



# Sunset Hills Elementary School

## October 2017 Newsletter

### Message from Administration

“Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding.”

-Robert John Meehan

#### October Focus to Reach Each and Every Student:

- Students feel pride in their knowledge gain and accomplishments, and they are motivated to continue progress toward the goal.
- Students' perceptions of acceptance and sense of community are enhanced as a result of understanding of students' interests and backgrounds.

We are proud to announce our recognized staff members for the month of September.

Instructional: Keisha Gabriel-Alvarez 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Support Staff: Cris Matos, Data Management Tech (DMT)

### From the Office Staff

#### Important dates and events to remember:

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Reminder: Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, is a regular school day...it will no longer be a non-student day.

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> – Is an Astro skate day 3-5pm

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - is the PICTURE DAY...Please mark in your calendar



## Parent/ Teachers Association Memo

### PTA GENERAL MEETING

October 3rd 2017, 6 PM to 7PM

Join us in the Media Center.

All public welcome. Agenda will include Information on all our events planned for the year. You will have the opportunity to join if you haven't already. Members will get to vote on this years projected budget and calendar of activities. Discussion and ideas may also be shared.



Trunks of fun will be lined up, all decorated in literature themes! Students may choose to dress up as their favorite literary character (or not) and attend. Be sure to visit each trunk to get a treat! No RSVP needed! No fee!

All trunk applications must be in by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Approval will come by email to each applicant. Trunks should provide their own treats.

### LITERARY TRUNK OR TREAT

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 5 PM to 7 PM

Join us in the school parking lot.

### OTIS SPUNKMEYER FUNDRAISER

SALES- September 28<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>

Orders MUST be returned by the 13<sup>th</sup>.

PRODUCT ARRIVES BEFORE THANKSGIVING.



### ASTRO SKATE 10/20/2017 3PM- 5 PM

ALL STUDENTS MAY JOIN US. THOSE STUDENTS WHO WILL RIDE THE ASTRO SKATE BUS TO ASTRO SKATE MUST RETURN THE BUS RIDER SLIP BY WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>. NO LATE SLIPS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR BUS RIDERS. ALL WALK IN ATTENDEES MUST PAY AT THE DOOR AND BE SIGNED IN AT THE DOOR BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 5:00 PM AND MUST BE SIGNED OUT BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN. PARENTS MAY JOIN

US! Food is not provided but you may send money with your child. We are not responsible for your child's extra money.

### FALL CARNIVAL SATURDAY Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

Front Parking lot. More info to come!

Contact Abby Laatz if you'd like to donate or sponsor activities during the Carnival OR if you can volunteer at an activity during Fall Carnival.



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### GOODIES WITH GRANDPARENTS

November 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 8 AM to 8:35 AM

Join us in the Multi-purpose Room.

Grandparents join students for a light snack before students head to class. All students must have a Grandparent or Grand parent figure to attend. All unattended students must go to the cafeteria, where regular breakfast is

provided. Coffee, Juice, Fruit and a pastry will be served. No RSVP needed. No Fee! Several serving stations will be running to make sure your students make it to class on time!

### Volunteers & Business Partners

Volunteering hours are up. Great job Sunset Hills Volunteers! It has been fantastic to see so many familiar faces as the year begins. It is equally exciting to meet so many brand new volunteers.

This year we have adjusted our systems to follow the district protocol. All volunteers on campus must be active in our system. You must go through the office and sign in with an approved ID. If you have not yet activated your volunteer profile this year, please do so as soon as possible. If you need help in doing so contact



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## Student Celebrations the RAYS WAY: Mr. Smith

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*"I pledge myself to C2C, respect and responsibility. Honesty and motivation, too, I'll use these traits in all I do!"*

The monthly character words appear every morning on the news show and are included in each newsletter.

**October-Cooperation**-Getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal.

**November-Citizenship**-Being law abiding and involved in service to school, community and country.

## Sunset Hills Elementary Attendance

**August** Attendance = 84% of all students have attended 90% of the school year.

Our Goal = 90% of all students attend 90% of the school year each month.



91% 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



88% 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



85% Kindergarten



82% 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

81% 1<sup>st</sup> Grade



78% 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Way to go 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!



**SUNSET HILLS ELEMENTARY**  
**OCTOBER 23- 31st 2017**

-  **Monday- Red Ribbon Kick Off**  
Wear RED! Celebrate being drug free!
-  **Tuesday- Twisted Tuesday**  
Be twisted without Drugs! Wear it backward!
-  **Wednesday- Be a Hero!**  
There is a hero in you! Dress like a hero!
-  **Thursday- Stay cool. Say no to Drugs**  
Beachy keen and too cool for Drugs!
-  **Friday- Sunset Stingray SPIRIT!**  
Wear your spirit gear!



