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Message from the Principal

March has arrived and the snow is still falling. Although most of us are ready for a little sunshine, I've enjoyed seeing the excitement that falling snow can bring to children and adults alike. As we near the end of our 2nd trimester at Sunrise, and look forward to the remainder of the school year, I'm thankful for the ways that parents and staff consistently support our students' learning.

On Monday, March 6th, I had the privilege of presenting to the school board at our annual Sunrise board work study session. My presentation focused on some of the great work we're doing at Sunrise. I highlighted our goals of student growth in numeracy and literacy, and many of the processes we're using to attain student growth this year and "close the gap" for students not yet at proficiency. The board was able to hear and see details of our core instruction, strategic intervention program, after school tutoring program, technology integration, and much more. Another topic I focused on during this presentation was the work we're doing as a positive behavior intervention and supports (PBIS) school. I highlighted our clearly

defined behavior expectations, our reward program (Soaring Eagle Tickets, Friday reward drawings, and school-wide rewards), and our behavior data tracking system. The work of the staff and focus teams we have at Sunrise has truly made this school a place of learning and support for all kids. A big thank you to all involved.

As spring approaches, we'll be gearing up for our annual state testing. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) in both Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) in May. Our 5th grade students will also take the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) in science. A complete testing schedule can be found inside this newsletter.

Finally, two important events are coming up soon. Our 5th grade Dancing Classrooms culminating event will take place this Friday, March 10th at 9:30 am. Our Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm.

Kyle Fletcher

Kindergarten Orientation

Do you or someone you know have a child who will be coming to kindergarten at Sunrise next year? It's time for that exciting spring evening when we officially begin the registration process for next year's kindergarten students. **On Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm, Sunrise will host this year's Kindergarten Orientation** in the multipurpose room. This evening is designed for both the families as well as our new kindergarten children.

In order for students to be eligible for kindergarten, they must turn five years old by Au-

gust 31, 2017. Families should plan to bring the following items to Kindergarten Orientation:

- Proof of residence in Sunrise attendance area
- A copy of the child's birth certificate
- Proof of current immunizations

This year, we will also be asking for incoming Kindergarteners to return to Sunrise at a later date in April for a short assessment.

We welcome you to come in to the Sunrise office at any time before this event to pick up a registration packet and fill it out before you arrive on the 23rd. Thanks... we hope to see you soon!

Pacific Science Center at Sunrise

On Tuesday, April 4th, our students will have the privilege of spending the day learning hands on science and math through the Science on Wheels program. A team of instructors and scientists from Seattle's Pacific Science Center will be visiting Sunrise for the day. The day will begin with a whole-school assembly where students will get an exciting

introduction to the topic of the day – *Engineering* and an overview of the day's events.

Throughout the day, the instructors will be visiting each classroom to teach various grade specific engineering lessons. Students will also have an opportunity to visit several hands-on exhibits in the library on that day. A special thanks to our PTA for sponsoring this event!

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5th Grade Ballroom Dance - Culminating Event

Through generous donations from the Enumclaw Schools Foundation and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, all of our 5th grade students at Sunrise are privileged to be part of an incredible dancing program.

This program, originally created in New York City for inner-city students, has now spread across the United States and beyond, serving thousands of school-aged students. The pro-

gram is designed specifically to foster confidence, self-esteem, respect, and teamwork added to a sense of accomplishment in a moderate to vigorous physical activity setting.

We would like to invite you to our 2017 Dancing Classrooms culminating event which will take place on Friday, March 10th at 9:30 in the multi-purpose room at Sunrise.

Sunrise Choir

Don't miss out on your chance to see our Sunrise Choir (select 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students) perform at EMS on Thursday, March 9th, at 6:30 pm. These students have volunteered their time to practice and prepare for this event. Mrs. Couch and the students are excited to show off what they've been practicing and learning.

Artwork Contest

Students have the opportunity to join in the fun and be part of this year's school yearbook artwork contest. Students will be receiving information and materials in their Thursday Eagle folders on March 9th. The contest will run for two weeks, ending on March 24th. Students simply draw and submit a picture that represents Sunrise elementary. One winner will be selected per grade level, and their artwork will be featured in this year's 2016-2017 yearbook. You can find more information and details in the Yearbook Artwork Contest flyer sent home with your child.

Snow Makeup Days

This is a reminder that school will be in session on May 26 and June 22 to makeup for the two snow days that school was cancelled this year.

Smarter Balanced Assessments

This year's Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) testing will take place in May for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Students will be asked to show their skills and knowledge through a series of computer adaptive tests and performance tasks that will be online and given via computer in the areas of Mathematics and English Language Arts. Our students and teachers have been working hard to enhance their knowledge of important state standards in preparation for these tests. Our 5th grade students will also be taking the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) test in Science as they have in previous years. For more information about these important assessments, visit the OSPI Assessment website at www.k12.wa.us/assessment. Feel free to call the school or contact your student's teacher for more information.

