



Sunset Palms Turtle Talk



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Sunset Palms is an "A" rated and 5 Star School

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office 752-1100
 Clinic 752-1121 (Nurse Linda)
 After the Bell 752-1135 (Mrs. Baumgardner)
 ESE Contact 752-1112 (Mrs. Janisko)
 Data Processor 752-1102 (Mrs. Hadley)
 Guidance 752-1117 (Ms. Marcus)
 Cafeteria 752-1156 (Kinia Estime)
 Attendance Hotline 752-1160

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 9 – Students return to school from holiday break
 Jan. 15 – Holiday – No School

SCHOOL WEBSITE LINK

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/sunsetpalmelementary>

DISTRICT POLICY/SAFETY

Students may not bring knives to school for any reason, which means please do not pack knives in your student's lunch box to use for lunch or snack.



- INSTANTLY ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & THREATS
- INCLUDE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS EASILY
- REMAIN ANONYMOUS

See Something, Say Something, DO SOMETHING

VISITORS/SAFETY

When visiting our school, please push the button located outside of the main entrance and state your name and purpose of the visit. Please have ID ready. Please do not hold the door for other visitors; each visitor must push the button individually. Thank you for your cooperation.

STUDENT ABSENCES

It is important for students to attend school daily and be on time for school. If your child is absent, please notify your child's teacher through email with the reason for the absence. Excessive absences/tardies result in a loss of instructional time and impacts education. Students should be in their classroom and ready to learn at 8:00 a.m.

DISMISSAL CHANGES

Dismissal changes should only occur in emergency situations. If you need to change the dismissal of your child, please notify the front office no later than 1:30 p.m.

WASTE-FREE LUNCH TIPS

In an effort to reduce waste at our school, please send your child to school with reusable lunch bag/box for carrying a lunch. Also, please send refillable bottle for drinks but if you choose to use a single-serving container, please make sure it is recyclable. Consider placing sandwiches, muffins, etc. in reusable containers, instead of plastic bags along with reusable utensils.

DRESS CODE POLICY - IMPORTANT

We have a mandatory dress code at Sunset Palms. ALL students are expected to be in dress code daily. No stripes, patterns, designs. Please see the details below.

The policy sets guidelines for students to create an atmosphere that fosters learning without fashion distractions and safety hazards. Students who DO NOT adhere to the dress code policy will receive an area of concern on the "Follows rules/routines/directions" section on the report card. Please contact the front office if you need assistance with obtaining dress code items. Shirts with logos may be purchased through our PTA. Other school dress code items may be purchased at any retail store.

Tops – Solid collared shirts (Any color, short sleeve or long sleeve, with or without the Sunset Palms logo). The Sunset Palms logo is preferred. **No stripes, patterns or designs.**

Sweatshirts- Solid color (free from decorations and writing) sweatshirts may be worn over the collared shirts in the classroom.

Bottoms –Pants, capris, shorts, skirts, leggings and skorts (solid khaki, navy, black). **No stripes, patterns or designs.**

Uniform Jumpers – Plain solid collared shirt underneath.

Uniform Polo Dresses – Solid colors.

Jackets - Solid jackets (free from decorations and writing) may be worn over the collared shirt in the classroom. Other types of jackets may be worn to school and outside, but may NOT be worn in the classroom.

Not permitted – Midriff baring, short shorts, short skirts, short skorts, athletic shorts, flip flops, open toed, open heeled or platform shoes. Dress code clothes should not be cut, bedazzled, etc. Shoes must be closed toe and closed heel for safety reasons.

Fridays ONLY – Jeans may be worn with dress code top
 ****ID Badges MUST be worn daily.****

SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Parents, please show your support of Sunset Palms Elementary by completing the District School Effectiveness Questionnaire (SEQ). The SEQ is an essential tool for parents to provide feedback and support of Sunset Palms Elementary.

The Parent survey will be open from Tuesday, January 2 through Friday, February 9, 2024. Please go to <http://l.sdpbc.net/zzhjx> to complete the survey.

Students in grades 3-5 will complete the student SEQ at school during the week of January 29-February 2.

STUDENT BADGES AND LANYARDS

During winter break, please keep your child's badge and lanyard in a safe place, such as their backpack.

In addition, your child may wear their own breakaway school appropriate lanyard with their ID.

YEARBOOK SALES

The yearbook presale will be going on sale 1/9/24 to 2/16/24 through palmbeach.schoolcashionline.com ONLY. The cost is \$35 per yearbook. There is a limited supply, so order one soon!

HERE COMES THE BUS (HCTB)

Here Comes the Bus (HCTB) is an easy-to-use website and application that enables parents to see the location of their child's school bus on a smartphone, tablet, or personal computer. Please review the [HCTB informational video](#) to provide a quick product overview.

