

# Sunset Park September Newsletter

September  
3rd-30th

*Special points of interest:*

- We sure hope you can join us for our first 7 Habits of Successful Families Night on Wednesday, September 11th from 5:30-7:00 in the Sunset Park Media.
- Mark your calendars for National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 2nd.
- Say Cheese!!! Picture Day will be Wednesday, September 25th.
- Please consider joining the Parent Lighthouse Team. The first meeting is after school on Wednesday the 4th of September.
- The Fall Festival will be held on Thursday, October 3rd. Keep an eye out for more information.
- Thanks for getting us back your beginning of year paperwork. I hope you have signed up for classtag and received your Parent Portal access.

## Off and Running...

Talk about hitting the ground running... We have certainly done that so far at Sunset Park and thanks to our community for keeping up the pace! We have DIBELs tested every KDG-5th grade student to see how we can best meet their needs in regards to literacy. We have Benchmarked every 2nd-5th grade student in Math and ELA and 5th Grade in Science as well. This too will help us meet the student's specific needs. We have opened up three full day preschool programs. We've celebrated the accomplishment of achieving Lighthouse status for the Leader in Me program. We've found Gingerbread men, survived some record temps and set the stage for a successful first quarter.

Sunset Park is very excited to share with you that through the hard work of our students, teachers and families we have maintained our School Performance Framework rating of being a "Performance" School. We increased our score from the previous year from 55.3 to 63.4. The school Performance Framework is a reflection of a school's ability to meet the achievement and growth needs of the 3rd-5th grade students and includes how desegregated groups perform as well as long as there is at least 20 students in that particular group. (Ex. Minority, Free & Reduced Lunch or Students with Disabilities)

Do you want to know what the number one factor in regards to student success was??? Yep, you guessed it, Attendance. Students that had 10 or more absences were half as likely as a student that had less than 10 absences to be Meets or Exceeds on the CMAS assessment. The good thing about that is that we can improve our attendance. Let us know what we can do to help you and your family if you're having difficulties with making it to school regularly and on time. We will do all we can to support:)



Thanks for a great start!

## Student Safety

So just a couple of items in regards to student safety as we move forward. Please know that we take student safety very seriously. If you are ever asked to show a picture id before we release a child to you know that it is to keep our kids safe as we have many new faces here this year. Also, when using the drop off lane, please do not leave your car unattended. Please always pull to the right to drop off and do not drop off in the cross walks. Finally, always mind your speed when around kiddos. Thanks a bunch.

In regards to the heat in some of our classes. Hopefully mother nature will start to help out some. We are looking into our electrical capacity to support more coolers at this point as well as some other options. Please do not purchase any more coolers at this time as I believe we have maxed out our electrical system and I do not want anyone to waste their hard earned money. We will continue to supply cool water and let students go to the filling stations as needed.