



Sunset Lakes Eagle Express

Congratulations on Being an
"A" School



October 2019
Janice Crosby Goulette, Principal
Janice.Goulette@browardschools.com

Sunset Lakes Elementary School
18400 SW 25 St
Miramar, FL 33029

Cynthia Slater, Assistant Principal
Cynthia.Slater@browardschools.com

<https://www.browardschools.com/sunsetlakes> Twitter @SunsetLakesES

The School Board of Broward County, Florida Heather P. Brinkworth, Chair, Donna P. Korn, Vice-Chair, Lori Alhadeff, Robin Bartleman, Patricia Good, Laurie Rich Levinson, Ann Murray, Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Nora Rupert
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools

Mission Statement and Philosophy – The mission of Sunset Lakes Elementary is to serve the students, staff, and community by: instilling the love of learning and preparing students for the future. Central to this mission statement is the unwavering belief that all children can learn and that providing a myriad of opportunities. The staff at Sunset Lakes is committed to providing every student with a safe and nurturing environment. Our teachers utilize technology and research-based curriculum programs to encourage students to reach their highest potential. Parents play an integral role through volunteering, supporting our teachers, and participating on our School Advisory Committee (SAC) and Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA).

PTSA News

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair will run October 21-25. Students will visit the fair during their regularly scheduled media specials time. Families are invited to join us for Book Fair Family Night on Wednesday, October 23 from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. We will have story time with special guest readers, Mrs. Janice Goulette, Principal and Mrs. Randi Morales, Office Manager. PTSA concessions will be available with pizza, drinks, and snacks while supplies last.

Sunset Lakes Artists

The art room is full of activity! The young artists at Sunset Lakes are busy using the art elements to create their exciting works of art. Kindergarten artists are cutting and gluing to create a Mosaic Design. First grade artists are working on geometric shapes to create a headband.

Second grade artists are learning the primary and secondary colors. They are painting pumpkins and purple monsters. Third grade artists are experimenting with the Crayon Resist Painting technique.

Fourth grade artists are learning foreground, middle ground and background by drawing a landscape. Fifth grade artists are learning to draw people in action. We call this a Gesture Drawing. Keep Art in Your Heart!

Counselor Corner

The school year is flying by and we are nearing the end of the first quarter. Thank you to all the families who donated for the Hurricane Dorian Relief. We had two truckloads of water, food, and personal supplies to donate. During the month of October, students had the opportunity to learn about college and career

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may contact the Director, of the Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District's Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158. Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), may contact the Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321- 2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

options during our College Week. Coming up towards the end of October we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week. It is important to start early and have conversations with your child about making positive life choices that include being free of drugs and alcohol. Students will have the opportunity to dress up to show their support in saying "No".

The Student Senate will be starting to collect for the Harvest Drive. A flyer will be sent home with the items needed to help families in our community have a bountiful Thanksgiving. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Our Patriot of the Month Program is up and running. Each month teachers educate students about a character trait. Teachers then nominate a student from their class who demonstrate that trait on a regular basis to receive an award. For the month of October the trait is Responsibility. During the month of November students will be learning about Citizenship. Happy Fall Y'All!

Pre-K News – Out Littlest Eagles

Pre-k has been busy learning about Fall and investigating apples and pumpkins. We are excited about our field trip to the pumpkin patch. We are looking forward to our school Book Fair and Fall Festival. We are working closely with The Letter People and learning about Fire Safety.

VPK has transformed the classroom into a Farmers Market and the students are so excited. We have also been learning about balls in our ball study and fire safety.

Kindergarten Corner

Once upon A time in Kindergarten we spent the month of October focusing on fairy tales. Our students have been finding characters, settings, and main events in some classic tales and even some fun alternative versions of the classics. They have also

been practicing all of the much needed reading skills that are so important this year such as letter names, letter sounds, sight words, and using what we know in our writing.

