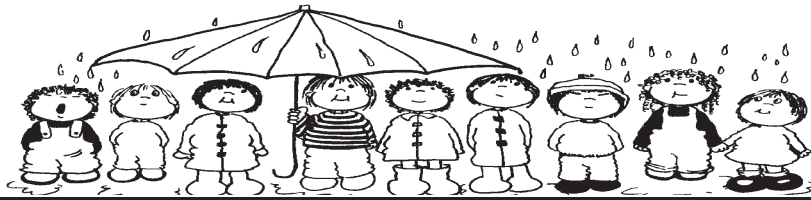


# SUNSET SCRIPT



*The purpose of Sunset Elementary is to empower every person to reach his/her potential academically, emotionally, and socially by promoting cooperative and independent life-long learning, and by enabling us to live with dignity and respect for ourselves and others.*

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Diane Goodwin, principal      Sunset Elementary 17800 10th Ave NW      (206) 361-4351      November 22, 2006

Dear Sunset Community,

## Follow six steps when talking about your child's report card

Report card time can make parents almost as anxious as students. Is your child on track? Is she learning what she needs to know? Are you doing all you can to support her in school?

You can - and should - make report card time a chance to talk about your child's progress in school. You should also talk about your expectations.

Here are six things to do when her report card comes home:

- **Take it seriously.** No, a report card can't tell you everything about how your child is doing. But your child's teacher spends a lot of time making sure that the report card shows you a snapshot of where your child is now. Take time to read it carefully. Talk about it with your child.
  - **Find something to praise.** Even if your child didn't do as well as you'd hoped for, look for something positive. Be sure to read the comments about your child's behavior and work habits.
  - **Don't lose your temper** if your child's grades weren't what you'd expected. Wait until you can talk calmly about what you and your child can do to improve her grades.
  - **Let your child know** what you expect. Say things like, "You don't have to be the best. But I do expect you to do your best." Remind her that effort is as important as ability.
  - **Look at your child's work.** You only see a report card a few times a year. But you can look at the work your child is doing every day. Does she do her homework? Does she do her best? There is a link between how hard students work and how much they learn. Point that out to your child.
  - **Help your child** develop good work habits. A child who sets aside time every day to read will learn to read better. A child who practices math every day will master math facts. If you or your child has any questions about her report card be sure to schedule a conference with the teacher.
- Source: GreatSchools.net Staff, "Understanding Report Cards," GreatSchools.net, [www.greatschools.net/cgi-bin/showarticle/CA/30/improve](http://www.greatschools.net/cgi-bin/showarticle/CA/30/improve).....**Just a Thought**

## Kinderfest Information

Kinderfest 2007, Shoreline School District's 12th annual event, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2007, in the Shoreline Room at the Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave NE. Kinderfest provides an opportunity for parents who will be enrolling their children in kindergarten for the 2007-2008 school year to gather information about the various kindergarten programs and services available.

Topics to be covered include kindergarten curriculum (including math, science, literacy, and technology), registration procedures, transportation, health and safety issues, before/after school care, immunization requirements, student services that are available, and all-day or half-day programs. Parents will also have an opportunity to visit a kindergarten classroom.

Kindergarten registration for the 2007-2008 school year begins on Tuesday, January 30. Parents can register their child at the school in their attendance area on Tuesday, January 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Effective January 31, the registration hours will be between 7:30 to 4 any school day. Kindergarten registration packets will be available in all elementary buildings beginning January 17th. To be eligible to enroll for the 2007-2008 school year, a child must turn 5 on or before August 31, 2007.

Early entrance is an option for those who turn 5 between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. Contact 361-4202 for more information.



## School Calendar

### November

22 Half-day 11:15 dismissal  
23 No School Thanksgiving Holiday  
24 No School Thanksgiving Holiday

### December

4 No School grades K-12 - Staff workday  
5 PTA meeting 7:00 pm  
12 Half-day grades 1-6  
13 Half-day grades 1-6  
14 Half-day grades ADK-6  
15 Half-day grades ADK-6  
20-Jan. 2 No school Winter Break

### January

1-2 No School Winter Break  
9 PTA meeting 7:00 pm  
11 Skate party  
15 No School - MLK Day  
23 Winter Concert 7-8:30 pm  
27 Kinderfest 10-1 SLCenter  
29 No School Grades K-12  
30 07-08 kindergarten registration starts



## Highly Capable Testing

Screening for the SSD's Highly Capable Program for elementary grades will begin in January 2007. All district first grade students will be tested Jan. 3 - 19. Parents of current district first graders received information in the mail about the testing and have the option of declining the testing of their child by signing and returning a postcard to the Highly Capable Program office.

Students in grades 2-5 not currently being served by the program will be tested in March 3rd. & 17th (They must attend both days). Parents interested in having their child assessed for program eligibility should contact Trudy Wright from 11-20 to 1-31 at 206.368.4771 to register.

The top 10% of the first graders will have the second round of testing Mar. 3 & Mar. 17 (They must attend both days).



## Introducing New Staff

**Jennifer Parks** joined Sunset this year as our 3/4th grade teacher. Her parents were from Washington State, but she grew up in the Mid-West. After graduating from college in Texas, she drove a U-Haul to the Shoreline School District and has been here teaching for six years.

