



SPARTAN SHIELD

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Sunrise's Opening A Smooth Affair thanks to the efforts of staff and the many (30+) parent volunteers! Teachers hired and in place, white doves, spirit t-shirts, beautiful classrooms, classroom books and materials ready for day one, a shiny new campus, school routines falling into place, a full Back to School Night, PTA organized and Board elected, School Site Council elected, and a packed multi for First Families Tile Night....all are evidence of the wonderfully smooth opening for Sunrise Elementary.

Sunrise Welcomes New Librarian

We are pleased to introduce and welcome our new librarian, Mrs. Mason! Mrs. Mason joins us to celebrate the love of reading and children's books. She holds a BA in English, is working on her degree in Library Science through San Jose State University, and has spent two years with Borders Books Store, most recently as their children's book section manager. For the next two weeks Mrs. Mason will be putting the final boxes of books into circulation, getting the on-line book check out system ready for student use, and scheduling classes for weekly visits to the library. Watch for your child's new book selection by the end of the month!

Yard and Lunchroom Supervisors Needed

We are in need of regular and substitute yard and lunchroom supervisors. Supervisors work from 11:10-12:40 daily. If you are available and interested, please contact Mrs. Hunt-Brown at 985-4350.

Results of School Uniform Vote

The parent vote on the subject of school uniforms has been completed. The result of the vote is that Sunrise Elementary will adhere to the *Standards for Student Dress*, as found in your Student Parent Handbook. Sunrise will not be a uniform school at this time. Of the ballots returned 57.7% voted in favor of uniforms with 42.2% opposed. We had a 53% return rate on ballots. In order for uniforms to be implemented, we needed an 85% Yes vote and a 75% return rate. Should the circumstances of our campus and issues of student safety change significantly, the topic of a uniform dress code could be reconsidered.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **10/10** Choir Band Parent Night 6:30-7:30 pm MP room
- 10/11 PTA General Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm MP room
- 10/15 & 17 Band Practice 2:30-3:30 MP room
- 10/18 Choir Practice 2:30-3:30 MP room
School Site Council Training 6:30-7:30 pm/Lib.
- 10/22-26 Red Ribbon Week
- **10/23 ALL Kinder Early Schedule - 8:20-11:40**
Field Trip to Fog Willow Pumpkin Patch
- **11/4 Daylight Savings Time - Set Clocks BACK**
- **11/8-20 MINIMUM DAYS for Grades 1-6**
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
ALL Kinder regular day 11/8-19
11/20 ALL Kinder early schedule 8:20-11:40

Vendor Fair to Support 6th Grade Sly Park Trip

Do you run a home-based business? Are you interested in supporting Sunrise Elementary 6th Grade Sly Park Science trip? Then read on!! The concept is to invite community members with home based businesses such as Tupperware, Mary Kay, Cookie Lee, Pampered Chef, or other business suitable for elementary school sales to name a few, to set up a vendor table in our multipurpose room. Each vendor would pay a small fee for the table and contribute a percentage of sales to the 6th grade Sly Park Field trip. Each vendor will determine and post the percentage of sales to be contributed. Our sixth grade students will also have a booth. The entire school community will be invited to attend for an evening of shopping.
Date: Thursday, November 8th Time: 6:30-8:30
Location: Multipurpose Room Table Fee: \$15.00
 There will be one vendor per product line. Vendors will be selected annually on a first come first served basis. If you have a home-based business that would be suitable for an elementary school vendor fair and would like to participate, we will begin taking vendor registrations on Friday, October 12th at 7:30 AM in the school office. Vendor applications are available in the office. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Rotenberg or Mr. Martin.

School Site Council

Thank you to everyone for returning your School Site Council election ballots! The five newly elected parent members of our School Site Council are: Christine Mohatt, Emily Taylor, Craig Osborne, Yvonne Silao, and Denise Kersey. The school staff members that comprise the remaining members of the council are: Mrs. Hunt-Brown, Mrs. Rotenberg, Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Standing, Mrs. Lopez, and Mr. Klink. The council will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month.

