



SPARTAN SHIELD

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Sunrise SPARTANS Earn Great API Score....847!

Results of the 2007-08 California Standards Test (CST) are now calculated and published. Our Sunrise Spartans did an outstanding job for our first year as a school. Our school earned an API (Academic Performance Index) score of 847! The state of California has set a standard of 800 as the threshold for being considered a school whose students are meeting standards at acceptable levels. In addition to earning this strong API score, we also met AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) goals for all of our statistically significant sub groups. AYP is based on the percentage of students who perform in the Advanced and Proficient categories.

As a brand new school, we do not receive a full battery of score results since some of the reports are based on improvements from one year to the next. When logging on to the California Department of Education website, you may not find results for our school, or even our school name, on some of the reports. The reason for this is that some of the state reports are based on school performance data from 2006-07, before our school was in existence.

Based on the data that we have received, we have identified Reading Comprehension and Math Facts mastery as our two areas of focus for this year.

Sunrise Students Learn About Elections First Hand

Sunrise students in Grades 3-6 are learning about elections and the election process first hand. Under the leadership of Mr. Harding, students interested in serving on the Sunrise Student Council ran for office in the Primaries (classroom) this past week. Students with the most votes in classroom elections are now running for office throughout the school. Campaign speeches are being written, campaign posters are displayed in the multi-purpose room, and final elections are next week! Our election assembly is scheduled for Monday, October 6th at 8:45 AM. Parents are welcome.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **10/6-10** **Fire Safety Week**
- **10/8** **Walk to School Day**
- **10/10** **Campbell Photography Parent Preview
Night 6:30pm MP rm**
- **10/13** **Written Spelling Bee 9:00am MP rm**
- **10/27-31** **Red Ribbon Week**
- **10/21** **RC Police Community Mtg. 7:00 pm Library**
- **10/31** **Character Awards Assembly 8:30 am MP rm**

Movie Night on Friday sponsored by our Kindergarten **teachers want to say... "Thank you to all those who came out to support our kindergarten classes at movie night. It was a BIG success!"**

Smart Routes to Sunrise Elementary

Log onto www.AnatoliaHOA.org and click on "Documents", to access an electronic copy of the booklet "Smart Routes to Sunrise Elementary". This booklet contains many important and valuable safety tips for children and parents as they walk, cycle, or drive to and from Sunrise Elementary School.

Sunrise Teachers and Students to Benefit from

PE TIIP Grant: During the first week of October, Sunrise 3rd - 6th grade students and teachers will have the benefit of working with a physical education specialist during PE. Mrs. Condon, our assigned specialist, will spend three one-week sessions here at Sunrise working with teachers on instructional strategies for improving students' endurance, flexibility, and strength.

Sunrise's 1st Unity Picnic a Terrific Success

A cool early autumn evening...an expanse of green lawn...lively music...a family picnic basket...sno-cones... a four-square tournament... a friendship circle...and a chance to meet other Sunrise families....these were just some of the features of our highly successful first Unity Picnic. Many thanks to our PTA and event organizers; Mrs. Arriaga, Mrs. Daues, Ms. Radke, and Ms. Heine. A great time was had by all!!



National Walk to School Day - Wednesday, October 8th

Interested Sunrise students and parents are encouraged to participate in National Walk to School Day. On this day, students who walk or ride their bikes to school will receive a promotional incentive courtesy of the *Smart Routes to School Program*. The incentive program will continue throughout the school year with incentives being awarded to students that walk or ride their bikes to school on Thursday.

Parent Volunteers Needed: National Walk to School Day and Beyond

We are in need of several parents who can be available from 7:50- 8:15 on October 8th for National Walk to School Day and on Thursdays from 8:00- 8:15 throughout the school year. These parents will help with the distribution of incentives to students. If you are available, please contact Mrs. Hunt-Brown at 985-4350.

Accelerated Reader - ZPD.....ZPD?...what's a ZPD?

ZPD stands for the *Zone of Proximal Development*. In Accelerated Reader, the ZPD is used to match students to appropriate books. It is a numerical value describing the level of difficulty of a book that is neither too hard nor too easy, and is the level at which optimal learning takes place. Every student in Grades 2-6 has completed an assessment in the computer lab to determine their individual ZPD. When going to the library or selecting independent reading books in the classroom, students and teachers will begin using the ZPD to determine which book a child should be reading.

TOPS Reports for Accelerated Reader

A TOPS Report is the report that is printed for each 2nd-6th grade student after they have completed reading an AR book and taken the comprehension quiz. The TOPS report lists the title of the book, the percent correct on the comprehension quiz, the number of points earned, and a summary of performance on all books read to date. Watch for these reports as they begin to come home during the month of October.

Sources for AR Rated Books

The majority of books in our library are already rated as AR books. The information about each book is found inside the front cover. Mrs. Barrowcliffe is currently planning to also color code the books on their spine. Volunteers will be needed for this project. A second source for books is the Scholastic book orders that teachers send home monthly with students. Many of these books are coded for AR as well. The major book stores, Borders and Barnes and Noble, have lists of the AR ratings for books. You can inquire at the customer service desk for this information.

Sunrise Spelling BEE

Interested fourth through sixth grade students will have the opportunity to participate in the 2nd Annual Sunrise Spelling Bee during the month of October. The spelling bee consists of two parts. The first part is a written spelling test administered by Mrs. Hunt-Brown in the multipurpose room on Monday, October 13th. Qualifying students will be eligible to participate in the oral spelling bee on Friday, October 17th. The first place finisher for our school bee, will be eligible to compete in the EGUSD Spelling Bee in November.

