



Sunset Palms Turtle Talk



Karen Riddle, Principal

Sunset Palms is an “A” rated and 5 Star School

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September 1, 2023

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office 752-1100
 Clinic 752-1121 (Nurse Linda)
 After the Bell 752-1135 (Mrs. Baumgardner)
 ESE Contact 752-1112 (Mrs. Janisko)
 Data Processor 752-1102 (Mrs. Hadley)
 Guidance 752-1117 (Ms. Marcus)
 Cafeteria 752-1156 (Kinia Estime)
 Attendance Hotline 752-1160

IMPORTANT DATES

September 4– Holiday – No School
 September 6 – Bike/Walk to School Day
 September 6 – SAC Mtg. at 2:30 p.m. in the Media Center
 September 21 – Picture Day(wear your favorite school appropriate outfit)
 September 25 – Holiday – No School

DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURES

When arriving on campus in the morning to drop off your child please make sure you pull up all the way up in the line, past the covered walkway, to the end of the sidewalk. This allows more students to exit vehicles and enter the school in a timely manner. Please remain in your vehicle during drop off/pick up.

VISITORS/SAFETY

When visiting our school, please push the button located outside of the main entrance and state your name and purpose of the visit. Please have ID ready. Please do not hold the door for other visitors; each visitor must push the button individually. Thank you for your cooperation.

DISMISSAL CHANGES

Dismissal changes should only occur in emergency situations. If you need to change the dismissal of your child, please notify the front office no later than 1:30 p.m.

CELL PHONE USAGE INFORMATION

Cell Phones must be turned off and kept in backpacks. Students may not use cell phones on campus without specific staff permission. This policy includes the parent pick up area, classroom, and all areas of the campus.

DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE SHORTAGE

The district continues to have a substitute shortage. We are not always able to secure a sub when teachers are suddenly absent from school. It is sometimes necessary for us to place students with other teachers on the grade level for the day when a teacher is absent and we do not have a sub.

DRESS CODE POLICY - IMPORTANT

We have a mandatory dress code at Sunset Palms. ALL students are expected to be in dress code daily. No stripes, patterns, designs. Please see the details below.

The policy sets guidelines for students to create an atmosphere that fosters learning without fashion distractions and safety hazards. Students who DO NOT adhere to the dress code policy will receive an area of concern on the “Follows rules/routines/directions” section on the report card. Please contact the front office if you need assistance with obtaining dress code items. Shirts with logos may be purchased through our PTA. Other school dress code items may be purchased at any retail store.

Tops – Solid collared shirts (Any color, short sleeve or long sleeve, with or without the Sunset Palms logo). The Sunset Palms logo is preferred. **No stripes, patterns or designs.**

Sweatshirts- Solid color (free from decorations and writing) sweatshirts may be worn over the collared shirts in the classroom.

Bottoms –Pants, capris, shorts, skirts, leggings and skorts (solid khaki, navy, black). **No stripes, patterns or designs.**

Uniform Jumpers – Plain solid collared shirt underneath.

Uniform Polo Dresses – Solid colors

Jackets - Solid jackets (free from decorations and writing) may be worn over the collared shirt in the classroom. Other types of jackets may be worn to school and outside, but may NOT be worn in the classroom.

Not permitted – Midriff baring, short shorts, short skirts, short skorts, athletic shorts, flip flops, open toed, open heeled or platform shoes. Dress code clothes should not be cut, bedazzled, etc. Shoes must be closed toe and closed heel for safety reasons.

Fridays ONLY – Jeans may be worn with dress code top.



- INSTANTLY ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & THREATS
- INCLUDE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS EASILY
- REMAIN ANONYMOUS

See Something, Say Something, DO SOMETHING

STUDENT ABSENCES

It is important for students to attend school daily and be on time for school. If your child is absent, please notify your child’s teacher through email with the reason for the absence. Excessive absences/tardies result in a loss of instructional time and impacts your child’s education. Students should be in their seat and ready to learn at 8:00 a.m.