Math and science are her favorite subjects to teach. The last two interesting classes she took were Intermediate Dog Training and Kayak Rescue. She has mad cooking skills as she can disguise tofu in a number of tasty dishes. When not exercising her Border Collie Alex, she likes to hike, run, and play tennis. Welcome!



### Community Events

- Center for Human Services 362-7282 offers a multitude of family support services as well as family counseling and substance abuse services.
- Many fun classes are available through Shoreline Parks. Visit online at [www.cityof-shoreline.com/parks](http://www.cityof-shoreline.com/parks) or call 206-418-3383
- Love & Logic class to be offered in Jan./Feb. at Meridian Park. Call Kay Peters 361-4217 for information.
- Lake City Girls Drill Team is looking for new members. Call Kendra 206.948.9440.
- Edmonds/Shoreline Snowsports 6 week session begins Jan. 6. Check out the website [essnowsports.org](http://essnowsports.org) or call 546-5788 for info.
- Richmond Little League registration for spring baseball and softball is in January 2007. Register on-line beginning January 5. Visit [RichmondLittleLeague.com](http://RichmondLittleLeague.com) or call 546-2255 for information.
- La Senioritas Drill Team is currently recruiting girls ages 7-20. Call 419-5287 for info.
- Visit [www.MadScienceFUN.com](http://www.MadScienceFUN.com) for winter camps or call 425.556.0800 for more information.



### New Campbell's Regulations!!

*Effective immediately*, the Campbell's Labels for Education will only accept the **BARCODE** from the soup cans and packages or the CAPS from bottles. They will no longer take the front labels. For more information, see [www.labelsforeducation.com/howtoclipupes.aspx](http://www.labelsforeducation.com/howtoclipupes.aspx) Keep on collecting and put them in the bin by the lunchroom door! Thank you!



Shoreline School District No. 412 complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or handicap. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures may be directed to the school district's ADA Compliance/Title IX Officer/Section 504 Coordinator, Brian Schultz (361-4322), Shoreline Public Schools, 18560 1st Ave. NE, Shoreline, WA 98155. Modifications to school district printed communications to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities may be obtained by contacting Sunset Elementary (361-4351).

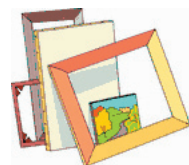
**Check Lost & Found**  
Many jackets and sweat-shirts are on the display racks.

### Holiday Food Drive December 5 - 15

We are again participating in the Shoreline Holiday Basket project, which provides food and gifts for Shoreline families in need during this holiday season. Collection boxes will be placed in each classroom to receive donations of non-perishable foods and other essential items.

Contributions needed include: canned goods, packages goods, and basics like toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Report Cards will be hand carried home on Monday Dec. 12**  
**Check your Child's Backpack!**



### Thank You!!!

Special thanks to *Frame-Up!* in the Fremont district of Seattle, the *U-Frame-It* in the Aurora Marketplace, the *Blue Apple Gallery* in Richmond Beach, and the *Classic Framing* in Richmond Beach for donating mat board to Sunset Elementary to frame many of our student's artwork!

**Parents:** If you want to help cut these mats for artwork, please call Suzanne at 533.6439. You will be doing this "busy work" a few times throughout the year and at your convenience.



### Food Drive

The PTA is looking for a *Chairperson* for the upcoming Food Drive. Our most recent chairperson moved on to Einstein, The Food Drive is Dec. 1 through 15 and it is really a rewarding short-term commitment. Call Tiffany at 546.5793 to volunteer.



### Sally Foster

Thank you to everyone for all your support in our Sally Foster Gift Wrap Fund-raiser. We made over \$10,000 for the school! A special thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped the fund-raiser run smoothly - Ilene Lundford, Karen Mitchell, Lisa Fung-Amundsen, Michelle Hickman, Theresa Williams and Megan Shea.

Thank you also to our wonderful Sunset staff who helped make our fund-raiser a success.

The top five student sales go to Madison Dugas, Elizabeth Heideger, Joe McIntyre, Jade Codd, and Maddie Bell-Knight. Way to go!!

Don't forget, SallyFoster.com is open until January 15, 2007 and our school can still earn 50% profit on all orders. Our school account number is 0292146. If you are still looking for gift ideas or have gift wrapping needs for the upcoming holidays, take a browse through SallyFoster.com. Orders will ship directly to your doorstep.

Thank you for supporting our school!!

*Tricia Holmstrom and Mandi Counter*

**Happy Holidays to all of the Sunset Families**

### Art Smarts at Sunset!

Sunset PTA has been sponsoring the "Art Smarts" program at Sunset since 1999 to provide art instruction and inspiration to our students and teachers. Mona Fairbanks, a local artist and our wonderful artist-in-Residence, will be back again this year to teach 6 classes to every classroom. Your teachers have already signed up for their lessons and the schedule has been set. The project selected this year range from watercolor paintings, pen/ink and charcoal drawings, copper tooling, oil pastels, and of course, lots of clay! Please volunteer for one or more of these 1 hour sessions to help assist Mrs. Fairbanks and the children. Ideally, we want our teachers to learn the art techniques and work on the projects too! Check with your teacher to find out when your child's "Art Smarts" lessons are scheduled this school year.