



Sunset Palms Turtle Talk



Karen Riddle, Principal

Sunset Palms is an "A" rated and 5 Star School

December 1, 2023

Justin Gamelin, Assistant Principal

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

Dec. 6 – Bike/Walk to School Day
 Dec. 20 – Field Day –KG-2
 Dec. 21 – Field Day – 3-5
 Dec. 22 – Progress Reports posted to SIS
 Dec. 25 – Jan 5 – Winter Break – No School
 Jan. 8 – PDD Day – No School for Students
 Jan. 9 – Students Return to School

SCHOOL WEBSITE LINK

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/sunsetpalmslelementary>

EAST PM2 TESTING DATES

Grade KG-December 4th (ELA) and 5th (Math)
 Grade 1-December 14th (ELA) and 15th (Math)
 Grade 2-December 12th (ELA) and 13th (Math)
 Grade 3-December 6th (ELA) and 11th (Math)
 Grade 4-December 5th (ELA) and 8th (Math)
 Grade 5-December 4th (ELA) and 7th (Math)
 Grade 5-December 18 and 19 (Science)

DISTRICT POLICY/SAFETY

Students may not bring knives to school for any reason, which means please do not pack knives in your student's lunch box to use for lunch or snack.

FOOD BROUGHT ON CAMPUS

Per district policy, food brought on campus for celebrations or events **MUST** be store bought. No homemade food please.



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

See Something, Say Something, DO SOMETHING

FEEDING SOUTH FLORIDA

Thank you to all our generous families who contributed to our Feeding South Florida donation drive. We collected enough to provide 1,268 meals to those in need!!!

ID BADGES

Students **MUST** wear their ID Badges every day per school district policy. Students may wear their own break-a-way school appropriate lanyard with their ID Badge. Students may not hang any items on their lanyards other than the ID badge (no toys, pins, etc.).

OVER THE COUNTER HEADACHE MEDICINE

Florida Statute F.S. 1002.20(3)(p) allows a student to possess and self-administer headache medication to relieve headaches while on school property or at a school-sponsored event or activity without a physician's note or prescription. The medication must be regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for over-the-counter use to treat headaches. Administration of over-the-counter headache medication regulated by the FDA shall be in accordance with Policy 5.321 Administration of Student Medication/Treatment. The student is solely responsible for safely administering and transporting the over-the-counter headache medication to and from school each day. The medication must be in an original container and labeled with the student's name by the custodial parent/guardian. Parents/guardians requesting the student to self-administer over-the-counter headache medication must submit a written request to the school on Form PBSB 2683. Please contact the front office if you need a copy of this form.

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.

STEM FAIR PROJECTS

Your child will have the opportunity to compete in our Virtual Elementary Math, Science and STEM (EMSS) Fair this year! The annual EMSS Fair is an adventure in learning, and the development of a project is an engaging activity for expanding your child's understanding of math and science applications, and building higher order critical thinking skills. All students in grades K-5 may participate and submit a project for our school's virtual showcase. Students in grades 3-5 only may submit a theme project, or a team project (2-4 students per team; same grade level). First place winners in each category and grade level will advance to the district's Virtual Showcase, and all projects will be celebrated school-wide on March 1st, 2024. **Students will submit projects via Google Doc, which will be sent to all students who participate. FINAL PROJECTS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 12th, 2024.** Students have the option of completing math, science or STEM-based projects. Students can explore ideas such as aviation, green, physical science, or energy to make their projects eligible for the THEME-based category. A complete list of all the project types and categories, along with the competition rules, regulations and safety considerations are detailed in the Student Guide, which will be sent home via email by your child's classroom teacher. All projects must be a digital presentation using one of the following formats: **Google Slides (12 slides maximum), Adobe Express Video (5 minutes maximum), Screencastify or another form of an mp4 video (5 minutes maximum), PDF created from Word, Google Docs, or Adobe Express**

If your child is interested in participating in the EMSS Virtual Fair this school year, please join the **Google Classroom** using the code **t7ew2ga**. All fair related information including deadlines, project assistance, samples of projects, and required forms (including informed consent/assent and human/animal subject forms) will be available in the Google Classroom. All project-specific questions that students may have can be posted in the Google classroom.

MORNING DROP OFF PROCEDURES

STUDENT DROP OFF IS FROM 7:25-7:55 a.m.

INSTRUCTION BEGINS AT 8:00 a.m.



Happy Holidays to our wonderful Sunset Palms families! I am very proud of our students' achievements in the past year and look forward to continued academic success in 2024. Enjoy your holiday break. Read great books and talk about them as a family! Thank you for your support of our school.
Karen Riddle,
Principal



PTA Membership Drive Winner

The teacher with the highest PTA members and winner of a \$100 Amazon gift card for her class is **Mrs. Hoffman!** We would also like to recognize the following teachers whose classes had over 85% participation and received a \$20 gift card for their classes: *Mrs. Fraga, Mrs. Zaremby, Mrs. Luongo, Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Bosch, Mrs. Preece, and Mrs. Charles.* Thank you to everyone for your participation and joining the PTA!

December PTA Events

December 1-6- Holiday Shop Continues
December 8 and 15: Student Store
December 18-22: SPE hoodie and Art to Remember orders will be sent home



SCAN ME

School Spirit Items

Scan the QR code to visit PTA's online store to purchase Spirit Wear, Polo Shirts, Birthday Grams, and event tickets!

For questions regarding orders please reach out to spe.ptaorders@gmail.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





Holiday Gift Shop

The Holiday Gift Shop is at our school November 29-December 6, 2023. Check out the parent letter sent home with your child, so they may shop for everyone on their list! The Holiday Gift Shop supports our school and Toys for Tots!

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.



Wishing everyone a wonderful and happy holiday season. We hope you all enjoy time with your families and have a safe winter break! Happy New Year, see everyone back in 2024!

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 Fridays, December 8 & 15 from 7:25 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 for exciting new offerings every month! **Your child may use their birthday buck here.**

This is a student only event