SCHOOL WIDE RULES AND GUIDELINES

Please review with your child the following guidelines we follow at Sunset Palms to ensure success!

At Sunset Palms, we do things the SEA TURTLE way!

1. Be Responsible
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Friendly
4. Be Your Best

Turtle Cove Café Rules:

1. Walk in the cafeteria.
2. Talk quietly.
3. Stay in your Seat
4. Clean up your area
5. Be respectful to adults

FOOD ALLERGIES

Some of our students here at Sunset Palms Elementary suffer from severe food allergies. Some of the effects of the allergies may be life threatening. In our effort to prevent any student from having this type of reaction, please check with your child’s teacher to ensure approval of food items brought to the classroom. Many foods are made with products that can cause allergic reactions. These may include peanut and nut oils, nut butters and candy containing nuts or made in a factory that contains candies with nuts and nut oils. These products are the most significant cause of food allergy at school. Since allergic reactions may occur even by just touching a nut product accidentally, we are asking you to voluntarily avoid using nut or nut products in your child’s lunch and snack. Your cooperation will help the school environment be a safer place for all.

3RD GRADE AMP

The new district 3rd grade math books have the AMP (Accelerated Mathematics Plan) curriculum in the 3rd grade math books. Therefore, this year 3rd grade students will be exposed to the additional AMP standards in third grade and then we will make a decision at the end of third grade who will officially continue in the AMP program for 4th grade. Keep in mind that in third grade all students take the 3rd grade state assessment (including students learning AMP curriculum). In 4th grade AMP students take the 5th grade state assessment.

PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

We are proud to recognize our PTA’s achievements with the **2022-2024 National PTA School of Excellence designation!** Congratulations on earning this prestigious designation, which recognizes PTA’s incredible work as national leaders in developing strong family-school partnerships!

DRILLS

Based on state guidelines, we have 12 total drills during the school year including fire drills, tornado drills, and code red/yellow drills. Every drill provides us with an opportunity to practice our safety protocols and talk with students regarding the importance of following instructions during drills.



Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A and Scoops!

Join us for Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A in Canyon Town Center on **Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.!**

Join us for Spirit Night at Scoops in Canyon Town Center on **Thursday, September 21, 2023 from**

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.! A percentage of the sales will be donated back to Sunset Palms Elementary.

We cannot wait to see you there!

Thank you for supporting our school!

September PTA Events

- September 1, 15, and 29 - Student Store
- September 3 - Grandparents Day
- September 3 - PTA Membership deadline
- September 8 – BINGO-6:30-8:00 p.m. in Cafeteria
- September 14 - Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A
- September 21 - Spirit Night at Scoops

Calling All Volunteers!

PTA is always looking for people to help with PTA events. If you are interested in volunteering with PTA, please reach out to us at info@sunsetpalmspta.com.

Let's Stay Connected!

Visit our website: www.SunsetPalmsPTA.com
Sign up for our emails: Text SPEPTAINFO to 22828



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PTA NEWS



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Birthday Grams

Surprise your child with a special birthday gram! Gram includes Smencils, Sunset Palms Turtle, school store buck, and a sweet treat.



Grandparents Day

Being a grandparent means being a role model. They are a source of knowledge that comes from a place of unconditional love and support. Sign up your Grandparent to be a part of our PTA family for \$15. A Special Grandparent Gift and Certificate will be sent home with your child by Friday 9/8/2023.

*Deadline to sign up 9/3/2023

PTA *President's Message*

Welcome back Sea Turtles! We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to many fun events and awesome programs that we have planned this year. I cannot wait to see you all there!

Sincerely,

Ana Marin, PTA President



Become a member of PTA!

It is not too late to join PTA for the 2023-2024 school year! Download your membership form at www.SunsetPalmsPTA.com.



Student Store

Our Student Store is open for business on Friday September 1, 15 and 29 from 7:30 a.m.-7:50 a.m. at the back of the Main Hall, offering Spirit Sticks, Smencils, Smickers, Scented Gel Pens, cute erasers, fun fidgets and more. Check social media and emails for new offerings every month!

This is a student only event