Progress Reports and Deficiency Notices

As amazing as it seems, we are approaching the half-way point in the first trimester! Next week teachers will be sending **home Progress Reports and Deficiency Notices**. **The district's requirement is that teachers communicate with the parents** of any student at risk of receiving a D or F on the upcoming 1st trimester report cards. This notification allows time for **students, teachers, and parents to work together to improve a youngster's academic performance**. Many of our teachers send home the current academic performance of all students.

SUNRISE PTA SEPTEMBER 2008 UPDATE

Greetings from Sunrise PTA!

Welcome to all returning and new families to Sunrise Elementary! We had a very exciting first year. With your help, we were able to raise funds and host valuable assemblies and community events for the school. We had a great year and are looking forward to another successful year here at Sunrise. Our membership has grown to 165 members. Congratulations to Tiffany Wood and Arthur Frasco for winning the gift cards for the membership drive drawing. We encourage everyone to join **the PTA. It's a great way to support the goals and fundraising activities for the school. We also accept volunteers who can help out on a situational basis.** We are well underway with our first fundraiser for the 2008-09 school year which is the sale of **the 2009 Entertainment Books. Congratulations to Mrs. Rotenburg and Mrs. Davis' class for winning a pizza party for returning their books or money on time. Great Job!** Also, please plan on visiting Chuck E. Cheese in Citrus Heights on Sunrise Blvd **October 16, 2008, to support our school and receive free tokens for play. Look for more information in your child's Wednesday Communication folders.**

The Executive Board for the PTA is actively recruiting for the position of Vice-President of Fundraising. If interested, please contact the school office at 985-4350. Also, please take note of the nifty colorful folders that come home with your child. These folders are used to provide communications other than class-related work to keep parents informed, while keeping this information separate from critical class information. We hope this will streamline our communication process. As always, the PTA is very appreciative of the support given by the families and teachers on all our events and fundraisers. We plan to make 2009 a great year! Our next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday December 9, 2008 promptly at 6:30pm in the multi-purpose room. Thank you again for all your support.

Your child and Internet Safety

The Internet opens up a world of learning possibilities to our children. With those possibilities, however, come some concerns and **cautions. EGUSD's top priority is protecting students online and empowering them with skills to lead the way as responsible digital citizens** of the 21st century. To assist with this goal, EGUSD has launched the *2WebWatchers* blog. Parents are invited to participate in an ongoing interactive conversation about Internet safety issues.



The *2WebWatchers* blog features informational links on cyber ethics, cyber bullying and Internet safety, with topical weekly posts. Parents who would like some background information on blogging and other web terminology can visit the *New to Blogging?* section or the *Cyber Glossary* resource link. We welcome feedback and comments and look forward to answering questions that parents might have.

To access the blog, go to <http://2WebWatchers.edublogs.org>. All blog comments are moderated and will appear once approved.

School Accountability Report Cards Available

The current School Accountability Report Cards (SARC), containing data from the 2006-2007 school year, are available online at the Elk Grove Unified School District website at <http://www.egusd.net/schools/sarcs/index.cfm>. Both a long detailed format and a short executive summary are posted for parents to learn more about the schools in our community.

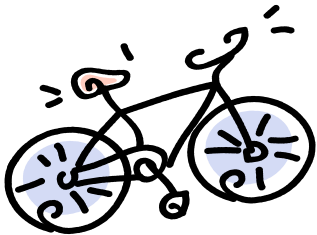
Each school's SARC summarizes the school's mission, goals, accomplishments, and highlights the school's unique programs. In addition, state law requires that the SARC contain all of the following: demographic data, school safety and climate for learning information, academic data, school completion rates, class sizes, teacher and staff information, curriculum and instruction descriptions, postsecondary preparation information, fiscal and expenditure data.

The federal No Child Left Behind law requires that SARCs contain reports concerning the "adequate yearly progress" of students in achieving state academic achievement standards; Title I Program Improvement status; graduation rates at the secondary level; and the extent to which "highly qualified" teachers are teaching core academic subjects.

A hard copy of these reports can be requested by visiting your child's school office. Additionally, these reports have been translated in Spanish and Vietnamese at schools with large populations of families who speak these languages. Any questions regarding the SARCs can be answered by your child's principal or by contacting Learning Support Services at 686-7712.

NO EXCUSES—GO TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN

The No Excuses - Go to School Attendance Campaign is back for its third year - and it is better than ever! The campaign is centered around the theme of "responsibility." Back by popular demand, the monthly incentives will start in September at traditional elementary schools. Please help your student(s) understand that being in class means being a responsible person.



To be eligible for these monthly elementary school prizes, students will have to achieve perfect attendance for the past immediate month (i.e. to be eligible for the drawing in September, the student would need to have perfect attendance for the month of August.)

In addition to the monthly elementary school giveaways, Kaiser Permanente will once again sponsor the Bike Raffle. At the end of the year, one lucky student at each elementary school will be chosen to win a new bicycle and helmet. All elementary school students have the chance to earn entries for the end-of-the-year drawing each month they have perfect attendance.

Studies have shown that students who attend school consistently perform better, so be sure to remind your child of the importance of attending school regularly.

NO Excuses Go to school!