

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/1342851030>

## SHOWCASE SHELTON

The Shelton Public Schools is sponsoring a "Showcase Shelton" on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Shelton High School from 5:00-7:30pm. Shelton Public Schools will be celebrating Art, Music, Innovation and Culture during this showcase. The format of the evening consists of exhibits, performances and demonstrations. There will be schools and students participating from K-12. Feel free to come out and see the wonderful opportunities Shelton Public Schools have to offer our students.

The following Sunnyside students will be participating...

*Art Show* - Redion Teodori- 2L, Caleb Hayes- 2K, Savana Ostrosky-3N, Earl Robinson-4K, Yashila Suresh- 4K

*4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Performance* - Talia Pagliaro, Yashila Suresh, Shawn Sequeira, Violetta Kushta, Sam Ferreira, Tessa Hernandez, Carlie Nooks, Aylana Jensen, ReyAna Hill, Kailey Hill, Samantha Gaydos and Julia Lawrence.

*4<sup>th</sup> Grade Invention Convention Exhibits* - Devin Mitola, Scott Szabo, Vincent O'Leary and Kailey Hill

## KIDSMARATHON

The 2019 CAS Kids Marathon kicked off on March 20th with 41 participants from 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade; this is the highest number of students participating since we started!. Training is going on in the gym every Wednesday for a half hour to strive to get 25 total miles in before our final celebration mile in Cheshire. To complete our full marathon, the 26th mile will be run with many other schools at Cheshire High School on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10am. Ore information to come.

I hope to see everyone there!



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Hi, Heart Heros!! We raised \$3,925 for our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade Heart Challenge/Jump Rope for Heart! I am so proud of all of you who participated this year and a big THANK YOU to all the donors and parents who made this event so successful!

We earned \$200 for new P.E. equipment.

### TOP FUNDRAISERS

4TH GRADE- SARAH D. \$265

3RD GRADE- EVAN D. & ADRIAN P. \$250

2ND GRADE- DYLAN C. & JACOB G \$230



## SPOTLIGHT ON



In the Learning Commons, all students are working on a research unit called Knowledge Constructor. Third and fourth grade research involves a Passion Project where students have the opportunity to create, change, inquire or be an expert at a topic of their choice.

For more information about this project, please visit Mrs. Yacawych's toolkit: <https://goo.gl/TV6V3d>

## PTO CORNER...

Sunnyside Families,

Thank you to all Sunnyside Families that participated in Raise Craze. Our wonderful students raised nearly \$9000!!! WOW! Thank you for the impact that you have made on the Sunnyside community and the greater community with your Act of Kindness!

- 🐾 4/22 - PTO Mixed Bag Fundraiser launches
- 🐾 4/25-4/26 - Spring BOGO Book Fair (During school hours)
- 🐾 4/29- PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. - Executive Board Nominations accepted
- 🐾 5/3 - Shelton Quassy Night - \$15 per person - Details to follow
- 🐾 5/9-5/10 - Spring Plant Sale - During School hours

Thank you for your support!

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**Tigers show their PRIDE!**