

Sunny Hills E-News

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- **ATTENDANCE**: District policy defines morning tardies for M, T, Th, and F as arrival at school any time between 9:15 AM – 11:15 AM. If a student arrives at school between 11:16 AM – 12:00 PM they are marked absent for the morning. If a student leaves school between 12:00 PM – 2:08 PM they are counted absent for the afternoon. Students leaving school between 2:09 PM – 3:38 PM will have an afternoon early dismissal.

Arrival at school between 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM on Wednesday is marked as a tardy. Students arriving between 11:01 AM – 12:00 PM are counted absent for the morning. Students leaving school between 12:01 PM – 1:15 PM will receive an early dismissal for the afternoon.

In order for any absence to be excused the **office** must be notified of the student's absence.

We send out automated calls to any parents who have not contacted the office. If we don't hear back from you (preferably same day, but next day at the latest), the absence will remain unexcused.

The attendance line number is 837 -7400.

If you have attendance questions, please contact Karin Farrar @ 837-7406

- **AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP**: As a reminder, if you are picking up your child after school please either meet them in the lower parking lot or wait for them in the courtyard. We are asking you not to wait in front of your child's classroom as this is very distracting for students and teachers.
- **FLU UPDATE**: Across schools in our community, students are reporting sick with flu-like symptoms every day. At the school- and district-level, we are not able to send home a letter every time we have a reported case of H1N1, and health experts do not recommend doing so. Because local health departments have asked only those people with severe symptoms to report to doctors, the majority of H1N1 cases will remain undiagnosed. Therefore, health experts want all families to react immediately as if H1N1 were in their community and NOT rely on notification of a single incident. Administrators have a system in place to work with Seattle-King

County Public Health to monitor unusually high absence rates to determine whether a specific action or communication plan is warranted in a school. Administrators are also in weekly contact with health experts to make sure they are following best practices for student safety, and custodians are being extra vigilant about cleaning and sanitizing facilities. The best course of action to stay healthy and prevent the spread of viruses and germs is to:

- Check students every morning and do not send them to school if they feel unwell. Keep them home until their fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medicines including those with ibuprofen or acetaminophen.
- Wash hands frequently and properly with soap and water.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.
- Get vaccinated for both the seasonal and H1N1 flu. ([Public Health reports delays in the H1N1 vaccination for the general public until probably November.](#))

[Parents of student at high risk for flu complications](#) should be especially vigilant about following these steps, according to the Center for Disease Control. More information is available on the [Issaquah School District](#) and [Seattle-King County Public Health](#) websites. All advice from health officials is the same: No need for overreaction—H1N1 is a flu subtype comparable to other seasonal flu strains we experience annually—but keep vigilant and follow good hygienic practices in your household.

- **ATTENTION BIKE RIDERS:** There have been a few recent bike thefts at schools in our area. If your child rides a bike to school, please remind him or her to take extra care in locking and securing the bike to the rack.

October Calendar of Events:

26 - 30	Book Fair
26 & 27	Kindergarten Pumpkin Carving Nights - MPR

November Calendar of Events:

2	Last Day for Reflections Submissions
3 rd & 4 th	No School for Students - conferences
5 th	PTA Meeting 9:45 AM

6th Student Picture Re-Take Day
 9th – 23 Thanksgiving Food Drive
 12th Reflections Reception
 13th Sock Hop
 17 Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough Pick Up
 19 & 20 Art Walk – conference room
 25 Report Cards
 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Break
 30 Holiday Gift Program Starts
 30 Unclaimed Lost and Found Items Donated

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PTA EVENTS CALENDAR

October 23	Enrichment Grant Applications Due TOMORROW!
October 26 – 30	Book Fair
November 2	Reflections Submissions – Last Day
November 9-23	Thanksgiving Food Drive
November 12	Reflections Reception
November 13	Sunny Hills SOCK HOP
November 17	Gift Wrap/Cookie Dough Pick-Up

CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS!

The Sunny Hills Book Fair is one of our major fundraisers for the school which begins **Monday, Oct. 26 and runs through Friday Oct. 30th** in the school library. It directly funds the Eager Reader Program and puts books in the classrooms and library. Mrs. White will be doing a **principal read-in on Monday and Tuesday** nights at **6 PM!** Come in after work! The hours are **1/2 hr. before school, 1 1/2 hr. after school** each day. We will be open until 6:30 PM on Monday and Tuesday.
 CONTACT Marquelle Morgan chrisandmarquelle@hotmail.com and Julie James jamesfamily94@yahoo.com

REFLECTIONS

Final Two weeks for the REFLECTIONS program: Entries are due at the end of the school day on **Monday, November 2nd** -- Pick up entry forms in office, follow links listed below for forms:

- [Student entry form](#)
- [Dance and Choreography Rules and guidelines](#)
- [Film productions Rules and guidelines](#)

[Literature Rules and guidelines](#)
[Musical composition Rules and guidelines](#)
[Photography Rules and guidelines](#)
[Visual arts Rules and guidelines](#)

Reflections is a National and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. This year's theme is "Beauty is..." Only original works of art are accepted. The categories are: Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual arts, Film/Video, and Choreography/Dance.

Program information can be found on the Washington State PTA website:

<http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/index.html>

For more information, call Lynda Lindley 425-427-9708 or email

sunny_hills_reflections_program@yahoo.com

SOCK HOP AND HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Dig out those poodle skirts and shine up your saddle shoes! It's time to get ready to rock the night away at the Sunny Hills Sock Hop. This is one of the most fun family events of the year! The music makes you want to move, the decorations take you to another time, and who can resist a free root beer float? So dress up, throw a food bank donation in the car, and come out for an evening of fun for everyone.

DATE Friday, November 13, 2009

TIME 7-8:30pm

LOCATION Sunny Hills Gym

COST Free with your non-perishable food donation. There will also be a fundraiser sale to support 5th grade activity scholarships.

CONTACT Kendra Kruper at kendykruper@comcast.net or Kim Haines at rkhaines@earthlink.net with any questions or to volunteer to help that evening.

HOLIDAY WREATHS EVENT COMING IN NOVEMBER

Are the holiday decorations getting you in the mood to celebrate? Well, don't forget that Sunny Hills PTA offers families a choice of wreaths, swags, garland, centerpieces, and other beautiful greenery. We also need a new Chair Position for next year and if you're interested this year to shadow, *please email Sydney Holderness at sydvshs@yahoo.com.*

LAST CALL FOR UNCLAIMED ITEMS

Please remember to check lost and found. All items not claimed will be donated to the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank on **Friday, October 30th**. *Any questions, please call Lori Walters at 425-313-7599*

A BIG THANK YOU!!

Thanks the Sunny Hill's families and students who served a delicious fried chicken dinner to the patrons at the Issaquah fire station on Wednesday October 14.

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM INFO

The Sammamish Plateau Parent Networking Group is a group of parents who support and educate one another about what it is like to be a kid, and what it is like to be a parent in today's world---and more specifically, on the Sammamish Plateau. Night and daytime meetings alternate to accommodate as many parents as possible. The meetings are open to anyone in the community who has a teenager, who will have a teenager, or who knows or has interest in the issues facing teenagers in our area. There is NO COST and the next meeting is on Oct 26th at the Sahalee Fire Station, 228th Ave. NE, across from Deerfield Park. For more information follow this link <http://www.issaquahpts.org/parented/#SPPNG>. Contact **Cherry O'Neill at 425-868-2111 or dwo-mci@msn.com**