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# SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STARS

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#### Important Dates:

- Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> –
  Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> No School...Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Readin @ 7:20 AM
- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Title/PTO meeting in the library @ 8:00 AM
- **Dec. 5**th Start of Canned Food Drive
- **Dec. 6**<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Final Day of Canned Food Drive
- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> thru Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>
   No School...Winter
  Break
- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Family Readin @ 7:20 AM
- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Title/PTO meeting in the library @ 8:00 AM
- Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Friday
- Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> No School... MLK Day
- Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> No School... In-Service/Workday
- Jan. 27th Culture Night

## **Concert!!**

Our Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 6th...Doors open @ 5:30 PM

Kindergarten & 1st – Drop off at 5:40 PM...Concert @ 6:00 PM 2nd & 3rd Grades – Drop off at 6:25 PM...Concert @ 6:45 PM 4th & 5th Grades – Drop off at 7:10...Concert @ 7:30 PM

#### **Thanksgiving Feast**

Mark Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> on your calendar. That is our annual Thanksgiving Feast. More information will be coming out about how you and your family can enjoy a meal at school in celebration of Thanksgiving. Keep an eye out for more information.

#### **More Concert Information**

Sunset is a great place to celebrate the holiday season. We are excited to invite you to our concert. Once you have dropped your child off at his or her classroom, families will wait in the multipurpose room until we have exited the previous concert. Also, be thoughtful of others:

- Stay seated during the concert, others cannot see behind you when you stand.
- Honor the children by not talking.
   We want to be sure everyone can hear directions and the wonderful voices of our students.
- Enjoy the evening!

### **Attendance**

Attendance is an important part of supporting a child for academic success. Due to the large amount of research that supports the importance of attendance, Oregon has placed an expectation that students are in attendance at least 90% of the time.

In an effort to support that expectation, Sunset Elementary is taking proactive steps to inform and work with families to ensure 'high levels of success for all'.

To help us properly track absences, please be sure to call the office any time your child is absent. The state only allows us to 'excuse' absences for sickness, doctors' appointments, and family emergencies (proof may be required).

#### Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?3

