



Sockeye Express

Parent Newsletter

September 8, 2009

Sunset Elementary School

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Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:45 AM – 4:15 PM
Wednesday
8:30 AM – 1:45 PM

Sunset & Sunset PTA website:
www.sunset.issaquah.wednet.edu.

District website: www.issaquah.wednet.edu.

Wayne Hamasaki, Principal
Nona Wright, Program Assistant
Ronda Wickstrom, Principal's Secretary
Sally Eggiman, Secretary/Attendance
Martha Snowden, Office Assistant
Linda Smith, Nurse
Elizabeth Johnson, Counselor



Kindergartners say goodbye to their parents on their first day of school. After goodbyes, parents had a PTA Welcome Tea.

TRAFFIC SAFETY.

Parents have done a great job driving safely in our school parking lot. Students may be dropped off after 9:00 AM, except Wednesdays after 8:45 AM. Thanks also for dropping your child off at curbside (use your right door). Save the kisses for home and have your child **exit your car as quickly as possible to prevent a traffic backup.** Students in grades 1-5 don't need a parent escort, just drop them off curbside. If you park (not in the drop-off lane) and walk your child, please use the crosswalks and follow the directions of our student Safety Patrol. Thanks for keeping kids safe!



Curriculum Nights

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Multi-Purpose Room/Gym

Monday, Sept. 14 – Grades 3-5,
PM Kindergarten

Wednesday, Sept. 16 – Early Childhood
Education, AM & Full Day Kindergarten,
Grades 1 & 2

Meet your child's teacher Visit the classroom
Learn about the curriculum, class procedures and homework
Sign up to volunteer Meet the rest of the teachers
Parents only, please. No child care provided.

This will not be a time for individual parent conferences due to the time allotted and confidentiality of discussing personal information in the presence of others. You may call your child's teacher to address individual concerns.

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SEPTEMBER

9/8/09	T	Welcome Back Assembly/Pres. Obama's Address	9:45-10:20 AM	MPR/Gym
9/9/09	W	School Board Mtg	7:30 PM	Admin Board Rm
9/11/09	F	Picture Day-Volunteers	8:15-9:15 AM	MPR Stage
9/11/09	F	Picture Day-Individual	All Day	MPR Stage
9/14-18/09	M-F	PTA Scholastic Book Fair		Atrium
9/14/09	M	PTA Board Mtg	9:30-11:00 AM	
9/14/09	M	Curriculum Night-PM K & Gr 3-5	6:30-8:00 PM	MPR/Gym
9/15/09	T	Constitution Day		
9/16/09	W	Curriculum Night-ECE, FDK, AMK, Gr 1-2	6:30-8:00 PM	MPR/Gym
9/20/09	Sun	PTA Back to School Family Dinner	5:00-7:00 PM	Patio
9/21/09	M	Birthday Lunch with the Principal-August	Lunchtime	Sockeye Café
9/22/09	T	Site Council	8:00-9:00 AM	Library
9/23-10/14/09		Gr. 2 Developmental Reading Assessment		
9/23/09	W	School Board Mtg	7:00 PM	Admin Board Rm

WELCOME BACK! Thank you for sending such wonderful students, eager to be back in school and eager to learn. We've got 625 students enrolled, about the same as a year ago. Please welcome our new staff: Fourth Grade Teacher **Mary Alfheim**, Counselor **Elizabeth Johnson**, Occupational Therapist **Katie Wynkoop** and Orientation and Mobility Specialist **Mary Ellen Pesavento**. Several teachers have returned from leave including Kindergarten Teacher **Jan Townsend** and First Grade Teachers **Renee Marroquin** and **Natalie Stumpges**. We're also glad to see teachers returned after receiving a notice in the spring that they might not have a position.

Wayne Hamasaki, Principal

EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS WANTED. For your child's safety, please turn in the first day packet information forms as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE. Please call 425-837-5650 to report absences. If no call is received, an automated calling service will inform parents that the school did not get a notice of absence and remind families to call.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES will be Tuesday, November 3, and Wednesday, November 4. There is **no school** for students on these days. Sign up for a conference time at Curriculum Night.

AM & PM KINDERGARTEN PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 2, 3 and 4. There is **no school for AM & PM Kindergarten students** on these dates.



PICTURE DAY IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH. Individual student, staff and volunteer photos will be taken. Parents who volunteer at Sunset are encouraged to get a volunteer photo ID badge, free of charge. Go to the Multi-Purpose Room stage between 8:15-9:15 AM.



NO ANIMALS, INCLUDING PETS AT SCHOOL. Please leave your animal home when you visit our school - District policy prohibits all animals on campus unless they are a documented medical aide or provide a specific educational value. While we also love our pets, our schools need to be places that are safe, clean, hygienic, and comfortable for every student and adult who uses the public space. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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THANK YOU SUNSET BUS GREETERS! The bus greeters welcomed back this years students as they came off their school buses. With lots of smiles (and a few tears) the students were welcomed and helped to their new class lines. Thank you Kristin Behn, Jane Berry, Lisa Bus, Judy Chen, Deena Eastern, Barb Dolliver, Teresa Findlay, Charlene Gaston, Susan Griffin, Tanya Hansen, Anissa Hickey, Diane Karl, Maureen McCulloh, Lynda Nielsen, Gail Pearson, Wendy Redding, Sandy Schmidt, Shawna Shilmover, Susan Sullivan, Pam Zollers and Connie Zue.
Lisa McGowen, Coordinator

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? Families can check the school lunch menu at www.issaquah.wednet.edu/documents/lunch/current.pdf. For families without online access, a limited number of printed menus will be available in the school's main office.

MONEY NEEDED IN YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ACCOUNT. Personal checks with your child's name and ID number are needed for families with zero to low balances in their child's lunch account. The Issaquah School District has been using MyLunchMoney.com as an option to prepay for your child's school lunch, and ala carte food items using your credit or debit card. Enrolling and funding an account is simple and completed online. Once your account is established, you can fund your students' account, check balances, and view student purchases. Your personal information and your debit or credit card information is protected by the most advanced internet security. To enroll, go to www.mylunchmoney.com/About.aspx. There is a fee charge for each transaction.

2008-09 REPORT CARDS. Please visit or call the office if you have not received your child's report card.

DISTRICT SAFETY, HEALTH AND EQUAL-RIGHTS NOTICES are available online at www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/home/fineprint.asp. You will find information about asbestos, nondiscrimination, pest management, possession of firearms, sexual harassment, Title IX, and more.

COMMUNITY FLIERS. To find out information about non-school related community events and information that may benefit your family, go to www.issaquah.wednet.edu/schools/fliers/?LocationID=14.

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