

Sunnycrest Elementary

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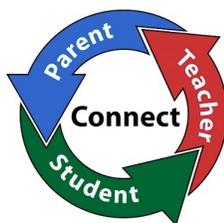
Dave Bartlow, Principal

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Dear Parents:

Parent-Teacher conferences for Sunnycrest will be October 26th through 30th. This is a great time for us to check in again with each other to talk about how things are going. In our current distance learning model what is working for **your child? What hasn't worked well? What accommodations can be put in place to better support the student and the family?** Each family has different circumstances they are working under and we want to fully understand how we can individualize the instructional program, as much as we can, to best support each student. We will also be talking about your child's progress. Your participation in this conversation is key to providing the best support possible.

Typically during conference week when we have students in the building we dismiss early to have conferences. Teachers spend the afternoon meeting with parents and students do not have school. So we will continue that tradition in a distance learning model. **We will not be creating lessons or assignments for students in the afternoon. Students will not have any instructional videos.** In the morning we will follow our regular schedule and hold our live meetings.



It is okay for our students to take a break in the afternoon from their regular work routine. They have been working hard and it is good to take the afternoon time to recharge their batteries. **If you think they need some work they can always continue their journal writing, read to self, and work on their iReady math and reading assignments.**

On Monday afternoon teachers will be preparing for conferences. **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons teachers will be conferencing with families.** On Wednesday teachers will be planning and preparing for instruction for the first week of November.

We look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership so we can support both your student and you during this unusual and difficult time. As always, we appreciate everything you are doing to support learning in your home. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Dave Bartlow, principal

Attendance

It is essential that students engage and participate, daily, in as many live activities and on-demand assignments as possible. Participation and engagement are not optional.

Live sessions are critical to learning. Families should first prioritize their children's scheduled live sessions. If students are not able to attend daily, live instruction opportunities, they can meet attendance requirements by completing work at other times of day through Seesaw. There they can watch on-demand instructional videos and complete assignments.



How will attendance be taken during Distance Learning? Attendance will be taken daily during Distance Learning, [following guidelines from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction](#), to monitor student instructional time, and to proactively support student engagement.

We recognize that family schedules and situations vary, and our [student learning schedules](#) are as flexible as possible. Student absences will not be used in a punitive manner, and are not tied to grades.

When will attendance be taken? Teachers will take attendance for the previous day. For example, attendance posted on a Tuesday morning will reflect student participation from Monday. Friday attendance will be posted on Monday. This allows our families who have differing work schedules and whose students may complete work later in the evening to still be counted as present.

Ways to show attendance: Students will be counted as present for the day if they do any of the following:

- Participate in their scheduled live sessions
- Engage in an activity or assignment within Seesaw
- Turn in an assignment
- Engage with their teacher about the day's learning through email, phone call, etc.

If your child has been absent: Please contact the school to let us know, 425-335-1535 or email our attendance secretary, [DeeDee](#).

Veterans Day Photos

During distance learning we will not be able to hold our usual Veterans Day assembly. **We would like to honor the veterans of our Sunnycrest families during an upcoming edition of The Sunnycrest Scoop.** During The Scoop we would like to share a slideshow of pictures of our veterans. **If you have a veteran that you would like recognized please send a photo along with the veteran's name, rank and your student's name.** You may send these photos to: TheSunnycrestScoop@lkstevens.wednet.edu.

We need all photos by this Sunday, October 25th. Thank you for helping us acknowledge the service of our veterans.



One of the nice things about Seesaw is students and parents have everything in one place. As a parent it is very transparent on how your child is doing. You can go to your child's journal and see each activity or assignment that s/he has completed. You can read or hear the feedback that your child received on many assignments. You can follow the conversation between your child and his/her teacher about his/her understanding of a lesson. When learning was in person you had to rely on the Tuesday envelope or folder to come home and you didn't have access to very much feedback about the work. Now you can access it all online. Check out this video about the [Seesaw Family App](#) that is available.

Upcoming Events



- 10/26 - 10/30 Conference Week
- 10/27 Pumpkin Carving and Decoration Contest Entries due (see below)
- 11/1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
Fall back one hour!
- 11/11 Veterans Day—No School
- 11/19 PTA Meeting 4:00 PM (Virtual)
- 11/20 [Yearbook Cover Contest](#) ends (← click link)
- 11/26 Thanksgiving—No School

Whiteboard marker getting faint?

Pick up a new one any time during library book curbside check out!

**Tuesdays 1-3 PM,
Wednesdays 3-6 PM,
or Thursdays 1-3 PM.**



Sunnycrest PTA

Invites you to join our virtual

Pumpkin

Carving & Decorating



Contest



Get creative! Carve and paint your way to your Perfect Pumpkin. From now until October 27th, email your Perfect Pumpkin photo with students name and grade to LSSunnycrestPTA@gmail.com.

We will announce 2 winners from each grade on October 28th. Prizes will be dropped off on your porch on the 29th and 30th.

