

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 29, 2009

Dear Sunnycrest Families:

The month of September has definitely been an exciting month. Learning to operate new classroom technology, learning how to expedite our lunchroom procedures, and explaining self-flushing toilets to our kindergarteners are just a few of the memories September has brought.

More importantly, September was about getting to know your child as a learner and as a thinker. During the first few weeks of September, along with establishing predictable structure and routines, teachers are assessing all students in literacy and math to create comprehensive and individualized learning programs. It is impressive work and time intensive. Thank you, Sunnycrest staff.

Lastly, September brought scores of new kindergarteners to Sunnycrest! With kindergarten enrollment significantly exceeding projections, a new session of kindergarten was added yesterday. So a big fulltime welcome to Mrs. Carter, our new PM kindergarten teacher. Additionally, thank you to the parents and children impacted by this late addition. We know this decision affects daycare plans and job routines, but we are excited to offer smaller kindergarten class sizes of 21 compared to kindergarten class sizes of 27!

**Sunnycrest Schedule
of Events!**

September 30:

One Hour Late Start
PTA Meeting @ 3:45

October 16:

No School! Teacher Training
Day

October 26-30:

Conference Week
All students released at 1:00

**NO 1/2 DAY
KINDERGRTEEN!**

October 29:

Late Night Conferences

October 31:

Halloween

November 1:

Return to Standard Time

November 11:

No School: Veteran's Day

Late Start Reminder

Tomorrow will be the first of several late start Wednesdays. This Wednesday, Sunnycrest staff will engage in thoughtful conversations pertaining to building safety, literacy instruction, and our new math curriculum. Remember, your child's school day will begin at 10:20. Furthermore, our AM kindergarteners will be released at 12:30 (instead of 12:00) and our PM kindergarteners will begin at 1:20 (instead of 12:50). Dismissal time remains at 3:30. If you have any questions, please call our office.

Voicemail

All Sunnycrest staff now have voicemail! If you need to leave a message for your child's teacher, please call 425-335-1535 during normal business hours (7:45-4:30); your call will be forwarded to your child's teacher's voicemail. Please know that staff is not available to take calls during the student portion of the day (9:20-3:30), so you will be prompted to leave a message.

If you would like to leave a message for me, my direct line is 425-335-1547.

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Construction Updates:**North Lot Construction**

An underground tank directly under our pathway to the parent pick-up (north lot) is unexpectedly being removed (Hence the three gigantic excavators in the north lot!). Students are temporarily being redirected via the west side of the cafeteria (the paved walkway). As I write this, I am uncertain as to when this project will be completed. However, parent pick-up remains in our north lot.

- Please remember our north lot becomes congested quickly. Drive with extreme caution at all times.
- Please do not beckon children to your vehicle. Either pick them up directly from the curb in your vehicle or personally walk them to your vehicle if you are parked in the north lot. Thank you!
- Always pull forward (as far east as possible) to help minimize backups on 99th.

Your support, patience, and caution are greatly appreciated.

Heat

The new software that runs our heating system is learning the new building—translation: some rooms are cooler than others. I encourage you to dress your children in layers. Mornings can be cool but quickly turn into warm afternoons.

Enjoy the cooler days of autumn and the beauty of the season.

Respectfully,

Tim Haines
Principal