

# Sunny Hills E-News







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## *Welcome Back to School*

Thank you for sending such amazing kids to Sunny Hills. It has been a fantastic start to the year and it has been fun to see the excitement on the kids' faces as they hurry off to class. Please take the time to scroll all the way to the bottom of this E-news for important information from our fantastic PTA.

**First Day Packets:** A huge thank you to all of you who have turned in your brown first day envelopes. If you haven't had an opportunity to fill out the paperwork yet, please try to find the time this weekend. It is important for us to receive the completed paperwork so that we have the most up to date information about you and your children. We understand it is a lot of work and we truly appreciate your efforts to get it back to us in a timely fashion.

**Bus Passes:** If your child would like to ride the bus to a friend's house after school, please note that no bus passes are available the first two weeks of school (per the transportation department). The first day for bus passes will be Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please send in a note with the following information if you are requesting a bus pass for your child:

-  Your child's first and last name
-  The date
-  Teacher's name
-  The child's full name that they will be riding with
-  The bus number
-  Your signature

**Reminders about Cellular Phones and Electronic Devices:** Cellular phone use is prohibited by students at school. If a cellular phone is absolutely necessary it must be turned off and secured in your child's backpack during school hours. Personal game devices are allowed at recess in designated areas. Taking digital photographs with cell phones or other camera-capable devices is not allowed on campus. Items used in inappropriate ways will be held in the office for parents to pick up. We discourage students from bringing these valuable and special items to

school. If you or your child will be extremely concerned if an item is lost, stolen or broken, please do not bring it to school.

**Puyallup Fair Tickets:** Student tickets to the Puyallup fair are available in the office. Please stop by to pick up tickets for your kids if you plan to attend. The fair runs from September 11<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Absences:** Just a reminder to please call the office @ 837 -7400 if your child is absent from school. If you'd like to notify your child's teacher as a courtesy, that is certainly fine too. However, the office adjusts all absences and tardies. Thank you. If you know ahead of time your child will be absent from school for any reason other than illness, please fill out the Pre-arranged Absence form. You can download it from our Sunny Hills website, or stop by the office and pick one up.

**Picking Up Your Children From School:** If you are meeting your child after school please do not wait in front of the classroom, or go to the classroom. Rather, wait in the courtyard in the front of the school. Teachers will bring the class down to the courtyard where students riding buses will get on the bus or parents meeting children will meet up with each other. The very best plan for picking up your student is to meet them in the lower parking lot. Kids meeting parents in the lower lot will go directly from class to the lower parking lot where two adult EAs will be helping connect students with parents.

**Classroom Interruptions-** Please note the Sunny Hill's procedure for getting information to your student during the school day. The beginning and end of the school day are prime instructional times. In order to protect learning for all students, we will not be interrupting classes throughout the school day to deliver late homework, forgotten lunches, or changes in after school routines, etc. Instead, parents are welcome to bring forgotten homework and lunches to the office where students can come and pick them up at a time when they will not miss out on learning. At the end of the school day, teachers will receive a note with any changes in after school routines or reminders, etc. In the case of a true emergency, we will work with the parents and staff to be sure the child receives any necessary information in a timely manner.

**Birthdays:** Student birthday celebrations will occur in a timely manner to ensure minimum impact on student learning. In order to comply with the Issaquah School District Nutrition Policy and to avoid complications with student allergies, "birthday treats" will not be allowed as a way to celebrate birthdays in the classroom or the lunchroom. Each classroom

will be provided with a small birthday token for each child and encouraged to honor the special day with privileges and opportunities for the birthday student as designated by the classroom teacher.

**From the Kitchen:** Lunch and milk prices are the same as last year. \$3.00 for lunch which includes a milk, \$.50 for milk only. Students can charge up to two lunches, but are not allowed to charge milk. This means they must have money in their accounts in order to purchase milk. If your child runs out of money they will call you and leave a message that they need more money in their lunch account. This is simply a courtesy call, you do not have to run to school to bring money, simply send a check in the next day or put more money in on MyLunchMoney.com. We will be sure your child has lunch that day.

**New Backpacks & School Supplies:** Sunny Hills has received donations of new backpacks and general school supplies (crayons, paper, glue, etc). If your family is concerned about the cost of new school supplies for your Sunny Hills student, let us know! Please stop by the front office or contact Heather Person at 425-837-7425 or Kim Rocco at 425-837-7408. These will be issued on a first come, first serve basis.

