

# Sunset Ridge Elementary School

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Nurtured Minds ★ Bright Futures

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## Important Dates to Remember

- 2/4 Tile Painting for The Oversea
- 2/7 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School
- 2/8 Room Parent Meeting, 6:30
- 2/10 Family Day
- 2/14 Latino Parent Meeting, 9 a.m.
- 2/15 International Potluck Dinner, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 2/16-17 Teachers' College PD for Teachers
- 2/29 Book of the Month Assemblies

\*\*\*\*2/21-2/25 Presidents' Week (NO SCHOOL) \*\*\*\*

## Principal's Message

Teachers and I recognize the impact you as parents have on your child and how much you contribute to your child's success. It is true that school success starts at home. Parents are the most important factor in a child's education. You set the tone for how your child values education by the things you say and by your actions.

We value the partnership between home and school and want to work together.

There are a variety of ways to build on Sunset Ridge's values of having active and engaged parents.

Parents join the PTA, volunteer in the classroom, help out at the Pancake Breakfast, attend School Site Council meetings, read to your child, volunteer in the library or drop by the office or PTA room to see where you're needed. We always have things to be done. It's important to your child that you are involved in school activities.

It's also a way to show your child that you think school is important. Another way you can help out is by volunteering to help out with school projects. Next month we will be starting to work in our garden building two more planter boxes and completing the garden and Oversea area. Be part of our school community. For more information and to meet parents who are also involved, attend our PTA meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the staff room.

## Lunch Tickets Reminder

Please remind your child to purchase lunch tickets before school or during their recess in the cafeteria. If you prefer, you can go online and put money on their account by going to [EZSchoolPay.com](http://EZSchoolPay.com).

## Healthy Kids

More children qualify for no-cost and low-cost medical, dental, and vision care coverage programs. If you have questions please call 1888-747-1222 or call Mrs. Gallo at 650-738-6687. She'd be glad to help you out.

## Post-its, Post-its, Post-its

Our students are reading and using Post-its to write down their thoughts and remember key information. We are in need of 3X3 post-its. If you can, please sent them in with your child or drop them off at the office.



## Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast is coming soon. Please let us know if you have any items you would like to donate or if you are willing to volunteer for the event. Contact PTA at 738-6687 or Mrs. Lyttle at [dlyttle@pacificasd.org](mailto:dlyttle@pacificasd.org)

## Oversea Tile Painting Project

Join the PTA on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 to paint your very own tile for the Oversea. Cost \$25 per tile.

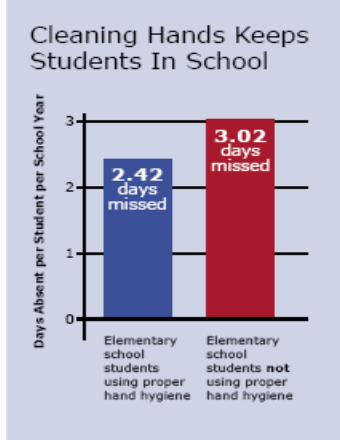
### Attendance Update

We have started to post weekly attendance updates in hopes of improving our overall student attendance.

We expect parents/guardians to keep their children at home when they have a fever, diarrhea, or are vomiting. Otherwise, if they are not contagious, students should be in school. We can decrease the number of absences by reminding children to wash their hands regularly, get plenty of sleep, and eat their fruits and vegetables.

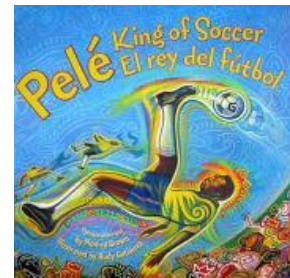
The following information was taken from the CDC website:

*The flu has caused high rates of absenteeism among students and staff in our country's 119,000 schools. Influenza is not the only respiratory infection of concern in schools -- nearly 22 million school days are lost each year to the common cold alone. However, when children practice healthy habits, they miss fewer days of school.*



### Book of the Month

January's Book of the Month was a book written by Monica Brown called, *Pele King of Soccer, El rey del Futbol*. The book is a biography about the soccer player Pele. It goes along with our nonfiction learning that all students are investigating now. The book is written in both Spanish and English. Vladimir Ibarra, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader in Mrs. Crouse's class, read the Spanish parts and I read the English. Vladimir did a wonderful job. The students were impressed with his reading ability and gave him lots of applause to celebrate his success. Thank you, Vladimir. I was also amazed.



### Family Reading Night a Huge Success!



Over 200 people attended our annual Family Reading Night on January 27th. It was a ton of fun with activities that supported the literary themes of the various rooms: frogs and toads, fairy tales, sports, camping, American history, and cooking. A special thanks to all who attended, the teachers and staff who participated, and the wonderful PTA for all their hard work. It was a great event!

### Kindergarten Sign Up

Don't forget to enroll your kindergartener for the 2012-2013 school year so that a spot will be reserved for him/her. You can do so by contacting the district office at 738-6606.

### Super Reader Awards

Each month after our Book of the Month Assembly, we present our Super Readers with a certificate and a pencil for keeping track of the minutes they read at home on their reading log. Help your child earn a Super Reader Award by reminding them to read every night and write it down on the reading log.

### Counselor's Corner

Helping with homework is not always easy, but it is important for children to practice the skills they are learning in school. It is extremely helpful for children to have a special place and time to do their homework. Here are some tips to help you and your child be successful:

- Provide variety. Switch from one subject to another and take breaks to keep up attention.
- Encourage creative thinking by asking questions and listening.
- Encourage independence.
- Take every opportunity to build your child's self-esteem.
- Show a positive attitude toward your child's school and teacher. Work with the teacher not against her.