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Sunrise Students Push API Upward

Sunrise students demonstrated their increasing academic skill by earning an Academic Performance Index (API) score of 877. Our growth target was to move from the prior year's 847 to 848. Instead, we increased thirty points. Congratulations Sunrise Spartans! Additionally, our English Language Learners made a 60 point gain on API the highest in the Elk Grove Unified School District. We met or exceeded all of our growth targets in all areas except for one. We missed our API growth target for Socioeconomically Disadvantaged students by one point. Students in the Socioeconomically Disadvantaged subgroup gained by four points while our target for this group was five points. We couldn't be prouder of all of our students!

Sunrise School Site Council

The Sunrise School Site Council (SSC) is a committee composed of ten members – 5 parents and 5 faculty. The Council meets monthly and serves as an advisory group in matters related to the improvement of school programs and services. The School Site Council plays an important role in the operation of a school. Members of the council need to be able to consider complex issues, understand the resources and structures under which a school must operate, work collaboratively with others, and be able to make recommendations for the good of all based on data. Positions on the council are filled through an election process. The term of office is two years. Attached to this newsletter is the election ballot for the parent members of the Sunrise School Site Council. To be counted for the election, ballots should be returned by October 16th.

Sunrise Adds New First Grade Class

To accommodate our school and region's increased enrollment, a new first grade class was opened at Sunrise on Wednesday, September 23rd. We are delighted to welcome Ms. Hart as our newest Sunrise faculty member.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/7 **National Walk to School Day**
Rubio's Dinner Out on Zinfandel from 4:00 - 9:00
- 10/14 **Chuck E. Cheese Night at 5:30**
- 10/22 **Community Budget Meeting at PGHS**
- 10/26 - 30 **Red Ribbon Week**
- 10/30 **Character Awards Assembly 8:30 MP room**
- 11/6 **Spelling Bee Finals 4-6 Grade at 8:30 MP room**
Movie Night hosted by Kindergarten
- 11/3 - 13 **Parent Conferences Grades 1-6 only**
Minimum Day Schedule 8:20 - 12: 30
- 11/11 **Veteran's Day Holiday NO School**
- 11/13 **Awards Assembly 3-6 Grades at 8:30**
- 11/25 - 27 **Thanksgiving Holiday NO School**
- 12/21-1/1 **Winter Break NO School - Minimum Day Schedule**

Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 7th is **Walk** (or ride your bike) **to School Day**. Sunrise will be participating in this national event which will serve as the kick-off for our weekly Walk to School days. Thanks to the support of the 50Corridor TMA, we will again have Walk to School Thursdays. Students who participate in National Walk to School Day on October 7th and our every Thursday Walk to School Days will receive a ticket to enter into a weekly drawing. Each week, four to five safety, bicycling, and/or school items will be given away to promote walking or riding to school.

Parent Teacher Conferences

The first week of November will mark the end of the first trimester of the 2009-2010 school year. At this time, our teachers will schedule a Parent Teacher Conference for each of their students. The purpose of the conference is to discuss each child's academic performance, social growth, and to set goals for the trimester ahead. Conference notes will be sent home with students on Wednesday, October 14th.

H1N1 Update: I'd like to provide you an update on the current status of H1N1 and the district's response.

The Sacramento County Division of Public Health has indicated that more than 90 percent of all flu cases contain elements of H1N1 right now. The flu continues to spread rapidly through our community, but the good news is most of the illness continues to be mild in nature. Because nearly all flu cases test positive for H1N1, many medical professionals are not conducting special tests for H1N1 at this time.

Should your site have a confirmed case or a number of students out ill with the flu, the decision to communicate with parents will be made by the principal, in consultation with the District's Resource Nurse, Isabelle Aguiniga and Elizabeth Graswich. We have written a revised parent letter for you in the event that a decision is made to inform your community. Parents will be notified on a case-by-case basis, depending on the number of students out ill, whether your school has had a reported case this year or other extenuating circumstances.

If you have a confirmed H1N1 case and you are aware of a student or staff member who is medically fragile, has an underlying health condition or is pregnant, please contact your site nurse with this information. There may be times when your school nurse will need to ask your office staff to assist with cross-checking of classes to determine whether a student has been in regular contact with a confirmed case of H1N1.

Rancho Cordova to Break Ground of Children's Museum

On Wednesday, October 21st from 4 to 8 pm the Sacramento Children's Museum will host an official groundbreaking. This free event will feature food, music, entertainment, and activities. Admission is FREE! The groundbreaking festivities will take place at 2701 Prospect Park, Rancho Cordova, next door to City Hall. Contact www.SacKids.org or call (916) 952-6952.

Thank You Unity Picnic and Carnival

Friday night, September 25th, Sunrise Elementary sponsored its second Unity Picnic and first Carnival. The evening was a fabulous success thanks to the many hours of work devoted to this event by teacher committees lead by Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Stranding, and Mrs. Arriaga as well as our PFO under the leadership of president, Theresa Beals, and our many wonderful parent volunteers. We look forward to making this an annual event.... and requesting cooler weather!

Safety Reminders

With the increased number of students attending Sunrise, it is more critical than ever for safety practices to be adhered to by everyone. Please be reminded of the following:

- Students should not arrive on campus before 8:10 when supervision begins. The exception is students who come for breakfast which is served beginning at 7:50.
- No double parking or U turns on or around campus at arrival and dismissal
- Students may not walk through the parking lot without an adult escort
- Students must cross using the crosswalk
- Model correct use the sidewalks and crosswalks when arriving and departing from campus
- Maintain safe driving speed on and around campus

EGUSD Budget Community Meetings

The EGUSD will hold four community meetings in October to provide parents, staff, students and community members an opportunity to hear information and ask questions about the district's budget cuts. The meetings will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The closest location for Sunrise community members would be the meeting being held at Pleasant Grove High School in their Community Room on October 22nd. Questions and additional locations are available at communication@egusd.net

PFO NEWS: The Sunrise PFO would like to take a moment and say 'Thank You' to all our families here at Sunrise. This year has been wonderful thus far. We are looking forward to helping the school make up some of the short falls from the district due to state budget cuts. With your help we are well on our way in doing that.

Look for information about a few upcoming events in your students 'Home Folders'. On October 7th the Sunrise PFO will be hosting 'Dinner Out' at Rubio's in Rancho Cordova, Rubio's will be giving money back to our school for every order placed with a flyer from Sunrise PFO. On October 14th we will be hosting a night with Chuck E Cheese in Citrus Heights. At the end of the month we will start our next fundraiser with a product book called Believe; this book should have something for everyone. Please remember do not feel overwhelmed by fundraisers, just enjoy the ones that will work for your family.

The 'Sponsor A Ream' paper drive is helping the school out tremendously! Next month we will be sending home envelopes to help 'Sponsor Art', a student who donates will be eligible to win a \$50.00 gift card of their choice. Each month PFO will hold a drawing to choose the name of one student who participates in the 'Sponsor' program to win a \$50.00 gift card.

Membership Drive winners: Week 1: Mrs. Buggs Week 2: Mrs. Estrada Week 3: Mr. and Mrs. Escondada

Fundraiser winners: Alyssa Arcinada

Class winners: Mrs. Arriaga, Mrs. Suine, Ms. Buback, Mrs. Casey

Individual winners: Lissiana Lockette - Coupon Books, Isabella Carrasco - Coupon Books & Sponsor a Ream