



Sun Spot News

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Happy New Year! It is **2017** and I am excited about this New Year. We have multiple things in place to maximize student achievement with our (ELO) Extended Learning Opportunities, STEM initiatives, 5th grade Tablet Lab, ESOL and Title 1 support.

Our **PAL (Positive Actions Lift)** Program promotes bullying prevention by *friendship building* with all students. **Pokey** is a visible character on campus through the morning announcements and our monthly **PAL** assemblies where he recognizes students for making their classroom warm and welcoming. Grade level competition for "perfect attendance" is going great. We are averaging 95% perfect attendance. Custom Gumby certificates and pencils are used as an incentive for our students.

We have incorporated the "Popcorn" award for cafeteria behavior. This initiative has helped the cafeteria environment tremendously.

I would also like to recognize the following staff for their nomination as Sunrise Elementary's...

- Teacher of the Year: **Wanda Hernandez**-3rd grade teacher
- School Related Employee of the Year: **Yanet Gutierrez** - Computer lab paraprofessional

John Campbell, Principal

Gingerbread Shop



We were able to bring the shopping experience back to Sunrise Elementary after a number of years. Since we had the extra space we were able to really set up for the students. From the staff, parent, and student responses it has been a great real world experience: shopping for the purpose of giving. We hope to make it an annual tradition. A great big THANK YOU to our PTO officers (*Ms. Gascon, Ms. McDermott, Karen Pellot*), *Beatriz Roldan Ortiz, Jenitza Rodriguez, Maritza Escarria, Sonia Anthony, Danielle Gillespie, Daisy Wood, and Dinah Tague*. The PTO is so fortunate to have such a wonderful volunteer base!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 4

Classes Resume
Start of 3rd 9week
grading period

January 4

SAC MEETING, 2:15 PM
MEDIA CENTER

January 16

Martin Luther King Day
NO SCHOOL

January 26

PTO
5pm
FSA Meeting 3rd, 4th, 5th grades
Media Center
5:30pm

MISSION STATEMENT:

"Sunrise Elementary School is dedicated to meeting the needs of its diverse population through academics, character development, and community involvement."

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IMAGINE!

BELIEVE!

ACHIEVE!

OUR SRE MOTTO

TITLE 1 Services

Sunrise is designated as a Title 1 school by the Federal Government and it is based on the Free and Reduced lunch percentage by school. The cut off is 70% by our school district. Sunrise has approximately 78% of our students on free or reduced lunch. With this Title designation we are able to hire additional staff both teachers and support staff to come alongside our students who are struggling academically with educational support. The Title surveys you have completed give us valuable feedback to better serve our students. **THANK YOU** for completing and returning them!

**We appreciate
YOUR BUSINESS!**

2016/17 Business Partners!

Alpha Specialties	Five Star Pizza	Skate Reflections
Academy of Martial Arts	Tijuana Flats	Wal-Mart 817
Domino's Pizza	Lowe's	5,6,7,8 Dance Studio
Infinite Health & Spine	Horace Mann Insurance	Papa John's
Chick-Fil-A	GiGi's Pizza	Raise the Barre Dance
Wild Florida	Martial Arts Plus/Fun Zone	Co.
Five Guys Burgers	Home Depot	Wendy's
Happy Face Entertainment	The Gutter Specialist	Subway
	Jolly J's Entertainment	United Academy of Martial Arts

Student Intern

We would like welcome to Sunrise Elementary a student intern for the 2nd semester. She is a familiar face in that she is one of our paraprofessionals pursuing her degree in Elementary Education.

Ms. Anais DeLaCruz will be interning with Ms. Olga Arnold.

SWAP-A-TOP

We have raised **\$1347.00** thus far this year with our Swap a Top Fridays. We are using the money towards technology in the classroom.

NOTE the following dates:

January 6, 2016

January 20, 2016

February 10, 2016

February 24, 2016

March 24, 2016

May 5, 2016

May 19, 2016

Attendance = Success

Please help me with attendance. While we average 95% perfect attendance by month, we still have 5% (50+) of our students who have attendance issues such as tardies, absences, etc. Procedurally, when a student has been absent with no excuse for a period of 5 cumulative days, I send a letter notifying parents that there is cause for concern. This is just to give notice that the parent needs to pay close attention in the future. If the absences continue, then the parent is referred to our district truancy officer to intervene. We have these procedures in place to assure that the child is not missing critical academic content and jeopardizing his or her promotion. I hope this helps clarify the attendance policy of the school and school district.

PTO News.....

PTO has been active this year with sponsoring the Gingerbread Shop for the students from December 6-13. Another fund raiser idea was the Chick-fil-a Calendar for 2017. Just to sample interest, 100 calendars were purchased so that we could see the interest before committing to a major fund raiser for the coming school year. The PTO did not want to do a fund raiser if there is no interest. So far PTO has sold about 20 such calendars. They still have a good number available at the Front Desk. If interested they are only \$7 for a free food item each month. Half the proceeds (\$350) will be for the school.



Give Me Five Signal

1. Eyes on Speaker
2. Lips Closed
3. Ears Listening
4. Sit up Straight
5. Hands and Feet Quiet