PTA Board Elected

Congratulations to our newly elected PTA Executive Board.

<i>Theresa Beals,</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Angela Slaughter,</i>	<i>Executive Vice President</i>
<i>Selena Brusuelas,</i>	<i>Vice-President of Membership</i>
<i>Sonya Wade,</i>	<i>Vice-President of Fundraising</i>
<i>Stephanie Campbell,</i>	<i>Vice-President of Special Events</i>
<i>Rochelle Petersen,</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Sandy Beretta,</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Jessica Walker,</i>	<i>Auditor</i>
<i>Michelle Moore,</i>	<i>Historian</i>
<i>Jen Reitz,</i>	<i>Parliamentarian</i>
<i>Judy Hunt-Brown,</i>	<i>Principal</i>
<i>Carla Arriaga,</i>	<i>Teacher Representative</i>

This wonderful group of parents and staff are here to build a learning environment and community within our school for the children. Let's all help them to be successful!

Helping Children Learn!

MOTIVATING YOUR CHILD

Be positive, set realistic expectations for your child

When you expect the best from your child, you're likely to get it. To set positive expectations:

- **LET** your child know what to expect.
- **DON'T** set expectations that are too high.
- **AVOID** labeling your child with statements like, "You'll be a failure if you don't ace this test."
- **PROVIDE** your child with school supplies and a well-lit study area.
- **GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRAISE**

Walk To School Day

Sunrise Elementary students participated in the National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 3rd. This national event was designed to promote student fitness and environment friendly transportation. Students walking or riding their bikes received; pedometers, mini flashing light, CLIF nutrition bar, and a *Smart Routes to School* booklet, thanks to the support and involvement of 50 Corridor Transportation Management Association. Each Thursday, students are encouraged to walk or ride their bikes. We have a goal to increase the number of students walking or riding their bikes to school.



Halloween, Wednesday, October 31st

On Wednesday, October 31st will be a regular school day. Students will be expected to adhere to our school dress code, *Standards for Student Dress*, on October 31st and November 1st, **no costumes, colored hats or make-up**. We ask for close parental supervision of the amount of candy and sweets that come to school with students following the holiday. Students should bring single servings of sweets.



MINIMUM DAYS for Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendars now for our upcoming November MINIMUM Days. Students in grades 1st through 6th attend school from 8:20-12:30 November 13th- 20th. The kindergarten schedule remains unchanged with the exception of Tuesday, November 20th when PM kinders attend on the early schedule.



School be here, it's your Job!

Congratulations to **Michael Nguyen** in Mrs. Peterson's class and **Eric Wright** in Mrs. Ngo's class. In the month of September they came to school everyday!

Michael and Eric won tickets to the River Cats playoff game. Future prizes awarded will be tickets to Dos Coyote's Restaurant.

Perfect Attendance has its rewards!





Student Bicycle Safety

Parents, we ask that you please review bicycle safety rules with your children. We have received multiple reports of children on bicycles riding erratically and dangerously. Most of this behavior is occurring out of sight of the school. Please also be sure that your child has a bicycle helmet. State law requires that children wear helmets when cycling. Children not wearing helmets can be cited.

To support safe pedestrian and bicycling in the community, the 50 Corridor Transportation Management Association has created a booklet especially for Anatolia and Sunrise Elementary School called *Safe Routes to School*.

This booklet contains bicycle safety rules, including hand signals, and outlines safe routes to school. This marvelous little booklet was given to each participant on Walk to School Day. A copy of the booklet will also be mailed to each Anatolia Homeowner.

We are also working to bring a bicycle safety assembly to school and have plans to sponsor a bicycle rodeo later this year.

A Message from Law Enforcement



Autumn is just around the corner, and we've already had some incredible summer weather. The daylight hours are not becoming shorter. This is an excellent time to be thinking more about our children's safety as they go to and from school.

Traffic around our schools, especially around arrival and dismissal times, is very congested. With cell phones, Ipods, conversations with friends, and a myriad of other distractions, it is easy for our children to pay less attention to traffic as they should.

