



December 2, 2022

Dear Cherry Chase Families,

December is an excellent time to show how much we care for those we love, and caring is the character trait we focus on this month. We are fortunate to work in an environment where caring teachers **nurture relationships with students by affirming students' efforts and talents**. Learning is much more likely to occur when positive and reinforcing comments build students' confidence, trust, and self-advocacy.

As part of this community, we also seek caring and trusting relationships that create a welcoming, kind, and inclusive environment for everyone. In the spirit of kindness and inclusiveness, I encourage all of you to reach out to a family member, a friend, a neighbor, or a peer and spend time with them.

"The teaching profession contributes more to the future of our society than any other single profession." John Wooden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flu Notification

The California Department of Public Health is urging all Californians six months of age and older to [get vaccinated against the flu](#) now, even if they have already gotten a COVID-19 vaccine. A bad case of the flu can be severe, and those with [certain health conditions](#) are at high risk of flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated!

Sunnyvale School District will continue to prioritize student safety as we head toward the winter months. Our "Ruvna" health screening tool will continue to be active to support school health. In addition, all students and staff will receive a COVID-19 test kit to use before returning to school on January 9. Instructions on managing a "positive" result will be sent to all students and families with the tests. More information will come about when and where the test distribution will occur.

As always, we welcome your feedback. If you have any COVID-specific questions, please get in touch with us directly.

Wildlife Assembly (Hopefully, the weather will cooperate)

On the blacktop, we will have a live animal assembly on December 5, 2022. The assembly will feature a live wild animal teacher to help students develop respect and empathy. The assembly will feature animals of the Americas, including a fox, a Harris hawk, a kinkajou, an owl, and a tortoise.

Animals of the Americas

North, Central, and South America contain some of the world's most amazing animals and habitats. Discover how these animals survive and prosper through their connections with other living things and help sustain life on our planet. To learn more, visit

<https://www.wildmindscience.org/our-story>.

Grades TK-2 8:30 am-9:10 am

Grades 3-5 9:20 am-10 am

RUN HIDE DEFEND Drill on December 6 at 10:30 am

The lockdown drill will probably take about 30 minutes.

Here is what to expect during the drill:

1. The principal will announce that we will be doing a lockdown drill for an RHD scenario. The announcement will be simple-"We will now begin our lockdown drill. Please secure your classrooms."
2. Teachers prepare their rooms by ensuring doors are locked, lights are turned off, and blinds are closed.
3. Teachers keep their students quiet for the remainder of the drill (teachers will have an activity for students to do quietly during the drill)
4. DPS Officers will be coming around to pull on doors and try to open them. Then they will move to the next door/classroom/room.
5. If the door opens, the DPS officer will not engage with the teacher or students, and she will move to the next door/classroom/room.
6. We will plan on evacuating all buildings (as we usually do for any drill) depending on weather conditions. The principal will announce the "all clear" for the lockdown part of the drill and then announce whether or not we will evacuate.

WE ARE NOT:

creating an internal barricade

using a secondary locking device

activating ICS

We encourage parents to talk to their children about emergency drills.

Below are some resources you can use to talk to your child at your discretion.

[How to Prepare your Child with Special Needs for a Lockdown Drill](#)

[School Safety During Emergency or Crisis: What Parents Need to Know](#)

[Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)

Children's Books

[Come with me](#)

[The Rabbit Listened](#)

[After the Fall](#)

FOOD SERVICES

All websites have been updated to include our new website for the school food menu.

[https://www.sesd.org/domain/785.](https://www.sesd.org/domain/785)

IMPORTANT DATES:

December

5 8:30-10:00 am Wildlife Assembly in the Multipurpose room

6 10:30 am Run Hide Defend Drill

7 English Language Progress Monitoring Meeting

8 ELAC Meeting

9 Friday Flag

8:45 am Garden Tea

12 English Language Progress Monitoring Meeting

15 9:00 am Earthquake and fire drill

Board Meeting

16 Friday Flag

21 Staff Meeting-Celebration

23 Friday Flag COM

Last day before Holiday Recess

26-1/6 Holiday Recess

Best Regards,

Gloria Marchant-Principal

Kristin Brett-Assistant Principal