

# Sunset Hills Elementary School

September 2017

Newsletter



## Message from Administration

**Congratulations on a very successful first two weeks!** We are excited to say that the staff, students, and families have come ready to learn and ready to engage. We are so proud of all of you and look forward to a great school year.

**Thank you** to all the families for transitioning to our new arrival and dismissal procedures to keep our campus safe and secure.

## From the Front Office Staff

**Visiting Campus:** Parents if you would like to enter campus before, during, and/or after school you need to bring your photo ID to the front office. We will not be issuing school badges this year.

**1<sup>st</sup> Day Packets:** If you haven't turned in their student's 1<sup>st</sup> day packets to please do so as soon as possible



September

9/1 – 9/30

SUNSET HILLS ELEMENTARY



WEEK 1



WEEK 2

9/4 – NO SCHOOL / Labor Day

9/8 – PTA General meeting 6pm-7:30pm, café and garden



WEEK 3



WEEK 4

9/18 – Fall picture (on stage in Café) will email schedule

9/26 – Johnny Appleseed Day

WEEK 5

## Parent /Teacher Association Memo

**Sunset Hills Elementary PTA is proud to serve such an amazing community.** This is our main membership drive for the year. You can join by filling out the PTA form and sending in \$5.00 per person you would like to be a member.

**Being a member means** you get a vote in how we interact here at Sunset Hills Elementary. It does NOT mean you have to volunteer. We always love volunteers to make all of our events happen. Please contact us and let us know!

**FIRST GENERAL MEETING** will be Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. We will immediately follow the General Meeting with a 'P. Tea. A Garden Party' in our school garden to kick off our support for the Farm to School Initiative.

**Goodies with Grandparents** will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 8:35. Children must be attended by an adult. There will be several serving lines for a small goodie and drinks. This is not a full meal, but rather a special time from grandparents to interact and visit our school with their grandchild and have a small breakfast treat. We will be meeting in the multipurpose room and all adults will need to go through the office.

**Be on the lookout out for reminders coming home**, and future events. October 21 - Literary Festival with a Book Themed Trunk or Treat! November 4<sup>th</sup>- Fall Carnival! December 2<sup>nd</sup>- Bike Ride with Santa!

Save the date!

## Family and Community Liaison

We have over 25 brand new volunteers in our system! I am so excited to be working with new people and still enjoying the wonderful regular volunteers from year's past. Be sure to fill out a volunteer form and turn it in with a copy of your driver's license so you can go on field trips and help when you want to. If you wait until the last minute to fill out a form you may not have time to get it processed through the district. Fill one out now! Once you are in the volunteer system you will stay in our system. No need to fill out another form. Each year you will receive emails to 'reactivate' your volunteer account. It's a simple process and you will be active to volunteer as soon as you finish it.

Thank you to the amazing volunteers who have already put in well over 500 hrs this year!

Go! Stingrays! Go!



## YMCA News



### Welcome Back to School

We would like to welcome all new and returning families to our program! We are super excited for the new school year!! We have a lot planned to ensure your child's before and after school experience is unforgettable! We look forward to new beginnings and a fabulous 2017-18 School Year!

Please contact the Director, Alice Vokes at 727 943 -7870 if you wish to enroll your child in the YMCA.

### *Student Celebrations the RAYS WAY: Mr. Smith*



Welcome families and community partners to another exciting school year! My name is Richard Smith and I am the Student Achievement Coach at Sunset Hills Elementary. It is so good to be back at school where everyone is excited about another year of learning and growing! Sunset Hills continues to be a *Commitment to Character (C2C) School*. We start our day making a pledge to demonstrate good character.

*"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.

August-**Respect**-Treating yourself and others with courtesy and consideration.

September-**Responsibility**-Doing your best and taking ownership for your words and actions.

To further support our school-wide Positive Behavior Plan, our Sunset Hills' students and staff will continue to we implement **The RAYS Way** behavior rules:

*Respectful to all*

*Always prepared*

*Yearn to learn*

*Safe in all places!*

Students earn RAYS Way tickets for demonstrating these positive actions. In addition, they may be selected as the C2C Character Student of the Month, be recognized at our school-wide student celebrations, and receive a certificate.



If I may be of further assistance to you or your child in any way throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me. It's going to be another great year and every day at Sunset Hills is a great day to be a stingray!

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## Dinner Dilemmas

**Purpose:** To create family discussions that promotes Character Education in Pinellas County.

Families can talk about the dilemma and decide how the character quality of the month relates to the situation presented.

**Situation:** Sam's aunt is always mean and rude to him. He wants to talk back, but his parents say he needs to show respect. **Dilemma:** On one hand Sam does not believe he should show respect to someone who is not nice to him. On the other hand Sam is told to show respect to family members.

**Discussion:** What advice do you have for Sam?