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SUNFLOWER ELEMENTARY HERO HEADLINES

April 2015

ENROLLMENT & CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2014-2015

It is that time of year again, we are looking at student placement for the up-coming school year! If you have any specific concerns regarding the learning or social needs of your child, please put them in writing to Mrs. Wokutch and return them with your child's enrollment packet. Requests will NOT be accepted after May 15.



Please note that we do not accept request for specific teachers. However, it is our goal to make sure the placement for your child will meet his/her individual needs.

Enrollment packets will be sent home with third and fourth grade students the beginning of May. Parents, please go over the packets, complete, make any necessary changes, and return to the office before the end of the school year.

Paola Middle School will mail out enrollment packets for the fifth graders. You should receive their packets mid to late June.

Due to the varied number of students that may transfer in or out of Sunflower, students will not know final class placement until enrollment on August 4.

PTO AUCTION RESULTS

Thank you to everyone that helped make our PTO Dinner and Auction a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated items and their time, volunteers who helped set up, prepared food, and work the event, to all who helped to organize in anyway, and to those who attended and purchased items! It is all greatly appreciated! Blow are the final totals for the Auctions:

Teacher Experiences	\$3,720.00
Live Auction	\$8,510.00
Silent Auction	\$3,953.00
TOTAL	\$16,183.00

GIVE 60 VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our April Give 60 Volunteers!!

Office Help: Cindy Cox

Jennifer Barnum

Garden Upkeep: Jennifer Bollinger

If you would like to volunteer please sign up at:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508084EA8AB2DA31-2014151/23021587



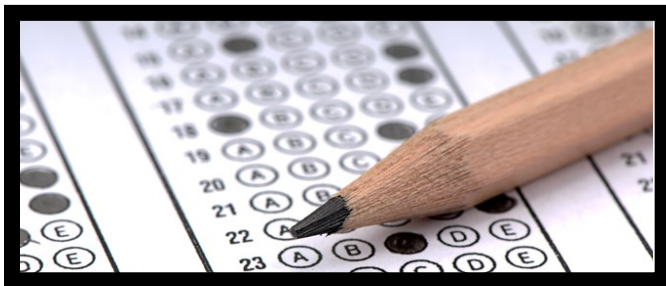
You're going to
make a difference.
A lot of times it
won't be huge, it
won't be visible
even. But it will
matter just the
same.

Commissioner James
Gordon

STATE ASSESSMENT AND MAP TESTING

Students at Sunflower began state assessments the week of March 23 and will finish up with MAP testing May 1. Listed below are some parent test support strategies.

- Note test dates on your home calendar and schedule appointments on non-testing days.
- Prepare your child with a positive frame of mind by praising them for work done well, and encouraging them to ask questions when things aren't clear to them.
- **ON TEST DAYS:**
 1. See that your child is rested and eats breakfast.
 2. See that your child arrives to school on time and is relaxed.
 3. Encourage your child to do the best work possible and to take their time and not rush through the test.
 4. Do not remove your child from school for appointments.
- A certain degree of test anxiety is normal and may help students prepare, work hard and remain focused during testing. Too much anxiety may have a negative effect on their performance. Here are ways to reduce test anxiety:
 1. Discuss the test openly and in a positive way.
 2. Have realistic expectations of your child's performance while encouraging their best efforts.
 3. Emphasize that the test is only one measure of academic performance.
 4. Emphasize that test scores do not determine a person's worth.



PARENTS IN THE KNOW

From the Desk of Mrs. Stallbaumer,
School Social Worker...

How to Build Family Closeness

***Ask questions:** Instead of offering your advice right away, ask if they have a plan and what that plan is.

***Hold your opinion:** Save some of your opinions for the bigger issues when kids are challenged to go off their best path.

***Ask for help:** Have your kid troubleshoot your phone, fix your computer, show you something on YouTube, or show you a game you might like to play.

***Cook or bake together:** Food brings people together. Give your child the choice of some recipes, then work together to make a pasta dish or some dessert.

In Every Issue

USD368 Nutrition

Lunch & Breakfast Menus
are available on the district website.

PTO Spotlight

Keep up to date on PTO events at
www.sunflowercottonwoodpto.com

Next Meeting May 4

5:45 @ Cottonwood

Earn \$\$ for Sunflower by
collecting the following
labels:



All labels can be placed in the bins
in our foyer.

April 2015



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1-A Day PTO Book Fair SIT Referrals DUE WD - Matthew Smith Eat Out For Technology - BBQ Shack	2-B Day PTO Book Fair Staff Meeting	3-C Day PTO Book Fair	4
5	6-D Day WD - Gene Wheeler	7-E Day	8-A Day WD - Ernie & Eric Biggs	9-B Day	10-C Day WD - Billy Kimble Rob White	11
12	13-D Day BLT Mtg. 3:00 Board Mtg. 7:00	14-E Day	15-A Day WD - Joel Jenkins	16-B Day SIT Meeting, 8:30 a.m. WD - Michael Oldfield	17-C Day WD - Josh Johnson John Osbern	18
District MAP Assessments						
				Staff Meeting	Give 60 - Jennifer Barnum	
19	20-D Day	21-E Day	22-A Day Secretary Appreciation Day! 4th - Teach Kids 2 Save	23-B Day	24-C Day Science & Fine Arts Night Talent Show	25
District MAP Assessments						
26	27-D Day WD - Jeff Menefee	28-E Day CW K Music Program	29-A Day	30-B Day SES 5th Gr Music Pro- gram, 7pm		
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