HCTB is a parent-facing application, which means that parents themselves must register to use the product. Here is a [link](#) introducing HCTB and information regarding what you will need to register your student(s).

Registration for HCTB requires some key steps, as outlined below. Before attempting to sign up for HCTB, bus riders must be registered to ride the bus. Parents will need to complete [Register Your Ride](#). *Register Your Ride* requires two pieces of student information. The username and password are the same as those used to log in to the Student Portal. The parent can obtain these two pieces of information. This step must be completed before attempting to register for HCTB.

The secure Student SIS PIN is required to add a student to HCTB. The PIN is accessible through the [SIS Parent Gateway](#). Parents who do not have access to the SIS Gateway will need to request the SIS Parent Gateway Letter, which contains the Student PIN from their child's school. Please contact aida.hadley@palmbeachschools.org if you do not have a SIS account.

Parents will be directed to the HCTB website to enroll in the application. Step-by-Step directions for downloading the mobile application and registering for HCTB can be found [here](#) and on Transportation Services' website.

Additional school resources are available on the [Transportation Website](#) and the [HCTB District HUB site](#).

The District is excited about the ability of HCTB to provide more timely bus scheduling information and improve the overall transportation experience for parents, guardians, and students.

ID BADGES

Students **MUST** wear their ID Badges every day per school district policy. Students may wear their own break-a-way school appropriate lanyard with their ID Badge. Students may not hang any items on their lanyards other than the ID badge (no toys, pins, etc.).

MORNING DROP OFF PROCEDURES

STUDENT DROP OFF IS FROM 7:25-7:55 a.m.
INSTRUCTION BEGINS AT 8:00 a.m.

Happy New Year 2024!

I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year!

~Karen Riddle, Principal



Spirit Night at Dos Amigos!

Join us for Spirit Night in Delray Marketplace on **Thursday, January 18, 2024 from 3:00 p.m.-9 p.m.!** A percentage of the sales will be donated back to Sunset Palms Elementary. We cannot wait to see you there! Thank you for supporting our school!

January PTA Events

- January 18: Dos Amigos Spirit Night
- January 19: Student Store
- January 26: BINGO Family Fun Night



Exciting news! The West Boynton Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) is now official, with a newly elected board as of November 28. Parents of middle school children are encouraged to support the PTSA by actively getting involved, and playing a vital role in creating a positive middle school experience. Our membership drive will launch soon but in the meantime, follow us on Facebook @West Boynton Middle School - PTSA

Let's Stay Connected!

Visit our website: www.SunsetPalmsPTA.com
Sign up for our emails: **Text SPEPTAINFO to 22828**



LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

PTA NEWS





BINGO Family Fun Night

Our BINGO Family Fun Night will be held **Friday, January 26, 2024 from 6:30-8 p.m.!** Join us for a fun night of BINGO in the Sunset Palms Cafeteria

Scan the QR Code below to pre-purchase tickets
Entry is \$5 per person. Parents must accompany students.

Due to capacity constraints, the event is limited to students and parents only, no siblings. We expect the event to sell out, so buy your tickets ASAP.



School Spirit Items

Scan the QR code to visit PTA's online store to purchase Spirit Wear, Birthday Grams, and BINGO event tickets!

For questions regarding orders please reach out to spe.ptaorders@gmail.com.



Welcome back and Happy New Year Sea Turtles! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. We are looking forward to some fun events this year.

Sincerely,
Ana Marin, PTA President



Our Reflections campaign has moved onto the county phase and we are happy to announce our school winners. All of the entries were amazing and we could really see the time and energy each of the students spent working on them. Everyone should be very proud of

his or her hard work.

Intermediate Literature

1st Place - Micah Bartolini

2nd Place - Kavya Pandit

3rd Place - Hasya Reddy Maram

Intermediate Visual Arts

1st Place - Hannah Schwartz

2nd Place - Micah Bartolini

3rd Place - Kavya Pandit

Honorable Mention - Hasya Reddy Maram

Intermediate Photography

1st Place - Katie Webb

Primary Visual Arts

1st Place - Aayush Pandit

The top three entries in each category will be delivered to the county for the next phase of judging. We wish you the best of luck in the next round.

Thank you again to everyone who submitted an entry. The student awards will be distributed after the Winter Break



Student Store

Our Student Store is open for business on Friday, January 19 from 7:25 a.m.-7:50 a.m. at the back of the Main Hall, offering Spirit Sticks, Smencils, Smickers, Scented Gel Pens, cute erasers, fun fidgets and more. Check social media for exciting new offerings every month! **Your child may use their birthday buck here.** *This is a student only event*