



Sunset Palms Turtle Talk



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

February 1, 2024

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 (Ms. Navarrete)
 Guidance 752-1117 (Ms. Marcus)
 Cafeteria 752-1156 (Kinia Estime)
 Attendance Hotline 752-1160

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 7 – Bike/Walk to School Day
 Feb. 7 – SAC Mtg. at 2:30 p.m. in the Media Center
 Feb. 8 – Spring Picture Day
 Feb. 19 – Teacher Work Day – NO SCHOOL for students
 Feb. 22 – Report Cards posted to SIS
 March 1 – STEM Night in Cafeteria 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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.



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

See Something, Say Something, DO SOMETHING

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.

SUITE 360

FLDOE State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.094122 requires school districts to annually provide instruction to students in Grades K-12 related to youth substance use and abuse health education. The FLDOE State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.094123 also requires school districts to annually provide instruction to students in Grades K-12 related to child trafficking prevention/stranger danger and awareness. Suite 360 is the district approved program that will be used to meet this requirement. Ms. Marcus, the School Counselor, will conduct these lessons with students in February during the Fine Arts Music rotation.

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students who are moving on to the state level in the Reflections Program competition:

Intermediate Literature - Hasya Reddy Maram
Intermediate Photography - Katie Webb

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
 ****ID Badges MUST be worn daily.****

SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Parents, please show your support of Sunset Palms Elementary by completing the District School Effectiveness Questionnaire (SEQ). The SEQ is an essential tool for parents to provide feedback and support of Sunset Palms Elementary.

The Parent survey is available through Friday, February 9, 2024. Please go to <http://1.sdpbc.net/zzhjx> to complete the survey..

WASTE-FREE LUNCH TIPS

In an effort to reduce waste at our school, please send your child to school with reusable lunch bag/box for carrying a lunch. Also, please send refillable bottle for drinks but if you choose to use a single-serving container, please make sure it is recyclable. Consider placing sandwiches, muffins, etc. in reusable containers, instead of plastic bags along with reusable utensils.

SCHOOL WEBSITE LINK

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/sunsetpalms elementary>

HERE COMES THE BUS (HCTB)

Here Comes the Bus (HCTB) is an easy-to-use website and application that enables parents to see the location of their child's school bus on a smartphone, tablet, or personal computer. Please review the [HCTB informational video](#) to provide a quick product overview.

HCTB is a parent-facing application, which means that parents themselves must register to use the product. Here is a [link](#) introducing HCTB and information regarding what you will need to register your student(s).

Registration for HCTB requires some key steps, as outlined below. Before attempting to sign up for HCTB, bus riders must be registered to ride the bus. Parents will need to complete [Register Your Ride](#).

[Register Your Ride](#) requires two pieces of student information The username and password are the same as those used to log in to the Student Portal. The parent can obtain these two pieces of information. This step must be completed before attempting to register for HCTB.

The secure Student SIS PIN is required to add a student to HCTB. The PIN is accessible through the [SIS Parent Gateway](#). Parents who do not have access to the SIS Gateway will need to request the SIS Parent Gateway Letter, which contains the Student PIN from their child's school. Please contact aida.hadley@palmbeachschools.org if you do not have a SIS account.

Parents will be directed to the HCTB website to enroll in the application. Step-by-Step directions for downloading the mobile application and registering for HCTB can be found [here](#) and on Transportation Services' website.

Additional school resources are available on the [Transportation Website](#) and the [HCTB District HUB site](#).

The District is excited about the ability of HCTB to provide more timely bus scheduling information and improve the overall transportation experience for parents, guardians, and students.

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.). In the future we may begin to charge for lost ID's due to limited budget funds available.

YEARBOOK SALES

The yearbook presale continues through 2/16/24 and can be purchased through palmbeach.schoolcashionline.com ONLY. The cost is \$35 per yearbook. There is a limited supply, order one soon!

REPORT CARDS POSTED TO SIS

Report Cards will be posted to SIS on February 22. Please contact aida.hadley@palmbeachschools.org if you need assistance with your SIS account.

SUMMER CAMP 2024 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Sunset Palms Summer Camp 2024 will begin registration on March 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. online. Camp dates are June 3, 2024- July 26, 2024. To sign up, click on the link and fill out forms. palmbeachcountyschools.reg.elevo.com



Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A

Join us for Spirit Night at Canyon Town Center on **Thursday, February 15 from 4:00-8:00 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!

February PTA Events

- February 2 & 23: Student Store
- February 9: Valentine's Grams due
- February 14: Walk-a-Thon
- February 15: Chick-fil-A Spirit Night



Congratulations Reflections Winners

All of the entries were amazing and we could really see the time and energy each of the students spent working on them. Everyone should be very proud!

Intermediate Literature

- 1st Place - Micah Bartolini
- 2nd Place - Kavya Pandit
- 3rd Place - Hasya Reddy Maram

Intermediate Visual Arts

- 1st Place - Hannah Schwartz
- 2nd Place - Micah Bartolini
- 3rd Place - Kavya Pandit

Honorable Mention - Hasya Reddy Maram

Intermediate Photography

- 1st Place - Katie Webb

Primary Visual Arts

- 1st Place - Aayush Pandit

Students are moving on to the state level:

Intermediate Literature - Hasya Reddy Maram

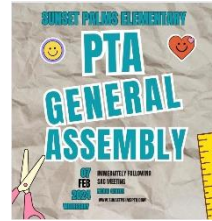
Intermediate Photography - Katie Webb



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.

PTA NEWS



Join us for General Assembly #2 on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 immediately following the SAC meeting in the Media Center!

SAC begins at 2:30 p.m.



It is Time for Our Annual Walk-a-Thon!

Help raise money for school programs and supplies by participating in PTA's annual Walk-a-Thon on Wednesday, February 14, 2024! Students can earn prizes for their fundraising efforts. Be on the lookout for emails and social media posts with details on how to register!

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.



School Spirit Items & more!

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

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



Thank you everyone for coming out to our Spirit Night at Dos Amigos in January! We appreciate your support this month with our Walk-a-Thon!

Sincerely,
Ana Marin, PTA President



Student Store

Our Student Store is open for business on Fridays, February 2 & 23 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



Valentine Gram

Valentine Grams were sent home January 26 to be filled out and sent back in by February 9 so we may have time to get them ready for distribution on Valentine's Day. Gram includes a lollipop and message to send to friends and classmates. Grams may be purchased for **\$2 each** by scanning the QR code.

Let's Stay Connected!

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



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