

SUNSHINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2023

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Principals' Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am thrilled to welcome you all to a new school year filled with promise, growth, and endless possibilities. It is an honor to serve as the principal of Sunshine Elementary, and I am excited to share with you some important updates and upcoming events.

"Open House on September 6"

Our journey together begins with our Open House on September 6. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet our dedicated educators, explore the classrooms, and witness the innovative learning spaces we've prepared for your children. I encourage you to engage with our staff and get a firsthand look at the educational experience we're crafting.

"Joining the PTO"

Our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) plays a vital role in strengthening the bonds between home and school. By joining the PTO, you become an active participant in your child's education. Together, we can create a supportive and enriching environment that fosters growth and success.

"SAC/SAF: Your Voice Matters"

Your insights and feedback are invaluable to us. The School Advisory Council (SAC) and School Advisory Forum (SAF) provide platforms for meaningful discussions and collaborative decision-making. Your involvement will contribute to the continuous improvement of our school community.

"🦅 Eagles Go H.A.R.D.: Our Theme for the Year 🦅"

This year's theme, "Eagles Go H.A.R.D.," depicts our shared commitment to excellence. Each letter represents a core value that will guide us throughout the year:

- "High Expectations:" We have high expectations for both our students and ourselves. Through dedication and hard work, we will achieve great heights.
- "Academic Focus:" Education is the foundation of success. With a strong academic focus, we will empower our students to become lifelong learners.
- "Rigor:" Rigorous education builds resilience and prepares our students to overcome challenges. We believe in providing a curriculum that stretches their minds and abilities.
- "Determined to Grow Academically and Socially:" Our dedication extends beyond academics. We are determined to nurture the social and emotional growth of our students, fostering well-rounded individuals.

As we embark on this journey together, I want to express my gratitude for your trust and partnership. With your support, we will create an environment where every student can flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns. Let's make this school year truly exceptional.

Warm regards,

Ms. Dorsett
Principal, Sunshine Elementary

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Title I Parent/Guardian Information

1. School Improvement Plan

School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at www.browardschools.com/sunshine If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Denise Dorsett at 754-323-7700.

2. School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan at www.browardschools.com/sunshine. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Sharon Robinson at 754-323-7700.

3. LEA (District) Parent and Family Engagement Plan

District staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan using the following weblink:

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/78013>

If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Howard, Title I Program Specialist at 754-321-1410.

4. Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.)/The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)/Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)/Statewide Assessment Data and LEA/School Report Card, school grades, state assessment reports
The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents/guardians and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades and the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports using the following weblink:

<https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>.

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Important Dates

Upcoming Events!

9/6
Open House

9/20
ELL Parent Night

9/15-10/15
Hispanic Heritage Month

9/18-9/22
Choose Peace Week

9/19
Kick-off to PTO Fall
Fundraiser

9/21
Picture Day

Upcoming Assessments!

9/7 FAST Reading PM1 (grades 3-5)

9/8 FAST Math PM1 (grades 3-5)

9/12 STAR Early Literacy/Reading (grades K-2)

9/13 STAR Math (grades K-2)

9/19 I-Ready Reading (grades 3-5)

9/20 I-Ready Math (grades 3-5)

9/27
Science BOY (grades 3-5)
I-Ready Reading (grades K-2)

9/29 I-Ready Math (grades K-2)

*School Spirit Shirts on Sale!
\$10.00 / Scan QR Code*



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Welcome to Kindergarten! This year is going to be an amazing year of learning letters, and numbers, and words oh my! Our teachers are prepared to help your children fly. Mrs. Lovely Latorte comes with five years of teaching kindergarten with this being her first year at Sunshine. Mrs. Awesome Alvarez comes with fifteen years of teaching experience with this being her twelfth year at Sunshine. Mrs. Productive Prospere comes with fifteen years of teaching experience with this being her sixth year at Sunshine. With all this experience your child is sure to have a smooth and sunny introduction to school that will set the stage for the rest of his or her education. So, get ready, get set because we will not rest, until our good is better and our better is our best!



ASD CORNER

Ms. Ford and Ms. Rease welcomes you to our 2023- 24 school year at Sunshine Elementary! We realize that teaching your children with special needs is a privilege, as well as a tremendous responsibility. We will do our best this year to ensure that each student has a motivating and safe learning experience in our classrooms. Additionally, we must work together to make this happen. Our doors are always open. If you would like to contact us, please feel free to send an email. We look forward to working with you this school year. We know that with your support this year will be a success!



