



Pacifica School District

Sunset Ridge Elementary School

Campus

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General

PRINCIPAL: ELEANOR M. CUNDIFF

- ▶ 26 Teachers
 - ▶ 550 Students
 - ▶ Grades K-5
- 2008 Growth API - 790



Welcome to Sunset Ridge School



Hands On Science at Sunset Ridge

Sunset Ridge Overview ▶

Sunset Ridge Elementary School, serving grades Kindergarten through Fifth grade, has a strong curriculum with an emphasis on literacy/language arts and mathematics. Literacy is the foundation for learning and is therefore the key program focus at Sunset Ridge. Our test scores prove how successful this has been.

Sunset Ridge incorporates Writing and Reading Workshops in every classroom. Teachers are thoroughly trained in understanding the writing process, and all teachers continue to attend trainings each year, visit demonstration schools, and implement Writers Workshop across all grade levels.

Because literacy is the focus at Sunset Ridge, we provide a full day Kindergarten program for all Kindergarten students. The emphasis is to provide the Kindergarteners with a print-rich environment and the skills necessary for them to be successful learners. Early learning leads to reading success, and reading success leads to life success.

Mathematics is also a key component to a child's success in life and is a focus of instruction at Sunset Ridge. Teachers and staff participate in staff development training in math. The entire school participates in solving math problems.

At Sunset Ridge Fine Arts are incorporated into the curriculum. This year all students participated in an art show at Open House. First, Second, and Third grade classes participate in the Music-for-Minors program in which docents teach singing, rhythm, and music theory once a week, and students, develop an appreciation for music. The fourth and fifth grade students have choral music once a week.

Technology enhances the curriculum. Each class has computers that are used to support, integrate, and strengthen the curriculum, under the direction of the teacher. We have two computer labs and special programs that are designed to improve basic reading and math skills. ◆

Sunset Ridge Environment

High on the east hills of Pacifica, on the most beautiful spot in the entire district, is Sunset Ridge Elementary School. The view from the school's "backyard" looks out over the town and the ocean with sweeping views of each.

Sunset Ridge hosts several community programs such as Judo, Boys Scouts, State Preschool, Raising A Reader training, and Spindrift Players drama classes. Hosting programs like this helps position the school as a pillar of the community. Tours of the school are offered on a regular basis and all are invited to call to arrange a tour.



Building a Community One Family at a Time

Fifth-grade students who are promoted from Sunset Ridge are guaranteed a space at our award-winning, state-of-the-art middle school, Ingrid B. Lacy, conveniently located minutes away. ◆

Special Times at Sunset Ridge

Recognizing the importance of serving the whole child, Sunset Ridge has additional support for its families and students with after-school tutorials, homework centers, on-site counseling services, and a community outreach worker who helps support families to access needed services and resources. Sunset Ridge provides a breakfast program and boasts two on-site daycare providers to meet the needs of working parents.

Sunset Ridge's library is the focal point of the school with 14,700 volumes including native language books for our English Language Learners. Books are continually being purchased through two annual book fairs and grants. Books are selected through recommendations of staff and parents.

Our stage was modernized in the 2007-08 school year through a school grant. We now have a state-of-the-art stage with a sound and lighting system that makes each performer a star. Students are given the opportunity to perform on stage through class activities and through after school drama and dance classes. ◆

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Students Perform on a State-of-the-Art Stage