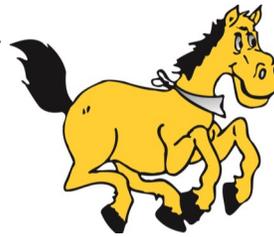


August 31st-
September 30th

Sunset Park September Newsletter

Welcome Yearlings

Hello Yearlings!!! So excited to kick off a new year at Sunset Park. Parents we need your assistance in getting our paperwork complete as soon as possible so we can turn our focus to more important things. To sweeten the pot a little bit we have come up with a couple of very desirable prizes for our Primary and Intermediate students. We will draw one name out of the hat for a KDG-2nd grade student and a 3rd-6th grade student that has all of their papers back by Tuesday, September 1st. The Primary Student selected will receive a brand new bike!!! The Intermediate Student will win their choice of Gift Cards. Also, please stay on top of immunizations as we want to ensure all of our Yearlings are safe and up to date.



Giddy-Up!!!

Thanks for your support and give us a call if you have any questions 549-7610. Let's make it a great year!!!

My Favorite Subject in School

I'm sure there are at least a handful of you out there that were like me in school. That is your favorite subject was lunch:) Well there are some significant changes to the nutrition services in Pueblo City Schools this year and I want to make sure everyone knows what those are.

First, all students will have the opportunity to have both breakfast and lunch at no charge to them. This is based on the overall socioeconomic data of the population served by PCS. For any parents or siblings joining your child for lunch the cost is \$3.00 without milk and \$3.60 with. Next it is still very important that we collect a Family Economic Data Survey for each family we serve. This data is required to help us qualify for the district-wide meal program and it is also essential in ensuring our data is accurate for the assessments and reporting that come out in the Spring. Thanks for your cooperation and Bon Appetite.

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Special points of interest:

- Please make sure we have the most up to date contact information so that we can get you information about school or contact you in case of emergency. Thanks
- **Remember that school now starts at 8:15am and ends at 3:25pm. (1:45pm on Friday)**

It's Fun To Play With the PTCA (You have to sing it!)

Sunset Park is very fortunate to have a strong Parent Teacher Community Association that helps support us in meeting the needs and providing opportunities for our students and staff. Most recently they have supported us in the purchase of another Chromebook lab and three Chromebook carts. This means that we now have a cart for every grade First through Fifth. Knowing how much we now rely on technology for instruction this is a huge support. The PTCA also helps fund teachers with classroom assistance money and fieldtrip money.

I sincerely hope that as a parent of a Sunset Park Yearling that you will consider joining the PTCA and finding out how you can help support the PTCA in providing opportunities and supporting the education of our students. There are a ton of ways you can help, even if it's just by completing the donation sheet that will come out at the start of the year. We would also love to see you at our PTCA meetings and hear your ideas on how we can make Sunset Park the best school it can be. Thanks and please give us a call at 549-7610 if you have any questions.



Thanks for the Outdoor Classroom as well!!!

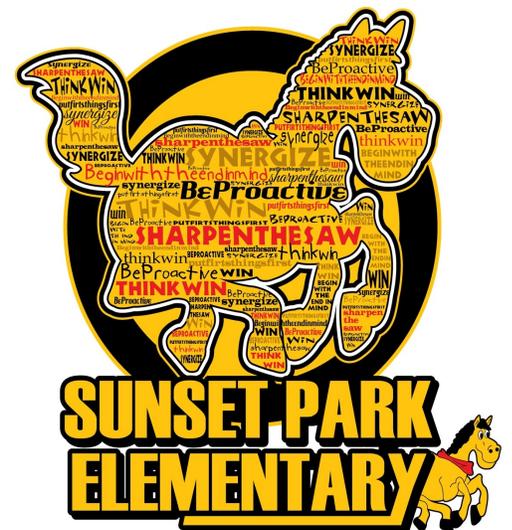
New Faces or New Places

Well for those of you parents that have been at Sunset for a while you have probably observed that we have some new folks on staff or that there are some of the staff that you recognized but they aren't where you expected them to be. Well let me help you out a little.

As for our new faces, Sunset Park feels very fortunate to have been able to hire Mrs. Katie Brown as our new Counselor, Mr. Derek Flowers as a Kindergarten Teacher, Ms. Larissa Turner as a new 3rd Grade Teacher, Mrs. Chelsea Pool is going to be a new member of the 5th Grade Team and Mrs. Candice Taravella as our new 6th Grade Teacher. Mrs. Sherry Musso is the new bright smile you may have seen in the Office and she is our new Office Assistant and attendance secretary.

Now for the familiar faces in new places. Sunset Park couldn't be more excited to say that Mrs. Leslie Ridpath will now be serving as our full time Art Teacher. I know she couldn't be more excited either:), Mrs. Trina Byrd has graciously taken over as the ESS SLD Teacher once again, Ms. Latella has moved down to 5th Grade to complete our 5th Grade Team. Ms. Debra Maxwell and Ms. Rachel Cory are both back in their roles as first grade and Preschool Teachers respectively. Finally, Mr. Greg Garner has worked really hard all summer with his support staff Jimmy and Rueben to ensure that the school looks just as good as if Ruby would have been leading the show. We appreciate his leadership in her absence and hope that she will be back with us soon.

So there you have it. I encourage you to join us soon and get to know these strong new educators that are working hard to help your kids grow.



District Nutrition Service Information

Pueblo City Schools is participating in a Universal Lunch and School Breakfast Program for the current school year (2015-2016). If your children attend Pueblo City Schools, Pueblo School for the Arts and Sciences or Chavez Huerta Preparatory Academy, breakfast and lunch will be available to them at no charge. All students enrolled at these schools may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them. Snack items and adult meals will be available for sale each day.

Studies have shown that children who are not hungry perform better in school. By providing lunch to all children at no charge, we are hoping to create a better learning environment for our students.

The school breakfasts and lunches that we serve follow U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals. The School Breakfast and Lunch Programs cannot succeed without your support; please encourage your children to participate in the school meal programs.



Conscious Discipline Where, What and Why

The PBIS/Conscious Discipline committee has recognized that often students have deficits upon entering school in regards to recognizing and/or positively acting upon their feelings. We are integrating Conscious Discipline/Feeling Buddies into our comprehensive student behavior management system. We hope this will ensure that our students will have the tools they need to recognize and constructively act upon their feelings. This will then assist the students to form and sustain positive relationships and engage in the instruction provided by our staff.

As a parent quiz you might be able to ask your child about being helpful or safe at school. Ask them if their room has a safe place, how the time machine works or who Sparky is. If your child is a 5th grader see what type of job they are interested in doing for the Sparky Corporation. All of these strategies are intended to help students solve problems, be good citizens and feel connected to school. We welcome your input on how we can improve as we navigate this process.

People don't remember how you looked, how fast or tough you were, but they do remember how you made them feel about themselves.

Artsy Requests

Hello! I am Mrs. Ridpath and I have been a 5th grade teacher at Sunset Park for the past 6 years. This year, I am very excited to be taking on a new and exciting role as an Art Specialist. I have received my Masters in Art Integration and have recently become highly qualified to teach art. I will meet with all grade levels once a week to explore the elements and principles of visual arts. If you have any old magazines, paper grocery bags, used or unwanted art books that contain examples of art including old masters, contemporary, modern, and impressionism would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, any spare or used art supplies including, paper, crayons, markers, etc. will be put to good use. Thank you and I am looking forward to introducing your child to the world of art.



Local Artist Dorothy Mendoza