Sunnycrest Elementary

Sunnycrest Elementary School is an outstanding place to learn and be. Our dedicated staff is committed to the academic, social, emotional and behavioral success of every child. Sunnycrest teachers provide rigorous and challenging instruction that promotes both thinking and learning. We have a strong sense of community and we look forward to continuing to provide an optimal learning experience for every child.

Accomplishments

In 2008, Sunnycrest Elementary School was named a School of Distinction for outstanding student achievement in the areas of both math and reading. Only 53 public schools (out of 2,281) received this distinguished award, and we were very honored by this recognition. Each year, we continue to celebrate the great learning that is happening at Sunnycrest. Our test scores continue to exceed state averages and our students continue to make impressive academic strides.

Academic Focus

For the 2013-14 school year, we will continue to focus heavily on reading, writing, math and science. We will continue to utilize student test data to make well-informed instructional decisions designed to best meet the individual needs of every learner. Furthermore, we will continue to build successful relationships with every child, while creating effective thinking environments. Students will continue to learn how to be thoughtful and reflective. They will use their classroom as a forum for exchanging ideas, discussing issues and making connections to the world in which they live.

How You Can Help

Be involved—join us! We encourage you to be involved in your child’s education. Our pledge is to work closely with our students’ families and the community. We will continue to host monthly Family-Fun Nights, partner with our PTA, provide learning workshops for parents and reach out to involve our greater community.

You can be involved by attending school activities and events, volunteering at our school and taking an active role in your child’s education. Reading for 20 minutes on a daily basis is one of the easiest and best ways to share valuable time with your student and foster a love for learning. Communicate with your child’s teacher so together you can provide him or her the best education possible!

About Our Students

We believe that every student is capable and deserving of the best possible educational program. We view the school as the place for each child to receive an excellent education and lifelong skills. We stress the importance of regular attendance, promptness, responsibility for work and decision making and behaving in a positive and cooperative manner.

After school activities and clubs are offered to encourage student exploration in the arts and sciences.

Sunnycrest students had .5 percent unexcused absences in the 2012-13 school year.

Supplementary Programs

The following data reflects the percentage of Sunnycrest students benefiting from supplemental programs:

- Free or Reduced Meals: 26.5%
- Special Education: 11.4%
- Transitional Bilingual: 7.5%*
- Highly Capable: 22 Students
- Average Class Size: 26

*Interpreting services are provided for all of our non-English speaking families during conference week.

Student Ethnic Composition

- American Indian: 3%
- Asian: 6.5%
- Pacific Islander: .3%
- Asian Pacific Islander: 6.8%
- Black/African American: 2.7%
- Hispanic: 11.5%
- White: 70.7%
- Two or more races: 8.0%

(Totals will not equal 100%)
About Our School Building
During the 2008-09 school year Sunnycrest was completely modernized. The school is now virtually new with new windows, carpets, interior and exterior painting, mechanical systems placed in raised ceiling areas, reinforcement work to bring the building up to seismic code, ceiling windows to allow for additional light and a new office entry. Additionally, every classroom was fitted with a ceiling-mounted projector and additional technology to enhance student learning.

Sunnycrest was originally built in 1969 on a 15 acre site that exceeds the state’s standards for an elementary school. There are 710 students in kindergarten through fifth-grade. Our school includes 25 classrooms, a multipurpose room, gymnasium, library and music room. There are four portable classrooms. The practical capacity for the building is 574 students and the total building size is 44,285 square feet.

About Our Financial Resources
For the 2013-14 fiscal year the general fund budget revenue totals $74.9 million.

The school board has set a minimum budgeted ending fund balance of 5 percent of expenditures that is necessary to accommodate normal cash flow.

Approximately 74.1 percent of the revenue comes from the state for basic education and special programs. The state provides an average of $5,421 per full time student to Lake Stevens School District. All I-728 (class size) funding has been cut from the state budget.

A total of 19.6 percent of the revenue comes from the citizens of the community through the levy of voter approved taxes and various fees and donations.

Washington State/District Assessment Plan
In the spring of 2013 students in grades three through five took the Measurements of Student Progress. These are standards-based assessments of reading, writing, math and science. Students must demonstrate proficiency or mastery in order to meet standards in each area. The tests use a combination of multiple choice, short answer and essay responses. You may refer to the district’s website at www.lkstevens.wednet.edu and click on “Our District” and “Reports” for a comprehensive district and individual school report card.

All district students grades K-5 were assessed on reading, writing and math target skills through benchmark assessments. Additionally, all elementary students participated in the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills assessment to measure major literacy skills. Information gathered from these assessments enable teachers to tailor instruction to meet individual student’s strengths and growth opportunities. Progress on skills is monitored over the course of the academic year.

Measurements of Student Progress: Percentage Meeting Standard

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Sunnycrest Eagles

About our Staff
There are 37 certificated teachers and support professionals assisted by 10 paraeducators and support staff guided by one principal. Additionally, all district buildings are also supported by custodians, grounds, maintenance and technology personnel. On average Sunnycrest teachers have 13 years of teaching experience and more than 75 percent have a master’s degree. All Sunnycrest teachers and paraeducators meet the highly qualified designation as outlined by the federal No Child Left Behind law.

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