

# January 2018 Newsletter

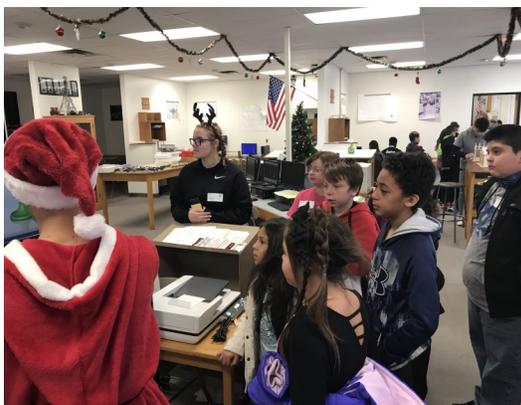
Go Big, Work Hard & Be Good

January 3rd-  
February 2nd

## Keep Up The Good Work Yearlings!!!

Sunset Park is really making progress toward our school wide WIG! Sunset Park had 95.2% attendance for August through December 2017 and this may improve slightly once a few adjustments are made. Not only are our kiddos attending at a rate much higher than the district our Chronic Absenteeism is dropping as well. Our rate dropped 6.1% in November and 2.2% in December as compared to last year. Great job parents and kids.

The celebrations of positive attendance have been a blast. The spirit days have been a hoot and our awards recess time is magic! Most recently all of our students in KDG-5th received a Pizza Party and our 3rd-5th attended a CTE, Career and Tech Education, field trip to South High. They met the State Championship Football Team, the cheerleaders and many other South Leaders showing our students what they have to look forward to in the future. What a great opportunity and we hope to bring even more students to the next one.



South students demonstrating some of the CTE opportunities for our Yearlings.

## Morning Mayhem

As I'm sure it is quite clear Sunset Park wasn't originally designed to have 400 or so students getting dropped off every morning. There have been improvements that have helped some, such as the drive through pick up/drop off loop, but overall University Circle is just that and there is only so much that can be done with such large numbers of students. This being said, we want to do all we can to keep out young Yearlings safe. One thing we believe will help is to start pulling the cable across the staff parking lot. It is already clearly marked that it is not for pick up or drop off, but has been used as that for many over the years. We will add flagging to the cable so it is more noticeable and will be closed from 8-8:30ish. Here are some additional things that we believe can help and we appreciate you sharing this information with any other people that may be picking up or dropping off your children over the course of the year. Thanks for your cooperation and support.

**Follow all signs and mind your speed**

**Always yield to children and pedestrians in crosswalks.**

**Always pull to the right in the drive through and never drop children off in the crosswalks.**

**Don't park and leave your vehicle in the drive through or block the entrance when parking**

### Special points of interest:

- For celebration day on Friday, January 26th please look for information from your child's teacher. This will look different at each grade and will be tailored to meet the specific needs and/or creativity of those students.
- If you haven't checked it out there is a lot of good information available on the Sunset Park Website and the students do a great job of showcasing highlights for the day and week on the video announcements. It is only a minute of so and worth the time.
- The second DAC Meeting is January 3rd at 6:00 PM at the Administration Building. Thanks to our 3 special ladies that attended the first one.
- Before and Afterschool READ Groups will begin Monday, January 29th. Look for the permission slip coming home and give us a call if you have any questions. 549-7610
- Let's make 2018 AWESOME!!!!