

**Our mission at Sunnycrest Elementary, in cooperation with parents and community, is to support academic excellence, honor diversity, and provide a safe and empathetic environment where all students learn and become successful citizens.**

September 15, 2009

Dear Sunnycrest Families:

We did it! We unpacked 10 semi-trailers full of furniture, classroom libraries, and curriculum; we successfully hosted Open House in tandem with several construction contractors and crews; and we experienced the smoothest first day ever. Wow! I would like to sincerely thank all Sunnycrest staff for their long hours, weekend-work, and commitment to a clean and orderly campus. I would also like to thank all of you for your continued support and patience as we finalize recess and lunch schedules, establish our classroom routines, and learn the logistics associated with our new building.

The first few weeks of September are my favorite, for the energy and excitement associated with both the first days of school and a new school year are overwhelmingly positive and validating. During the first few weeks of September, Sunnycrest is committed to building successful relationships with every child, establishing trust with students and parents, creating effective thinking environments in all classrooms, and getting to know your child as a reader, learner, and thinker. Conversely, students are learning how to be thoughtful and reflective. They are learning that their new classroom is a forum for exchanging ideas, discussing issues, and making connections to the world in which they live. I encourage all of you to inquire about and discuss the learning your child experiences on a daily basis—perhaps during dinner, as a part of your child’s bedtime routine, or immediately following the school day.

September is also when we host curriculum night; a reminder that curriculum night is next Tuesday. Curriculum night allows parents to better understand instructional goals, teacher expectations, and the specific details of your child’s classroom. Please know that curriculum night is an “adult’s-only” event.

Sunnycrest is truly a great place to learn, and I welcome your calls, emails, and questions. I wish you the best in this fall season and look forward to continuing a great year.

Warm Regards,

Tim Haines  
Principal

**Sunnycrest Schedule  
of Events!**

**September 22:**

Picture Day  
Curriculum Night 6:30-7:30  
First Day of Autumn

**September 30:**

One Hour Late Start

**October 16:**

No School! Teacher Training  
Day

**October 26-30:**

Conference Week  
All students released at 1:00

**October 29:**

Late Night Conferences

**October 31:**

Halloween

**November 1:**

Return to Standard Time

**November 11:**

No School: Veteran’s Day