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Calendar of Events

Monday, September 15

6:30 pm: PTA Board Meeting

Friday, September 19

9:30 am-1:45 pm: School Bus at Sunnyside
for student safety training

Monday-Thursday, September 22-25

5th Grade to Laurentian

Friday, September 26

NO SCHOOL for 5th Grade

SCOOP goes home

Looking Ahead . . .

Monday, September 29

2:30 pm: Fall Fundraiser Kickoff

6:30 pm: PTA General Mtg -Library

Wednesday, October 1

Fall School Picture Day

Thank You to all Sunnyside

Families that helped with the New Brighton Stockyard Days Pop Toss Fundraiser. We raised \$366.00 and it was fun to see so many families play the game! Thanks to the following volunteers – we couldn't have done it without you!

Wendy, Sam, TJ, Joey & Rachel Frantz, Logan & Bailey Flynn, Mitchell Mihalow, Rob, Wendy, Mason & Robbie Marty, Julie Boll, Denise & Alyssa Pask, Stacy, Hannah & Gracie West, Anita Erickson, Todd, Emily & Megan Lang, Heidi, Anthony & Benjamin Swanson, Tony Kersey, Alicia Hammond, Cassie Baumann, and Katie & Slater Mateer.

Welcome Back!!

A warm welcome to all new and returning Sunnyside students and their families!

Thanks to all of you for a smooth start to another great year. We appreciate the well-attended parent information nights. It shows the commitment our parents have to help their children along the path to a successful education.

To ensure everyone's safety, we have already had a fire drill, lockdown and tornado drill. We will be having additional practice drills throughout the school year.

In the past two weeks, all Sunnyside students have attended presentations about school wide behavior expectations with an emphasis on "bullying." The Sunnyside staff is committed to creating a friendly, safe environment for all of our students. Should your child express any concerns about these issues, please contact our staff so that we can address them right away.

Our students are off to healthy and safe start. We look forward to seeing you throughout this school year.

Important Reminder to Parents & Visitors! Please be sure to sign in at the office and put on a "Visitor" name tag when you are in the building.

Thank You!!



PTA News . . .

The Sunnyside PTA would like to welcome everyone back to school! The BEAUTIFUL SUNS in the entry hallway is one thing paid for with money raised by the PTA. We also purchased an AWESOME CLIMBING WALL that will be installed in the gym by the end of the month. We hope that parents will be excited to be a part of the Sunnyside PTA this year! PTA membership forms were sent home earlier this year. Please return them to your child's teacher with payment or just attend the first general meeting September 29 and sign up then.

Here is a schedule of tentative PTA meetings and other fun family events the PTA has planned this year:

SEPTEMBER 15 – Board meeting
SEPTEMBER 29 - General meeting
Fall Fundraiser Kick-off
OCTOBER 10 – Family Fun Night
OCTOBER 13 – Fall Fundraiser Ends
NOVEMBER 17 – Board Meeting
DECEMBER 1 – General Meeting
JANUARY 5 – Board Meeting
FEBRUARY 2 – General Meeting
FEBRUARY 19 – Sunnyside Ball
MARCH 2 – Board Meeting
MARCH 27 – Family Fun Night/Carnival
APRIL 6 – General Meeting
APRIL 17 – Grandparent's & Special Friend's Day
APRIL 27 – Board Meeting
MAY 11 – General Meeting

Sunnyside Scoop Newsletter:

We hope this newsletter will be a handy reference to the happenings at Sunnyside School. To minimize the use of paper, the *Scoop* newsletter and many all-school publications will be sent home one per family, with the youngest or only child in each family. Watch for information about subscribing to ENews so you can receive your *SCOOP* online.

Safety Reminders:

Sidewalk Area in FRONT of School Reserved for Buses:

Six school buses park by the front sidewalk both before and after school and at dismissal time. Cars should NOT stop to unload children in this area (yellow painted curb) during those times. Cars should NEVER park at this curb! It is marked for school buses and emergency vehicles only. Thank you for your cooperation

Drivers – Please Watch for Walkers and Bicycle Riders:

Patrols are outside to assist students at marked cross walks. Cyclists are reminded to WALK their bike at crosswalks and when on school grounds. Bike locks are required. The school is not responsible for stolen or damaged bikes.

Drivers are also reminded to drive IN the parking lot ENTRANCE and OUT the parking lot EXIT. These are clearly marked for **ONE WAY** traffic with DO NOT ENTER signs.

We also remind you that NO cars may be parked on the school side of Cty Rd H. No Parking signs are displayed on this side of the street.

School Safety Patrol Locations

and Times: Flag patrol crossing guards are scheduled to be on duty from **8:20 to 8:35 am**, and from **3:20-3:30 pm**. For children to cross safely we ask that they arrive at the crossing locations during these times. Parents are asked to assist young children when patrols are not present. **IMPORTANT! Patrols will NOT be at their crossing locations if there is the threat of a severe thunderstorm or lightning. Parent supervision is then advised.**

Information Shared by:

Peggy Cardenas, School Social Worker

Free Computers for Those who

Qualify: Abone Computer Repairs-Services, Inc. is offering reconditioned computers to homes that do not already have one to assist disadvantaged, senior and differently-abled persons to enter in to the computer age. To qualify, an individual must not already have a computer, and must state that he/she cannot afford to purchase one. If you are interested, contact Peggy Cardenas, School Social Worker at: 651-621-7615.

Families Facing Cancer is an educational series that provides a safe, nurturing and fun environment for children from ages 6 to 8 who have a parent with cancer. This group is really three support groups in one, with children and teens gathered in age-specific groups to learn more about cancer, their feelings and caring for themselves and their family through a variety of activities.

When: Thursdays, September 18-October 9 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Where: HealthEast Cancer Care Center at St. John's Hospital

Cost: Free

To register: Call Care Connection at 651-326-2273

For more specific information: Call Mary at 651-232-7833 or visit www.healtheast.org

The Wilder Foundation

Presents: *Incredible Years*

Parents & Childrens' Groups

Group Start Date: September 23, 2008

End Date: December 9, 2008

Time: 5:30-8:30 pm

At: Wilder Child Development Center

To enroll, contact:

Gael Thompson, MSW, LICSW
Child Guidance Clinic
451 Lexington Ave Parkway North
St. Paul, MN 55104
Phone: (651) 280-2119

The Children's Group will focus on helping children (ages 5-8) to:

- Identify and express feelings
- Make and keep friends
- Resolve conflicts
- Make good choices
- Listen to grownups
- Do well in school

The Parent Group will address:

- Positive, effective communication
- Effective limit setting and dealing with non compliance
- Handling misbehavior
- Family problem-solving
- Teaching children to problem-solve

Dinner and limited child care are provided. The parent group is for parents/guardians at no cost. Your child's health insurance will be billed for the children's therapy group.

Breakfast is Served . . .

Breakfast is served at Sunnyside at 8:20 am each morning that school is session. If your child qualified for free or reduced lunches, they are also eligible for free breakfast. A hot item is offered every day or a choice of cold cereal. There is also fruit, juice and milk available. Parents are welcome to come for breakfast, too. The charge for ALL adults is \$1.50 and students \$1.30. Even if your child qualifies for free breakfast, siblings who do not attend Sunnyside must pay the \$1.30.