Some believe it's quicker and more convenient not to cross a street at a crosswalk, or to walk in the roadway instead of on the sidewalk. While these can be violations of the law, more importantly it puts our children at greater risk.

Many drivers believe it is also acceptable to make a U-Turn during this time of traffic congestion around our schools. Please be reminded that the law prohibits you from making a U-Turn on any street within 200 feet of traffic coming from either direction. But most importantly it places our children again at greater risk.

In a few cases some children have placed themselves in roadways in deliberate attempts to obstruct traffic. There even have been reports that some have "played chicken" with traffic in major roadways. While these incidents are few in number, law enforcement takes them very seriously and will seek appropriate criminal prosecution for the protection of both the children and the motoring public.

Additionally, and as important, with the weather about to change, children of all ages are riding bicycles to and from school. Proper fitting helmets save lives as well as help prevent serious trauma to the head. It is not only the law that children must wear a helmet, but our responsibility as adults to ensure they do. Please take a strong stance with your child if he or she desires to ride their bicycle to and from school or at any time without wearing their helmet.

We are asking you as parents or guardians to remind your children to be aware of traffic, obey the rules of the road, and emphasize safety and common sense. As the drivers of vehicles we are asking you to slow down, model patience and take extra precautions around all schools. The well being of our children is our highest priority.

Chief Tom Jenkins

Elk Grove Unified School District Police Services



Sunrise Traffic Plan

We have received very positive reviews about the traffic flow in and around the school at arrival and dismissal as compared to most other schools. Thank you to everyone for their willingness to work as a community to help with the traffic situation! We do however, have a couple of areas that need everyone's attention. Please take note of any that apply to you.

- No U-turns on Cobble Brook
- Parents leading children across and through traffic on Cobble Brook instead of crossing at the crosswalk
- Parents loading or calling children into cars not parked on the curb or in the drop-off zone
- Children arriving at school too early. School arrival should be ten minutes prior to the start of the class, or 8:10.

Band Program Added to the List of After School Enrichment Opportunities



Parents interested in providing instrumental music instruction for their children may now do so through Sunrise Elementary School's beginning band program. The program is open to students in 3rd-6th grade for those instruments specified

in the program flyer. Band will meet twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday after school for one hour in the multipurpose room. Please refer to the flyer that accompanies the *Spartan Shield*. In order to offer band, we do need a minimum number of participants. Please return your intent form to office by Monday, October 5th. Mr. Kappahn, the owner of Vivace Music Company, will contact interested parents to confirm the Wednesday evening, October 10th Parent and Instrumental Rental Night.

Friday is SPARTAN Spirit Day

Each Friday students are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing their cardinal and gold Spartan T-shirts.

T-shirts may still be purchased through the school office for ten dollars each. We will add sweatshirts to the line of spirit wear in late October.

Recycle Programs earn \$\$\$\$ for our school and thanks to Miss Radke; her efforts bring huge rewards!

Please bring your empty ink cartridges and old cell phones to the school office for recycling. The money is used to purchase computer supplies.



ATTENDANCE CONCERN: Each day that your student is absent from school and you do not call the office to report the absence, the district's automated attendance system will call to prompt you that your student has an unexcused absence. When your student is sick, has an appointment or vacation and is going to be out the entire day, please notify the Sunrise attendance office at 916.985.4350. Also, please provide the school office an appointment card from the doctor/dentist if your child is absent or is taken out of school on an early dismissal for an appointment. Thank you.



California English Language Test (CELDT)

At the beginning of each year, California public schools are required to test each child for whom English is a second language to determine their level of mastery of English. For Sunrise Elementary School, the testing involves close to 100 students. In kindergarten and first grade, the test is an oral test that requires that each child be tested in a one on one situation. In 2nd through 6th grades, the CELDT test is in booklet form so that children are tested in grade level groups. The CELDT test continues to be administered annually until the child qualifies to be re-designated as Fluent English Proficient.