



January 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

By the time you are reading this, we will have completed most of our festivities for the Christmas season. It really has been a great last few weeks! In particular, the skating (both at Henderson Arena and here at Sunnyside on our backyard rink), all of our fun dress-up days, the Christmas concert, turkey dinner, and our great initiatives to give back to our community have all been highlights for me. It has been wonderful to see our students and families embrace kindness and generosity during this season!

I wanted to point out some of the benefits that our school has received due to the fundraising efforts (in particular, last year's Barn Dance) of our Sunnyside Community Association. This month alone, they have paid for our buses to go to Pavan Park and Henderson Arena for skating. They also paid for the skating itself. We were also able to purchase \$1000 worth of board games and art/craft materials for the Learning Commons that students have been enjoying. They also enabled us to purchase 2 new sets of goalie gear that they students are using daily during their recess/wellness times. Lastly, they spent over \$1000 upgrading our sound equipment for the gym. I am so thankful for our School Council and the Community Association for all their hard work. Thank you, as well, to the school community for their generous support of our school. All of these little 'extras' are a result of your wonderful support!

As a staff, we have been discussing how we can continue to inspire our students to demonstrate the principles of kindness, generosity, and empathy. We continue to plan school-wide activities that bring all of our students together for fun things like Bingo, partner reading, and fun activities! The idea that every student belongs here at Sunnyside and should feel well at school is something that is really important. I love how our students are embracing these ideas!

I hope that all of you have a fantastic Christmas break. I know with some of the illnesses we have been having, I really hope that most of that is behind us and that everyone can enjoy a healthy few weeks off. I would like to once again thank you, the parents, for entrusting us with your children. We know that they are your pride and joy, and we try to remember that every day. It truly is a privilege to be able to work with your child(ren) every day. I am constantly reminded of how lucky I am to be able to call myself the principal of Sunnyside School.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I can't wait to see what the New Year brings us

Mitchell Van Dyk



January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Happy New Year	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 First Day Back to School Hot Lunch Pizza	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Hot Lunch Chicken noodle soup	17	18 Pavan Park Grade 1/2	19	20	21
22	23 Hot Lunch Penne & Meat Sauce	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 PD Day No School for Students	31 Scientists in the classroom Grade 3/4				

Learning Commons



Learning Commons Fun!!



Sunnyside Early Learning Program

Early Learning in December is full of dinosaurs, gingerbread, and glitter!

What an amazing time we had! We played with dinosaurs making baking soda and vinegar volcanoes, baking gingerbread men, decorating cookies with the grade 5th class, and practicing for our Christmas concert. In our science center, we are learning about snowflakes. Did you know that snowflakes always have 6 sides? And snowflakes aren't white, they're translucent!

We all wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Kindergarten News



Grade 1/2 News

Mrs. Klassen



Celebrating our writing always means reading to our peers and of course a dance party!
Thanks for dancing along, Mr. Van Dyk!



A month of puppies! Thank you Romi and Walker for sharing these sweet pups!



In true Sunnyside fashion we braved the cold in Pavan Park and fed so many chickadees!
Thank goodness for hot chocolate and Mrs. Koopman's help!



Our trip to Henderson rink was a huge success!



Enjoying the winter sunshine and frosty weather!



Christmas Chickadee by Romi

Christmas Wishes

- I wish you a Merry Christmas and I hope you can play in the snow - Grace
- I am thankful for family at Christmas time - Ryker
- I hope you spread joy at Christmas time - Ivy
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - Walker
- Have a good Christmas with family and friends - Isabella
- Hang out with your family and have a good Christmas - Klay
- Have fun in the snow and sunshine - Blayke
- Have a good time skiing and a great Christmas - Camden
- Have a great Christmas - Kaylor
- Have a great Christmas hanging out by the fire and playing with toys - Jayden
- Merry Christmas to friends and family - Romi
- Wishing you all peace, joy, and a wonderful holiday - Mrs. Klassen

Grade 1/2 News

Mrs. Slusar

Once again we have had a busy month of fun activities and learning. See below some pictures of the activities your children have participated in. We feel grateful to have these special opportunities at our wonderful school.

Wishing you a happy holiday season filled with love and joy!



Christmas Dress Up Days

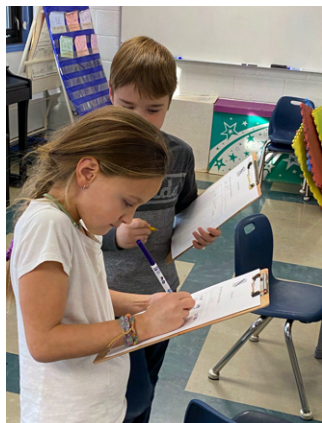


Snow fun and MORE snow fun





Skating at Henderson rink



GATHERING DATA FOR GRAPHING



Mrs. Henderson

Season's Greetings from Grade 3/4J



December has been such a busy month There's so much on the go here at Sunnyside. In addition to curricular activities with lessons on multiplication, money, paragraph writing, reading strategies, etc., we've participated in many extracurricular events as well. This includes dress-up "spirit" days, skating here at SSS and at Henderson, decorating ornaments, Christmas Concert, Turkey lunch, hay ride, collaborative art projects, "family" reading groups, working with the Kindergarten class to make a 3-D Christmas craft as well as decorating cookies with the Preschool class. After a busy month like this, we are all ready for some much needed downtime!

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope you and your family have a wonderful, healthy and relaxing holiday season. Merry Christmas to you all and best wishes for a fabulous 2023!
Mrs. J. Henderson





January News!
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Mrs. Hudey – Grade

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

What a fantastic month of holiday spirit!

Here's what we have been working on:

Reading- We finished our class read aloud
“The One and Only Ivan.”

Our reading challenge is to read every night at home for **20 mins!**

Writing: We have been working on Christmas stories. We are excited to share our ‘books’
with the Kindergarten class.

Math: Numeracy–addition and subtraction facts. Moving on to multiplication, skip counting
and problem solving.

December was full of holiday activities: The 12 days of Christmas, Christmas concert
preparation, cookie decorating with ELP, and collaboration with other classrooms!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





Grade 5/6 News – Mrs. Jesse

A new year will bring mostly new units for all subjects.

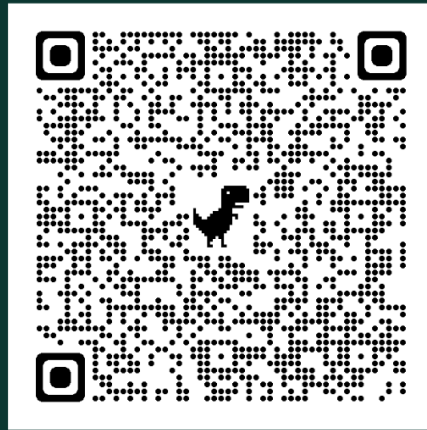
- In Language Arts, students will be focusing on persuasive writing and reading non-fiction texts.
- In Math, students will be working with decimals (to the millionths place); connecting decimals, fractions, and ratios to percents; integers and order of operations.
- In Social, we will continue working on Ancient Athens, and
- Finally in Science we will continue our Sky Science unit. Students will be asked to watch the night sky and make observations throughout the month of January.

Pictures of Activities in December



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