### **September Calendar of Events:**

- 3 First Day for All Kindergarteners
- 4 First Day Packets (Brown) Due to the Office
- 7 No School - Labor Day
- 8 PTA Orientation @ 9:45 - Portable 704
- 16 First Day for Bus Passes
- 24 Vision and hearing screening
- 24 Curriculum Night: FDK & AM Kinder & 1<sup>st</sup> 5:50 - 6:35  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:40 - 7:25  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & PM Kinder 5:00 - 5:45
- 28 Gift Wrap Fundraiser Begins

## **The Sunny Hills News**

Sunny Hills Elementary  
*Principal Sarah White*

[www.sunnyhillspta.org](http://www.sunnyhillspta.org)  
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### **Welcome Back!**

We want to welcome everyone back to school for the 2009-2010 year! We are looking forward to seeing many familiar and new faces at Sunny Hills in the coming days. Thank you to everyone

who came to the ice cream social on Tuesday, it was a wonderful way to end the summer and kick-off the year. **1<sup>st</sup> Day Packets** came home yesterday, please fill out the forms as return them to your teacher no later than Friday, **September 11**. You can **join the PTA, purchase Emergency Preparedness Kits**, support Sunny Hills with **Safeway s-Scrip** and sign up to **volunteer** all in the 1<sup>st</sup> Day Packet. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or would like to be more involved in the PTA- *Ellen Owen*, [eowen23@comcast.net](mailto:eowen23@comcast.net), and *Martha Swallow*, [martha.swallow@comcast.net](mailto:martha.swallow@comcast.net). [www.sunnyhillspta.org](http://www.sunnyhillspta.org)

### **You're Invited!**

Please join us for the first PTA meeting of the year on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you are a committee chair for this year, please make every effort to join us. We will review important administrative information as well as make sure we are on track to have a successful year at Sunny Hills!

*Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 - 10:45am, Sunny Hills Mustang Club Portable*

### **CALENDAR of EVENTS**

<b>Sept 9</b>	PTA Fall Kick-Off Meeting, 9:45 am, Mustang Club Portable
<b>Oct 1</b>	PTA Meeting, 6:00pm

### **Join the Sunny Hills PTA!**

Please be sure to join the Sunny Hills PTA so every child will have a voice. Our goal is to have one parent PTA member for each student at Sunny Hills. Members receive discounts on purchases through [www.pta.org/benefits](http://www.pta.org/benefits), so keep your membership card when it comes! All adults are eligible to join the PTA, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and neighbors. Our PTA is only as strong as our members, so please join today by filling out the enrollment line on the Back to School Information sheet in your 1<sup>st</sup> Day Packet. *Questions? Sydney Holderness*, [sydvshs@yahoo.com](mailto:sydvshs@yahoo.com).

### **THE PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP**

The PTA is looking for these two important chair positions to be filled. We know you're out there!

We need someone to fill the publishing station spot. This job is very important this year for the Young Author's Showcase. You would be a liaison between staff and typists. You would need to coordinate volunteers and follow through with completions of jobs. When coordinating volunteers we can help you fill those spots. Please contact Anne Rosauer (425) 427-8602 [arosauer@comcast.net](mailto:arosauer@comcast.net) or Katie Reeves (425) 557-6614 or [katiereeves@comcast.net](mailto:katiereeves@comcast.net)

Do you have a passion for math? We need someone to lead math club this year. This is a before school, extracurricular activity for 4/5 graders who have extraordinary interest in math and a desire to compete in math competitions. The club meets for 45 minutes a week from October through May. During the meetings, math concepts are reviewed and practiced. Mrs Wolfe is available to train the new chair and offer resources, ideas and materials. Please contact Anne Rosauer (425) 427-8602 [arosauer@comcast.net](mailto:arosauer@comcast.net) or Katie Reeves (425) 557-6614 or [katiereeves@comcast.net](mailto:katiereeves@comcast.net)

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to **Cindy Jarvis** for getting our campus in top shape for our student's return. Her tireless helpers worked hard to make the grounds beautiful: **Connie, Lindsay, Ryan, and Adam Fortier, Freddy Jarvis, and Rebecca Owen.**

### **ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**

**Welcome Back!** We're looking forward to a great year with a wonderful group of ISF/PTSA Liaisons. **What is an ISF/PTSA Liaison?** Your "go-to" guy or gal for all Issaquah Schools Foundation information. ISF/PTSA Representatives do a tremendous job of building bridges of understanding, support, and enthusiasm between our schools and the ISF. This year's ISF/PTSA Liaison at Sunny Hills Elementary is Carrie Hutton and she can be reached at [carrie.hutton@comcast.net](mailto:carrie.hutton@comcast.net).

### **ISF Needs You...to Contribute to *Calling for Kids***

***Calling for Kids***— the Foundation's campaign to raise funds to help the District provide students with a comprehensive 21<sup>st</sup> Century education—is in full swing. Parents were mailed informational postcards over the summer and will receive personalized appeals by mid-September. **This year's campaign goal is 100% participation.** If every District family contributes, the Foundation can easily raise over 1.4 million for our schools. ISF is asking families to **join the campaign with a \$50 donation** or to **renew and, if possible, increase their previous *Calling for Kids* support.** High school students will call all families on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. To avoid a call, log onto [www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org) to make a secure online donation or download a ***Calling for Kids*** flier. For more information, please check the ISF [website](#) or contact the ISF office, 425.416.2045.

### **Make ISF Your Facebook Friend!**

ISF is becoming social media savvy! Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Krista Mui, ISF has a Facebook page. Take a moment to join our family. You'll be privy to pictures, fun tidbits, and behind-the-scenes information. Find us at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

### ***Nourish Every Mind***

It's not gone...we've just moved it to the Spring. Keep reading your PTSA newsletter and watch the ISF website for the date and location