



# Sunset Palms Turtle Talk



**Karen Riddle, Principal**

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

November 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

Nov. 2 – Biker/Walker Day  
 Nov. 5 – Daylight Savings Time Ends-set clocks back one hour  
 Nov. 6 - Report Cards posted to SIS  
 Nov. 8- SAC Mtg. 2:30 p.m. in the Media Center  
 Nov. 20-24 – Thanksgiving Break – No School  
 Nov. 27 – Students return to school  
 Nov. 29 to Dec. 1 – PTA Holiday Shop

### WATER SAFETY

Water safety is so important for everyone raising children in South Florida, which is why we are sharing the "Be Water Smart" booklets produced by the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County. Inside the booklet, you will find great safety tips as well as locations where you can get swim lessons. Here are the links for versions of the booklets in English, Spanish, and Creole. The booklets were produced by the Drowning Prevention Coalition and its partners.

<http://l.sdpbc.net/j6vnb> Creole Booklet  
<http://l.sdpbc.net/7chn5> Spanish Booklet  
<http://l.sdpbc.net/pfqt0> English Booklet  
<http://l.sdpbc.net/z6rg8> QR Codes

### 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 education. Students should be in their seat and ready to learn at 8:00 a.m.

### 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.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE LINK

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



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

See Something, Say Something, DO SOMETHING

### ADOPT-A-CLASS

Thank you to the following additional parents and community members for your support in the Adopt-A-Class Program. Your donation to our students and their learning environment is greatly appreciated!  
 Jacob & Daniella Gerb, Brett Wright of Innovative Roofing

### 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.

### FOOD BROUGHT ON CAMPUS

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

### REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be posted to SIS on the district website November 6. Please contact [aida.hadley@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:aida.hadley@palmbeachschools.org) if you need assistance with SIS.

### 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.

### SCHOOL WIDE CHARACTER EDUCATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM

This year we are focusing on our CHARACTER through the "Character Now!" program supported by the school district. Each month there will be a student of the month selected from each classroom. The student of the month will receive a certificate of recognition and a photo will be taken and placed on a bulletin board entitled, "Hearts of Character". The below pillars are the focus for the Character Now! program:  
 OCTOBER - Demonstrating Respect  
 NOVEMBER - Being Responsible  
 DECEMBER - Being Generous & Helpful (Charity)  
 JANUARY - Being Honest and Trustworthy  
 FEBRUARY - Showing Kindness and Empathy  
 MARCH - Demonstrating Tolerance  
 APRIL - Cooperating and Demonstrating Citizenship  
 We look forward to recognizing and celebrating our students for having great CHARACTER!  
 (Dictionary definition of CHARACTER: the way someone thinks, feels, and behaves : someone's personality)

### FEEDING SOUTH FLORIDA

Our Feeding South Florida Donation Drive began on October 25 and will end on November 14. Please consider having your child bring in non-perishable food items. There will be a bin in the cafeteria and a bin by the ATB office door. You may also donate online at <https://secure.ggiv.com/event/virtualfunddrive/account/1388953>

### 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.



### A MESSAGE FROM MRS. RIDDLE

*Dear Sunset Palms Families,  
 I am thankful for our supportive parents, dedicated staff,  
 and terrific students. I wish you all a wonderful  
 Thanksgiving filled with love and happiness.  
 Mrs. Riddle, Principal*



**Spirit Night at Nicoletta's!**

Join us for Spirit Night at Nicoletta's in Canyon Town Center on **Thursday, November 30, 2023 from 4-8 p.m.!** A percentage of the sales will be donated back to Sunset Palms Elementary. Thank you for supporting our school!

**November PTA Events**

- November 3 & 17- School Store
- November 9- Last day to order SPE hoodies
- November 9 - Picasso's Painting Night -6:00-7:30 p.m.
- November 15- Art to Remember orders due
- November 29- Holiday Shoppe begins

**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](mailto:info@sunsetpalmspta.com).



**Picasso Painting Night**

Picasso will be at our school for a fun night of figurine and ornament painting. You can pre-purchase items on MemberHub or by scanning the QR code until 11/6. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our Feeding South Florida Donation Drive.

**Let's Stay Connected!**

Visit our website: [www.SunsetPalmsPTA.com](http://www.SunsetPalmsPTA.com)  
Sign up for our emails: **Text SPEPTAINFO to 22828**



**LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

**PTA NEWS**



**Sunset Palms Elementary Hoodies Available**

The 2023-2024 Sunset Palms Elementary hoodies and zip-ups are available to order now on MemberHub through November 9th!

**Please note:** We will **not** have additional inventory for sale after that date.

**Scan the QR code to order by Thursday, November 9th.**



**School Spirit Items**

Scan the QR code to visit PTA's online store to purchase Spirit Wear, Polo Shirts, Birthday Grams, and more! For questions regarding orders please reach out to [spe.ptaorders@gmail.com](mailto:spe.ptaorders@gmail.com).

**PTA President's Message**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular event! We had such a wonderful time. Our community's support is very much appreciated. On behalf of the entire SPE PTA, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. We are grateful for each of YOU!

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](http://www.SunsetPalmsPTA.com).



**Student Store**

Our Student Store is open for business on Fridays, November 3 & 17 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 new offerings every month!

*\*This is a student only event\**