



# Sunnyside Scoop



Principal and PTO Newsletter  
October 2018

## Principal's Message...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are off and running! I am pleased to inform you that all grade levels have completed our benchmark assessments and getting into their full academic program of work. In addition to daily written homework assignments, please encourage your child(ren) to read and review their math facts nightly. This independent practice goes a long way in reinforcing and generalizing skills learned in school each day.

This year we had 80% of our Tigers participate in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Thank you again for your support and making reading a priority over the summer and every day☺.

We would like to welcome Shannon Porter as our new Lead Secretary at Sunnyside. We have been fortunate to have Diane Flaherty in that position over the past year. We wish Mrs. Flaherty well as she takes on a new position at Shelton High School. If you need to contact the main office, please add Shannon Porter to your email address book - [spporter@sheltonpublicschools.org](mailto:spporter@sheltonpublicschools.org) .

*Mrs. Amy Yost*



## OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	PBIS September Celebration - Playscape & Pops
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Grandparent/ Grandfriend Day
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Prevention Assembly grade K-4
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	No School ~ Observance of Columbus Day
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting 6pm in the Library ~ Childcare will be provided
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	School-wide ~ <i>The Valley Goes Pink Day</i>
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Day...Twinning Day ... <i>dress like a friend or a group</i>
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Launch of the Look for the Good Campaign
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Conferences 6-8pm
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal 1:50pm
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Field Trip to Schreiber's Farm in Oxford

## WORD OF THE MONTH

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

### **DETERMINATION**

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1. Determination means a quality that makes you continue trying to do or achieve something that is difficult.

## VALLEY GOES PINK

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. This has a special meaning in the Valley, as our community is fortunate to have the Hewitt Center for Breast Wellness at Griffin Hospital. Many of us are aware of **The Valley Goes Pink**, a community-wide effort throughout the Naugatuck Valley to create awareness about breast cancer and the importance of early detection, support the Hewitt Center for Breast Wellness at Griffin Hospital and showcase partnering organizations. To support this worthy cause, Sunnyside will host a **PINK DAY** on **Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink that day. In addition, a dollar (or what you feel comfortable donating) will be collected that day. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

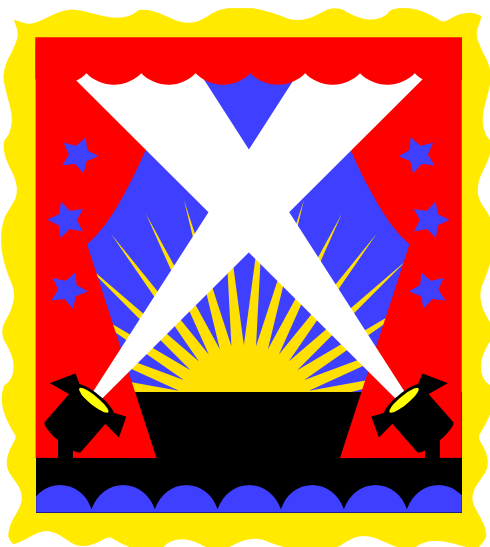
## REMINDERS

With the new school year underway, I wanted to remind everyone of a few policies and procedures:

- **School will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 3:45 PM.** Children are allowed to be dropped off starting at 8:45am. Children will be marked tardy if not in their classrooms by 9:00am. Please make sure all arrangements are in place for your child reflecting these times. FYI - 2-hour delay school day starts at 11:00am. Shortened school day ends at 1:50 PM.
- **Parent Drop-off** - All parent drop-offs are at the back door in the turn around. Please do not drop off children at the front doors, as that is our bus arrival area.
- **Notification of Student Absences** -If your child(ren) will be absent from school, please call the office @ 203.922.3021 to notify us of the absence. If we do not receive any notification of your child's absence, you will receive a voicemail message regarding your child's attendance no earlier than 10:30 AM.
- **Pick-Up Notes.** If you have to pick up your child, please send a note to your child's teacher that morning, including the time, date and name of person picking up your child. We cannot take the request over the phone. We know emergencies arise, please try your best to send in a note with your child in the morning.
- **Security System** - The only entrance that will be available for entry into the school during school hours will be the front doors at the main entrance. There is a "call box" that you will push for entry into the building, and you must sign in at the main office.



## SPOTLIGHT ~ LOOK FOR THE GOOD



We are excited to share that we will be launching our third year with the Look For The Good Campaign. This campaign runs over two weeks and is designed around the core belief that gratitude changes mindsets, reduces violence, and improves students' outlook. The program broadens student awareness to a wider range of positive thoughts and actions. Not only does this make students more constructive and creative, but it also builds life resources, which make them more resilient. Researchers report that grateful kids are happier, more satisfied with their lives, more generous, more cooperative, and more likely to use their strengths to better their communities. To gain more insight (and see Sunnyside School in action), please visit <https://www.lookforthegoodproject.org>.



## PTO MESSAGE

Sunnyside Families,

Thank you to all the families that attended our Welcome Back Picnic in September! If you missed the picnic this year, be sure to attend next year!

Our Believe Fundraiser has ended and all orders have been submitted. Thank you to all the families that have supported the PTO through this fundraiser.

Be on the lookout for our next fundraiser, Original Works! Students have completed artwork in school that can be used on a variety of items such as magnets, mugs, mouse pads, and much more. A packet with the artwork will arrive home with your child this month.

If you wish to participate in our Opt-Out Fundraising option, please visit our website ([sunnysidepto.org](http://sunnysidepto.org)) and download the Opt-Out form. Please complete the form and send it along with a check to school with your child.

This option allows parents to support Sunnyside PTO without participating in any of our traditional fundraisers.

We are still accepting PTO Membership until October 15th. Membership fees are \$15 Family or \$10 Single Parent. ALL are welcome to join.

Please send in your membership fee with your child to school in a labeled envelope or visit our website to submit an online payment.

Join us for our next meeting on Oct. 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

Thank you for a great start to the year!

### 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](http://www.smile.amazon.com). 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.com) 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.

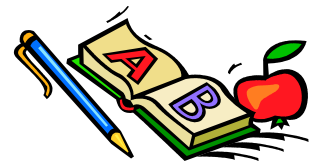
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## Tigers show their PRIDE!