



Sunnyside Scoop

Principal and PTO Newsletter
January 2019



Principal's Message...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to wish our Sunnyside families a very healthy and prosperous New Year. With every New Year, we reflect upon our previous accomplishments and set goals for the future year. The positive partnership that the school and families have is evident with our student and school success. By working together, your children gain dual support to accomplish these goals both academically and personally. We are excited to see more outstanding progress in 2019. We will begin our Aimsweb Plus assessments on January 4, 2019 through January 11, 2019. Our NWEA and Reading Inventory for grades 3 & 4 will be administered from January 22, 2019- January 25, 2019. This new data will be beneficial in setting new academic goals to meet the needs of our students. We appreciate the continued support.

Mrs. Amy Gost

JANUARY CALENDAR



- January 2nd - School back in session
- January 3rd - CAS Leadership Conference (for some STORM Students 8:30am SHU)
- January 10th - PBIS Shopping
- January 18th - Spirit Day...Superhero Day ☺
- January 21st - No School - Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 25th - Gr 4 Field Trip to Downtown Cabaret
- January 28th - PTO meeting 6:00 pm in the Media Center
- February 1st - Spirit Day...Jersey Day ☺

SPIRIT DAY ~ SUPERHERO DAY 1/18

January's Spirit Day is Superhero Day. Students will be utilizing picture books to focus on character traits that a superhero possesses. Through this work, they will see that each one of them possesses traits that they have identified with superheroes. Dress up to show everyone your superpower or dress like a superhero. Create your own superhero who has your special abilities. Maybe your superpower can help make the world a better place. Let us celebrate each other's unique talents. Feel free to be creative with colors, name, attire, etc. Please remember, students need to be comfortable and function throughout the school day.

SPIRIT DAY ~ JERSEY DAY 2/1

Help get ready for the BIG Game! Show your allegiance to your favorite sports team; this could be on the national, collegiate or local level. Wear your favorite to jersey/ attire to school on 2/1.

WORD OF THE MONTH

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

Supportive

sup·port·ive [sə'pôrdiv]

~ the activity of providing for or maintaining by supplying with money, time or necessities.



SUMDOG CHALLENGE



Mrs. Everett's Gr 4 students participated in the Sumdog's US National Math Contest. 4E Sunnyside School came in 2nd place out of 653 classes that qualified. 13,886 students participated. Our Nolan Peters placed in the top 50 - 39 out of 13,886 competitors. We are so very proud of all of our Sunnyside Tigers for their math achievement.

Way to go!

CAS 19th ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL - RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following Sunnysiders for receiving the CAS Arts Award for Sunnyside School. These students have shown outstanding ability and passion in the area of art or music.

They will be honored at an Award Ceremony on
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 5-8pm at the Aqua Turf in Southington, CT.

We are so proud!

Yashila Suresh Gr.4K & Kailey Hill Gr.4E



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.
- ✓ District website: www.sheltonpublicschools.org
- ✓ Check the information on the back of the yearly calendar for arrival and dismissal times.
- ✓ School starts at 11:00am 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.



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 under District Info-School Lunch Program-Family Application 2018-2019.

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 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, posted on the SPSS website "Registration Tab" tab and will be published in newspapers. New kindergarten parents will contact their "home" school to "sign up" for this registration opportunity.

Registration dates:

Thursday, February 7, 2019 & Friday, February 8, 2019
Monday, February 25, 2019 & Tuesday, February 26, 2019

SPOTLIGHT GRADE 3




The third graders learned fun and interesting facts about Japan. Students learned how to make origami animals, write a haiku poem, and write using the Kanji symbols. Our work was displayed in front the hallway during the month of December.

Third graders also took a field trip to the state capitol building in Hartford. Prior to our field trip, our classes researched symbols that represent Connecticut, learned about the state government, and took a virtual tour of the capitol. During our field trip, students were able to meet Shelton's Representative Mr. McGorty.

Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Satkowski

PTO CORNER...

-  Thank you to all the parents that donated items and time to make our **Polar Express with Santa** and **shopping** a huge success.

Follow us on Facebook: Sunnyside Elementary School PTO

Website: www.Sunnysidepto.org

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Ways to support our school...

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 received through this program will be used to purchase supplies for Sunnyside School. The more Box Tops we collect, the more educational supplies purchased. Happy collecting!

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.

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.



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 proceed will help support our PBIS incentives.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3588783>

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.