Please be sure your child is well rested and present on all testing days. Talk with them about the importance of doing their best to show what they know. We want your child to have a balanced level of concern. While we don't want our

students worried or stressed about the test, we do want them to be prepared to work hard and complete the tasks.

3rd Grade

Tuesday 5/2	SBA Language Arts - Computer Adaptive Test
Wednesday 5/3	SBA Language Arts - Performance Task 1
Thursday 5/4	SBA Language Arts - Performance Task 2
Tuesday 5/16	SBA Math - Computer Adaptive Test
Wednesday 5/17	SBA Math - Performance Task

4th Grade

Tuesday 5/9	SBA Language Arts - Computer Adaptive Test
Wednesday 5/10	SBA Language Arts - Performance Task 1
Thursday 5/11	SBA Language Arts - Performance Task 2
Tuesday 5/23	SBA Math - Computer Adaptive Test
Wednesday 5/24	SBA Math - Performance Task

5th Grade

Tuesday 5/9	SBA Language Arts - Computer Adaptive Test
Wednesday 5/10	SBA Language Arts - Performance Task 1
Thursday 5/11	SBA Language Arts - Performance Task 2
Thursday 5/18	MSP Science Assessment
Tuesday 5/23	SBA Math - Computer Adaptive Test
Wednesday 5/24	SBA Math - Performance Task

Sunrise Eagle Yearbooks

Recently, we sent home order forms for this year's popular Sunrise Eagle yearbook. Be on the lookout for this order form. Yearbooks must be pre-ordered to guarantee your copy when they arrive at the end of the school

year in June. The order deadline this year for yearbooks is March 31st.

Students will again submit entries of original artwork to be considered for display within the yearbook itself.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning by helping them read at home each night

Spring Break

This year, our Spring break will take place from April 17th – April 21st. During this week, there will be no school. Students are encouraged, however, to keep reading every day and build on some of the great success they've been making the past several months. Although it's important that students have a chance to take a break and refresh their minds and

bodies, please encourage them to stay motivated with various types of learning. Furthermore, students who remain consistent with good eating and sleeping habits during the break are more likely to be rested and ready for more important learning and growth once we return to school. Thank you for your help!

Next Year Plans and Parent Input Forms

We are beginning the very early stages of preparing for a new school year ahead. A part of this process is to identify the number of students we are expecting back at Sunrise next year. Soon, you will be getting a **Plans for 2017-2018** form in your child's Sunrise Eagle folder. Please fill this out and return it. We'll use this information to make projections for the new school year, working to ensure that we have the right configurations to support the number of students at each grade level.

Another, optional, part of the process is to give families the opportunity to provide input about your child that may be important for our team to consider as we put our classes together for next year. A **Parent Input Form will be available in our main office after spring break and will need to be turned in by Friday, May 12th** to be considered. Feel free to stop by to pick one up or give us a call and we can send one home.

Counselor's Corner

Over the last couple of months in our classroom lessons, we have been focusing on how to calm down. We have learned to identify a signal to ourselves to **STOP**, identify (**NAME YOUR FEELING**), **CALM DOWN**. (Ask your child about the song they learned in class ~ It's a hard one to get out of their heads 😊) Some strategies we have been practicing to calm down have been belly breathing (in through the nose, feeling their stomachs extending past their rib cages and out through their mouths), counting (backwards is better because it engages our brain differently), and practicing positive self talk. The belly breathing takes some practice but has been very successful for those students that have done it outside of our lessons when they are having strong feelings. Thank you for your support and reinforcement of these skills!

Food Drive Update

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Due to your generosity and kindness, we were able to donate 148 items to Plateau Outreach Ministries on behalf of Sunrise students from our "Love Your Neighbor" food drive in February. Check out our PTA Facebook page and the Eagle Folders to be on the lookout for more community giving opportunities in the coming months of school.

Report Cards

As we draw near to the end of our 2nd trimester of the school year, our teachers are working hard to assess your child's progress and to prepare report cards to help communicate this progress with you. Our goal with this mid-year reporting is to give an update about the progress your child is making toward those **end of year targets** for their grade level. Please watch for your child's report card to be sent home on Friday, March 24th.

Volunteering at Sunrise

We would love to have you volunteer at Sunrise. If you would like to be a classroom volunteer or chaperone for a field trip, you must have the volunteer application filled out and turned in a week prior to the day you would like to volunteer. If you're interested, please stop by the office and pickup a volunteer application.

Also, while visitors may attend lunch with a student, you must be an *approved volunteer* to visit the playground. Thank you for helping keep our school safe.

Backpack Meal Program

Each Friday, many of our Sunrise students receive food to take home for the weekend. If you would like to help, you may drop off non-perishable food items in the bin in Grand Central. **This month's request is fruit cups and breakfast oatmeal packets!**

Morning Drop-off

Please remember that our student drop off time is 8:45 am. Student supervision does not begin until then. For your child's safety, please refrain from dropping them off any earlier. Thank you.

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