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1st Grade

Welcome First Graders! We are off to a great start learning rules and procedures as well as making new friends. We are getting to know each other and working on projects that will soon be displayed in our rooms and hallway. Parents please be sure that your child has sent in a binder that was on the supply list. This is our main source of communication and homework is already being sent home. We also would like to remind you that lanyards are a part of the uniform and need to be worn upon entry to campus. We are excited to welcome you into our classrooms this school year.



The second-grade team would like to warmly welcome all students and their families to the 2023-2024 school year. We are excited about this incredible academic journey that we are about to go on. As we embark on this journey, we ask that parents and teachers work as a team to guarantee each child reaches their highest potential. Reading comprehension is paramount for all students to succeed. Please check the agenda book each night; homework is given daily except Fridays.



We are so excited to welcome our new third grade students! We are busy establishing our classroom routines and procedures, all while reviewing for the upcoming year! Students are sharing important facts about themselves, showing off their writing skills, and learning how to select good books!

We are looking forward to starting our first reading unit, focusing on animal adaptations! This will connect to our science lessons as the students learn how to classify plants and animals. Students began activating their math skills as we practice repeated addition to prepare for our unit on multiplication and division! For social studies, students are learning all about where they are in the world with our geography lessons!

Thank you for all you do for your child! We look forward to working with you to support your child this school year!

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The Fourth-Grade team would like to warmly welcome all students and their families to the 2023-2024 school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our students need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for student achievement and we will work hard each day to promote positive outcomes. Reading comprehension is paramount for all students to succeed. Please check the agenda book each night; homework is given daily except Fridays.



Welcome 5th grade students and parents. We are so excited to "Go H.A.R.D. in a world of learning. Our path is set for a whirlwind of adventure and discovery in which we are all masters of our destiny for building knowledge through engaging lessons and learning.

The Fifth Grade Team



Welcome to Physical Education for the 2023-2024. I am extremely excited to be with you all! My goal this year is to teach the importance of exercise as well as improve and learn new skills. Being physically active can improve brain health, manage weight, and reduce the risk of disease. I am looking forward to a fun-filled year!

Coach Ray

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SCIENCE, SCIENCE... LEARN ALL ABOUT IT!! Each grade level has science instruction integrated into the curriculum daily. Spark meaningful conversations with your child and ask what exciting moments they are experiencing in class with various science lessons. Be on the lookout for the Science Beginning of the Year Assessment for grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th in September.

Ms. Jackson

Knowledge, information, research, adventure, excitement, and fun can be located within our digital and print library collection. The Sunshine Media Center is committed to exploration of your child's ideas, thoughts, discussions, and creativity. Students can soar as they venture through various genres while increasing their reading comprehension. Parents, join your child(ren) and Dr. Watson, Media Specialist, as they soar into higher learning. We are waiting for you!

Dr. Watson



Welcome to Music!!! My name is Ms. Young and I am honored to teach music to your amazing children. All students will be taught the fundamentals of music: rhythm, melody, form, and **FUN!!!** Our annual Holiday show will be taking place this December before the winter break. The students and I will start preparing for this collaborative performance in the beginning of October. This year, I intend for our 3rd graders to participate in the "Link Up" program where students will learn to play the recorder along with an orchestra. In addition, I will be bringing an after school violin program to Sunshine Elementary for selected 4th and 5th graders. I look forward to an exciting, fun-filled learning experience with your children and your support is appreciated in advance.



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Welcome back to another phenomenal year at Sunshine Elementary School! As your literacy coach, I am looking forward to continuing to work with our teachers and students to help them become successful readers. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage your child to read daily.

Remember, reading is not just for school, your child can read virtually anywhere. Let your children know that reading is an awesome adventure that makes you smarter, more creative, and helps you connect with the world around you. Remind them to grab a book, flip those pages, and let their imagination soar!

Mrs. Motes



This month in math the focus is on place value, addition, and subtraction. Math Topic 1 test for each grade level will be this month please check agendas daily to help your student prepare. I-ready math is back !!! Make sure your child has headphones to ensure they are prepared for the I-ready diagnostic. Students should be utilizing Fluency Flight daily and Success Maker.

Math Humor- What is a math teacher's favorite kind of tree?
Answer- Geometry :)

Ms. Chandler



Welcome to the new school year! I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer break. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my team to the new families joining this year and a big welcome back to the returning ones! My name is Ms. Juste, and I am the ESE Specialist and on my team is Ms. Barooni the SLP (Speech Language Pathologist) and Ms. Thompson the ESE Support Facilitator.

This is the beginning of a new educational journey and as a team we plan to help your child succeed in reaching their highest goals this year. As a reminder, I ask that you please be sure to keep the ESE team informed of the events in your child's life, including any questions you may have regarding their progress. I encourage you to communicate with us by email. It's going to be an awesome year!