In math, we have been working on comparing numbers and we will continue to strengthen this skill with numbers up to 10 through the end of October. Social studies has been building our knowledge of land and water features on maps and globes while studying story setting. Science has helped us learn more about how sound is created and now we are learning that plants and animals are shown in different media to have characteristics they do not have in real life! We have all grown a lot within this first quarter of the school year and we are looking forward to more learning experiences!

Fantastic First Grade

First grade will be preparing for our Friendsgiving sharing event later this month by doing a unit focusing on comparing life in the past to today in a variety of content areas. In Reading/Language Arts we will be exploring a variety of non-fiction books where we learn how to use various text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, and icons) to locate key facts or information in a text. We will also be learning about the importance and purpose of Veteran's Day in our country.

In Science, we will be exploring all the properties of Matter. In Math, we will be learning new strategies to add and subtract within 20. Our Patriot of the Month value is Responsibility.

Second Grade Stars

The second Grade students at Sunset Lakes Elementary school are FALLing into great study habits. We are studying owls and comparing them to bats emphasizing text features, key ideas, and details and author's purpose. In science we are looking at the basic needs of living things. In math we are working on place value skills up to a thousand.

Our Fall Festival will be filled with many fun hands on learning opportunities in science, math, and reading. Continue reading and reviewing fiction and non-fiction books with your children. Also, encourage them to take Accelerated Reader tests before school in the media center, or in class when the time permits.

Third Grade Rocks!

We can't believe the first quarter is already in the books! The students have completed their first keystone on landmarks and are now working on their fable keystone. The students have loved reading different fables and folktales the last few weeks. In social studies, we are getting ready to start our unit on economics, after finishing our study of the government.

Science has been super interesting as well. The students wrapped up energy and are moving onto light. We have quite the mathematicians in third grade! They did an awesome job on their first multiplication chapter and will continue to strengthen their multiplication skills in Chapter 4. We can't wait to see the students Book in a Bag Book Report at the end of this month.

Fabulous Fourth Grade

Time flies when you're having fun! This is true of our hardworking fourth graders. Our first quarter is coming to an end and we have already accomplished so much! Responsibility is the highlighted character trait this month. Our students have taken on not only the challenge of fourth grade but have done so by showing great responsibility in the completion of their work.

Students are doing a great job of mastering their multiplication tables as we work through the multiplication and division chapters in Go Math! We have covered the non-fiction genre in reading, and we are focusing on opinion writing as we strive toward the perfect essay. We are stepping back into history with historical text as we begin our second quarter.

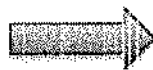
Space exploration was out of this world in science and we are looking forward to exploring rocks in our next Stemscope. The Native American tribes of Florida will take us on our next adventure as we are eager to start the next quarter.

Fifth Grade - Class of 2020

In math, fifth graders have been busy learning how to work with decimals in preparation for our December 6th visit to J.A. Biz town. At Biz town, students will be participating in business and citizenship experiences. If any parent is interested in volunteering for this wonderful trip, please email Mrs.Hartenhoff at rosemary.hartenhoff@browardschools.com.

In science, students are in the middle of an exciting unit on forms and uses of energy. The teachers and students are especially excited about the hands-on activities that will take place during the Fall Festival at the end of October that will focus on physical science concepts like mixtures, solutions, and liquid density.

In language arts, analyzing poetry has been the recent focus and students are using the acronym SNOTS (Small Notes on The Sides) to remember to annotate during close reading activities. Finally, as the holidays approach, students are exploring the conceptual topic of "arriving in the new world" and gain a deep understanding of assimilation.



CAMPUS SAFETY

"Safety First is Safety Always" - Charles M. Hayes

Safety and security is very important. Please read through the newsletter in detail and ensure each time you visit the school to bring your identification. All school drills and safety events will be communicated regularly.

Volunteer Information

Returning volunteers who received a badge during the 2018-2019 school year, *do not* need to complete a volunteer application. These volunteers will be automatically screened for the new school year and approved volunteers will receive a confirmation e-mail. All new volunteers must fill out an application and be screened at https://webapp.browardschools.com/sbbc_volunteer/VolunteerForm.aspx. Please wear your badge while on campus.

Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival

No adult will be allowed to accompany their child into the building. School staff will monitor and assist all students. Please do not drop off your child prior to 7:30 a.m. as there is no supervision on campus prior to that time.

- Bus students will be met by a staff member and will be directed to their designated area.
- Car riders will be met by a staff member in the front of the school and directed to their designated area.
- The designated area for Pre-K and the A-Team is the side door by the café.
- Kindergarten through fifth grade students will go directly to their classroom. Students are to sit on the floor outside the classroom, read a book, and wait for directions from the teacher.
- Teachers open their classroom doors at 8:00 a.m.
- Students arriving after the 8:00 a.m. bell will be marked tardy.

Gate Procedures

There will be a single point of entry at the front of the school during the school day. Both the front and back entrance gates will be locked daily at 8:30 a.m. and reopened at 1:30 p.m. for dismissal. The front gate will be supervised during the school day by a Campus Monitor. The Campus Monitor will ask for identification and what your business is at the school. At times, due to inclement weather conditions, there may be a longer than usual wait.

Dismissal

If you are driving to pick up your child, he/she will be seated on the sidewalk in front of the school. Parents must pull up to the curb with their child's name on the designated car sign that is hung from the rearview mirror. Please do NOT use your cell phone while driving on school property. Students will be called via radio and directed to their car. All children must be loaded on the passenger side of the vehicle, not the driver's side. Once your child is safely in your car, you may use the left lane to cautiously exit the car line. Parents must not park and come into the building unless they have an appointment with the teacher. If you are walking to pick up your child, please use the sidewalks and/or crosswalk.

Other students will be dismissed as follows:

- Bus students will be dismissed to their buses through the rear doors.
- Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed to the walking gates.
- Soaring Eagles Academy After-Care kindergarten and first grade students will be picked up in the classroom by a counselor.
- Second through fifth grade students will walk to the cafeteria to meet their counselors.
- STAR program aftercare will be dismissed with the bus students to meet their counselors out back.

If you have an appointment/conference and are parking your vehicle, you may park in specifically marked parking spaces only. Parking in the exit lanes and/or the grass areas are prohibited. If there is a change in the way your child goes home, notify your child's teacher in writing at the start of the school day. All changes must be made before 1:30 p.m.

Security Tracking and Response (STAR)

All visitors to the campus must sign in to the front office through the STAR system and show a United States issued government identification, a valid driver's license, or a passport while conducting school business. If you do not have identification, you will be asked to conduct your business/conference in the

front office.

In addition, starting this school year, all early sign-outs and late sign-ins of students will go through the STAR system with the same identification procedure. Please be patient, as we have one STAR checkpoint.

Identification Badges

All staff members, District employees, and vendors, will have District issued identification badges on at all times.



Students will be issued identification badges and must wear them at all times. The student ID badges will remain at school. If a child misplaces his/her ID badge, they must contact the front office.

Important Calendar Dates

October 17	Early Release Day 12 Noon Dismissal
October 18	Teacher Planning Day – No School
October 21-25	Book Fair Week
October 23	SAC Meeting 5:30 p.m. Book Fair Family Night 6:00 p.m.
October 25	Patriot of the Month
October 25-31	Red Ribbon Week 25 th – Wear Red Shirt and Jeans 28 th – Wear Favorite Hat 29 th – Wear Pajamas 30 th – Wear Silly Socks 31 st – Dress Up for Halloween
October 28	Texas Roadhouse Family Night
October 31	Fall Festival Character Parade
November 1	Make-up Picture Day
November 5	Veteran's Day Luncheon
November 7	Read for the Record Day
November 11	No School – Holiday
November 12-15	Anti-Bullying Week
November 13	Report Cards Issued NEHS Induction 6:15 p.m.
November 15	Patriot of the Month
November 19	Interim Reports Issued

