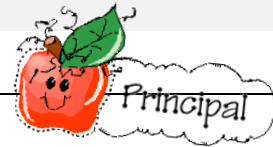




# SPCAS NEWS

November 2017



## Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies

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### Principal

Dr. Tammy White  
**Assist. Principal**  
Keri Beth Brown

### Mission

We will create a child-centered learning environment where ALL children will learn at high levels.

### Vision

- At SPCAS the faculty and staff will...
- Purposefully collaborate.
  - Empower students to discover, develop, and accelerate academically, creatively, and socially.
  - Use practices that are research based and responsive to the needs of our students.
  - Collaborate and communicate with all stakeholders to ensure student success.

### Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1- Report Cards go home
- Nov. 2- PTO meeting 6pm in Media Center
- Nov. 4- School of Choice Fair 10am-12pm  
Sullivan Middle School
- Nov.10- Enrichment Cluster Celebration  
1:30pm
- Nov. 14- School Improvement Council  
& Canvas Parent Meeting 6pm
- Nov. 15- Make-up pictures
- Nov. 16- CFA spirit day
- Nov. 16- Progress Reports go home
- Nov. 17- Academic Recognition Ceremonies
- Nov. 22-24- Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 29- Terrific Kid Program 9am

### Media Center NEWS:

The Scholastic Book Fairs presented to Sunset Park a Certificate of Recognition for achieving **89,280** minutes of independent reading during the **Fall 2016** Book Fair. A total of **496** books were added to home and/or school libraries via the book fair.

The fall 2017 Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! This year's fair will be held during American Education Week, which is November 13<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>. Online shopping can begin as early as Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, by clicking on the link:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/sunsetparkelementaryschool2>

Parents are encouraged to support your **Teacher's Classroom Wish Lists** by purchasing a book for your child's homeroom.

## Message from Our Leader: Dr. White

Hello! Let me be among the first to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! I appreciate you taking the time to read this message. I certainly hope that you find it helpful.

Asking your child, "How was school today?" can sometimes lead to a dead end in the conversation. Instead, try out these questions to see if you might get a better picture of your child's day:

What was the coolest thing that happened at school today?

Pretend that you are the teacher. How would you describe the day?

What made you laugh today?

What was the most creative thing that you did today at school?

How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?

Sunset Park is a wonderful place for students to grow educationally, get involved, and have a meaningful elementary school experience. In every way that schools are measured, whether it is academically, in the fine and performing arts, or athletically, Sunset Park excels. Our curriculum, classrooms, and Enrichment Cluster offerings are second to none. We strive to create an environment where each and every student is given the attention necessary to achieve success.

All of this is made possible by strong partnerships that are developed with our parents. I hope that our website and school newsletters will assist in this endeavor. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Tammy T. White, *Ph.D.*

Principal, Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies

**Congratulations to Tyler Jackson for earning a maximum score on the SC PASS test this spring!**



## Message from Mrs. Brown:

Our school is participating in an important district initiative called Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS).

### What is Positive Behavior Intervention & Support?

PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It is a systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based, school-wide, and classroom behavior support systems. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. Rather than a prescribed program, PBIS provides systems for schools to design, implement, and evaluate effective school-wide, classroom, non-classroom, and student specific plans. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and all staff in all settings. PBIS is not a program or a curriculum. It is a team-based process for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn. Look for more information to come monthly on the implementation of PBIS at SPCAS!



**Congratulations to the following students who were chosen for demonstrating Responsibility traits during the month of October!**

JasMyn Mobley	Blake Corley
Luis Barrales	Tamara Rockholt
Mason Pickett Hicks	Rylan Hammack
Zalia Rambert	Alyssa Slaughter
Emely Reyes	Yuliana Reyes
Noah Runyon	Mason Thorne
Ross Switzer	Kingston McCrorey
Morgan Young	Darnasia Davis
Landon Corley	George Hane
Alejandra Olivo	Alexandra Hopkins
Carlin McFadden	Khloe Duncan
Chemere Gordon	Michael Strong
Amiya Davis	Steven Linker
Gabriel Shehan	Angela Barrales
Carter Fields	Archie Childers
Josey Wilke	Alfonso Peterson
Breezy Sneed	Leelan Bolick
Italia Taylor	Addison Greene
Meredith Cooper	Jahana Morgan
Marquais Eaves	Mykenzie Brown
Brooklyn Williams	Ana Land
Ayvah Mitchell	Jalen Gaither

## Coaches' Corner: Mrs. Blackwell & Mrs. Hartgrove

### ELA:

Don't forget that reading logs for Read Your Way to the Big Game are due by November 10. We hope to have no less than 70% of our students participating. Students are only required to read and record six level appropriate books to enter.

Parent tip – As your child is reading at home, in the car or other location, ask them a few questions about the book. Some suggestions include:

1. That looks like an interesting book. What is happening in it?
2. Can you read the most interesting part of your book to me?
3. If it is a fiction book ask them who the characters are or where the book takes place.
4. For non-fiction books ask them why they chose that book. Have them tell you one thing they have learned so far.

Your conversation doesn't have to be long. It will show that you are interested in what they are reading and might encourage them to read more intentionally.

### GT/MATH:

Duke TIP helps gifted students discover their abilities, explore new academic challenges, and celebrate their accomplishments. In order to qualify, students must score in the 95% or higher on national or state assessments.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Duke TIP program this year.

