



January 2024 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year! I hope you all have a wonderful time of rest, family, and celebration - however your family enjoys the holidays!

Often in December, I like to pause and reflect on the first four months of the school year. I like to ask myself where we are, where we've been, and where we are going. It certainly has been an awesome 2023 for Sunnyside - tremendous growth from students, a supportive community through various initiatives and fundraisers (the May barn dance comes to mind), and a staff that is exceptional. We have also pushed forward with some important focal points - ensuring that Sunnyside is a safe and caring school for all students, engaging in vision-building with the entire community, and finding innovative ways to better meet the needs of all students. I am so proud of the work we have all done over the last year and I can't wait to see what happens in 2024.

If you recall, December's word of the month was reciprocity or 'giving back'. We certainly did that as a community! Our school did an amazing job supporting Angel Tree and the Lethbridge Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations! The example that you are setting for your children is fantastic - it is so good for them to see us giving back to our community and to those in need.

I know that I have already praised her to the point of embarrassment, but I just want to say another thank-you to Mrs. Hass for all of her work putting the Christmas concert together. I hope you were able to watch the event - it is so great when a performance like that goes off seamlessly! Mrs. Hass' hard work and dedication to the music program has been so great to see. Thank you Mrs. Hass! I would also like to send a huge thank you to all the staff, students, and parents who volunteered their time to make the evening happen. Without all the help, we wouldn't have been able to do it!

Lastly, as we look to January, I would like to share a few things that will be going on in the New Year. First, our word of the month for January is going to be responsibility. As we continue to work with your children to equip them with the skills necessary to be successful in a changing world, we believe that having a strong sense of responsibility is important. Please join us in having conversations with your child(ren) about what it means to be responsible. Also, our development and building permits have been approved for the greenhouse, so you will probably see some construction happening on the South end of the school. This is so exciting! Once again, a HUGE thank-you to the Sunnyside Community Association for their support in making the greenhouse build happen.

I am so grateful for this great little school and the wonderful people associated with it. Thank you for your continued support as we help your children learn and grow! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out.

Mitchell Van Dyk



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 First Day Back to school Hot Lunch Sloppy Joes	9	10 School Council	11	12	13
14	15 Hot Lunch Ham and Hashbrown Bake	16 Grades 1/2 pavan park	17	18	19	20
21	22 Hot Lunch Chili & Bun	23	24	25	26 PD Day no school for students	27
28	29 Hot Lunch Pizza	30	31			

Thank you to the ATA Local 19 for the Gift cards for the Christmas Concert!