## Science Power Words District Initiative

Parents,

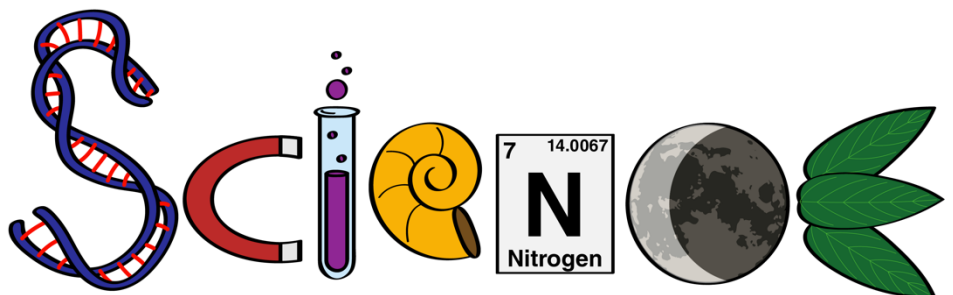
The 60 Science Power Words support vocabulary within the elementary Florida Science Standards. The purpose of sharing these words is to provide you with a resource for reinforcing the connections between focused vocabulary in the elementary science standards to real world learning experiences.

Please see the examples below:

If you see a bee flying from flower to flower, the word *pollination* can be connected to the experience. If it is raining outside, the word *precipitation* can be connected to the experience. If you add sugar to ice tea, the word *dissolve* can be added to the shared experience.

### 60 Science Power Words

- | List 1                | List 2                    |                               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. gravity            | 1. sedimentary rock       | 27. mammal characteristics    |
| 2. rotation           | 2. metamorphic Rock       | 28. reptile characteristics   |
| 3. revolution         | 3. igneous Rock           | 29. amphibian characteristics |
| 4. weathering         | 4. renewable resources    | 30. bird characteristics      |
| 5. erosion            | 5. nonrenewable resources |                               |
| 6. evaporation        | 6. physical change        |                               |
| 7. condensation       | 7. chemical change        |                               |
| 8. precipitation      | 8. metamorphosis          |                               |
| 9. climate            | 9. omnivore               |                               |
| 10. humidity          | 10. predator              |                               |
| 11. reflection        | 11. larva                 |                               |
| 12. refraction        | 12. pupa                  |                               |
| 13. absorb            | 13. seed dispersal        |                               |
| 14. conduction        | 14. liver                 |                               |
| 15. friction          | 15. intestines            |                               |
| 16. balanced forces   | 16. pancreas              |                               |
| 17. unbalanced forces | 17. kidneys               |                               |
| 18. pollination       | 18. stamen                |                               |
| 19. fertilization     | 19. pistil                |                               |
| 20. germination       | 20. mineral               |                               |
| 21. vertebrate        | 21. dissolve              |                               |
| 22. invertebrate      | 22. variable              |                               |
| 23. inherit           | 23. closed circuit        |                               |
| 24. producer          | 24. mixture               |                               |
| 25. consumer          | 25. plant structures      |                               |
| 26. carnivore         | 26. function              |                               |
| 27. herbivore         |                           |                               |
| 28. pitch             |                           |                               |
| 29. vibration         |                           |                               |
| 30. energy            |                           |                               |



## Clever

The district is transitioning to a new way for students to access curricular programs. Students will now use an application call Clever to access such programs as ST Math and iStation. For more information regarding how to use Clever, please visit the Sunset Hills website. <https://www.pcsb.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=17320>

# After School at Sunset Hills

A newsletter for the families and students of the afterschool program at Sunset Hills Elementary



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### Happenings...

There will be no School Out day on October 16, 2017. The county has decided that this will be a one of the make- up days from Hurricane Irma.

We will be having a Halloween Party on Friday, 27th, 2017. We are asking for donations of healthy food such as fruit platters, veggie platters, and Juice. The sign-up sheet will be at the sign out table the week of October 16th, 2017.

### Hot Topic...

The children celebrated the country of Peru on our International Day event on September 22nd , 2017 . They had fun learning about the culture of the country.

We also celebrated Welcoming week from September 15th - September 24th, 2017. We believe our community is stronger when everyone feels welcome and we work together for the common good. Welcoming Week was a chance for neighbors—both immigrants and U.S.-born residents—to get to know one another and celebrate what unites us as a community.

Children collected various items for children who are in the hospital with cancer. They will be delivered to John Hopkins hospital. Thank you for the donations.

### Coming Soon...

Clubs are beginning on Friday, October 6th, 2017. The children have a choice of Drama, Outdoor Sports, Cooking, or STEM. They will be held from 3:30pm - 4:30pm each Friday for an eight week session.

### Stay Connected...

Do you want to keep up with what is going on with the Y and your child's before and after school program? Please check out and like our Facebook page, where you can stay up to date with our Y program and see postings of the fun that all our programs are having!

<https://www.facebook.com/PinellasSchoolAgeYMCA>

### THIS MONTH...

- ★ Aligning with the School Day:

*-Students will participate in unique, fun, and hands-on activities to model what they learn during the school day. We want to help make sure what they learn, sticks!*

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- ★ Please remember that you must bring a **PHOTO ID every time** you come to pick up your child as some staff may not be familiar with you
- ★ Please have your child arrive no later than **8:05am** if they plan to eat breakfast with us at the Y during morning care
- ★ If your child will **not** be attending afternoon care please **call** the site phone (727)943-7870 or send an **email** to Ms. Alice at [avokes@suncoastymca.org](mailto:avokes@suncoastymca.org) prior to dismissal. Ensuring every child's safety during dismissal is our main priority! We appreciate your cooperation!