Landon Baardseth	Abree Marcrom
Zebulon Barringer	Dillon McCoy
Logan Beane	Dahntay Moore
Morgan Cluppert	Malcolm Morris
Rylan Comer	Benjamin Notarangelo
Edison Cubbedge	Mason Panther
Amiya Davis	Madelynn Queen
Julia Faircloth	Nolan Robitaille
Madison Foster	Noah Runyon
Jaelyn Foster	Gabriel Seabold
Katarius Gill-McDonald	Ansley Shaw
Wesley Hane	Gabriel Shehan
Christopher Higgins	Kaitlyn Sobocinski
Annsley Howle	Mary Addison Starnes
Tyler Jackson	Breanna Stewart
Kennedi Johnson	Joel Thorne
Maverick Kelley	Reed Ullrich
Gage Kimbrell	Briella Williams
	Miles Wilson

## Counselor's Tidbits: Ms. Woods

During the month of October Sunset Park participated in a nationwide campaign that serves to remind everyone about the importance of living a drug free lifestyle. The "Red Ribbon Week" campaign is an alcohol, tobacco, drug and violence prevention and awareness campaign which is observed annually in the United States during the month of October. Sunset Park celebrated Red Ribbon Week the week of Oct 23, 2017. Our theme this year was, **Your Future Is Key So Stay Drug Free**. The students really enjoyed participating in the dress up days which included: Proud to be Drug Free (wear red), Sock it to Drugs (wear crazy socks), I'm too bright for drugs (wear shades), **Team Up Against Drugs (wear team jerseys or shirts) and Hats Off To Being Drug Free (wear hats)**. Please continue to talk with your children about the importance of living a drug free lifestyle as well as the importance of making good choices! I am very excited about working with Student Counsel this year. All Student Council Members have been given a letter detailing the meeting dates and times for this school year. It is extremely important that you make arrangements for transporting these Student Council members home after every meeting!

Finally, if your family is in need of Holiday assistance, please contact me on my office number: (803) 981-1272. As always, please know that I am available should you wish to speak with me regarding your child's needs at Sunset Park. Have an amazing November!

Meisha Woods, B.A., M.A.  
Sunset Park Center for  
Accelerated Studies  
Professional School Counselor  
(803) 981-1272 (Office)



## Message from Mrs. Dieguez:

Let's Talk About Attendance...

Please remember the first bell rings at 7:40 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m. If your child is tardy, please, walk them into the building so we know they have arrived safely. Our Attendance Incentive is in full swing and we have awarded our first Ice Cream Sundae Party for the year along with our Tuesday weekly prizes. August and September were combined for our Ice Cream Sundae Parties and our winners were K5 Ms. Mobley's class and fifth grade Mrs. O'Grady Jones' class. Mrs. Mobley's class received 18 stars and Mrs. O'Grady-Jones' class received 25 stars of the 30 stars possible. Classes with the highest number of stars in K-2 and 3-5 had their name placed in a container and the winner was drawn for each group. Congratulations to these two classes. You can help your child's class win by having them at school on time. If there is a student tardy in a class, the class does not receive a star for that school day.

Attendance Plans are written if a student accumulates 10 unexcused tardies during the school year. Attendance Plans are also written for unexcused absences, if a student has 3 consecutive unexcused absences or 5 unexcused absences during the year. We encourage you to make every effort to have your child here and on time daily. Excuses should be sent to the office when the student returns to school. Remember, out of town trips/vacations are not lawfully excused absences.

### Our weekly attendance winners to date are listed below:

Week 1: Savannah Moore & Sydnie Rae Meredith  
Week 2: Jena Rose Gonteski & Janet Sanchez  
Week 3: Layonna Williamms & Isaiah Baker  
Week 4: Adama Dow & Skylar Pickett  
Week 5: Serenity Johnson & Kaitlyn Sobocinski  
Week 6: Tedy Rios Cruz & Anthony Ajaonu  
Week 7: Jonah Kennon & Shamari Ware  
Congratulations to our winners!



Please call me if you have any questions regarding attendance.  
Dana Dieguez  
803-981-1263

## Physical Education Update from Ms. Bundy

**Make a difference in young people's lives by helping them learn how to adopt healthy eating habits**



- Set a good example by eating a balanced diet high in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
- Provide healthy foods/snacks for lunch visits, school celebrations, and special events.
- Involve children in selecting and preparing food.
- Help your child set goals for healthy eating habits and learn to monitor progress.
- Visit [ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov) as a resource for your family nutrition.
- Fill half your child's plate with vegetables and fruits
- Make at least half the grains you serve whole grains, like oatmeal and brown rice
- Serve fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk and water rather than sugary drinks
- When buying pre-packaged foods, choose ones that are low in sodium
- Don't serve oversized portions



## NEWS FROM THE ARTROOM

Congratulations to the following students for having their artwork selected to represent Sunset Park in the Annual Student Art Exhibit. The exhibition takes place at the Center for the Arts on Main Street and will run from October 20<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Kindergarten

Jaeda Lyons, Abby Johnson, Deaglan Stallworth

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Syncere McClinton, Braelyn Jackson

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Carson Moore, Kensley Martin

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Amalia Pattison, MaKenzie McElrath

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Briella Williams, Antonia Hopkins

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Denarion Gordon, Aunesti Allen, Za'Lia Rambert

