

Happy New Year! Please take time to read the following information to learn more about what is going on at Sonnesyn! - Leia Ward, Principal

## Student Council/Future is Ours Groups Visit the State Capitol

The Student Council/Future is Ours groups recently visited the State Capitol to ask questions of lawmakers. This field trip is made possible by a grant received from the Seven Dreams Foundation. The goals of the grant are to help students learn how laws are made, gain skills around the topic of social justice, and create positive change in their community.



## Coming Soon: Science and Math Night

Please join us for a great evening of educational family fun at our annual Science and Math Night on Thursday, February 1 from 5:30–7pm. On display will be science projects from many grade levels, including robots from our 1<sup>st</sup> graders and handmade musical instruments from our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Mrs. Hansen and her 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math Masters will once again be on hand to challenge one and all in, *Are you smarter than a Math Master?* Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to come to Sonnesyn's evening of activities. Here are some photos from past events.



## Parent Drop Off

Please remember that students cannot be dropped off at school earlier than 9:15am. We do not have supervision for students dropped off earlier than the beginning of the school day.

## Winter Wear Reminder

Our students go outside everyday unless the weather is below 0° or -10° wind chill. Students need to come to school prepared to go outside with their coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, and boots! If you are in need of winter clothing for your child, please let the office know, as we do have some select items available through donations. Winter wear items will no longer be available on a daily basis.

## Author's Celebration

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Graders recently invited families and guests to school to share their published small moment stories. We are proud of our young authors!



## Questions to Replace "What Did You Learn in School Today?"

Do you ever ask your child, "What did you learn in school today?" and get a response of "Nothing" or "I don't know"? Have you ever wondered what you might ask differently that would engage your child in a more meaningful conversation about his/her day? If your answer is yes, here are some questions to ask that might get you a more productive response:

- Tell me a moment today when you felt excited about what you were learning.
- Tell me about a moment in class when you felt confused.
- Were there any moments today when you felt worried? When you felt scared?
- Were there any moments today when you felt proud of yourself?
- What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
- Tell me about a conversation you had with someone that you enjoyed.

## Character Theme: Cooperation

This month students will be focused on learning about cooperation.

The Sonnesyn definition is: Working together towards a common goal.

Students will learn about how to be responsible members of our community by giving back, helping others and working for change.

## **PTSO Update**

Ms. Ward's Listening Meeting will be January 9 at 6:00pm. The PTSO Meeting will begin at 6:30pm. We'd love to have you join us!

## **Movie Night**

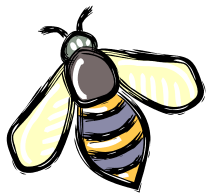
Grades K, 1, and 2 Movie Night will be Friday, January 19, in the south gym. Families and students are encouraged to bring their fuzzy pajamas and cuddly stuffed animals. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

## **Friendship Parties**

Friendship parties will be held in the classrooms on February 16. If you are able to help in your child's classroom, please contact our Classroom Support Staff,

Liz Barton at:

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# January 2017

## International Heritage

### Theme: Cooperation

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>No School</b>	2 <b>No School</b>	3 <b>No School</b>	4 <b>No School</b>	5 <b>No School</b>	6
7	8 <b>Welcome Back Students</b>  Super Kids Super Sharing Drive Begins	9 Ms. Ward Listening Mtg 6-6:30pm  PTSO meeting 6:30-7:30pm	10	11 Lead Parent Mtg 6:30-7:30pm	12	13
14	15 <b>No School</b> <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	16	17  Super Kids Super Sharing Drive Ends	18	19 <b>Movie Night</b> Grades K-2 6:30-8:30pm	20
21	22 <b>No School</b> <i>Staff Development</i>	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 <b>Character Assembly</b> Crazy Hair/Hat Day 10:15am 2:30pm	30	31			

\*\*\***Wednesday Folders** – We are now sending school and community information via email. If you have not been receiving emails from the school, please check your parent portal accounts or contact the office 763-504-7600

\*\*\***Schoology** is a great communication tool for parents/guardians. This system allows parents to receive information from schools quickly and conveniently. For information on how to sign up, go to [www.rdale.org](http://www.rdale.org) and click on parent tab, scroll down to Parent Portal.

\*\*\***Konstella** – Konstella is an iOS/Android app and/or an online tool for our parent community. You will have access to sign up for volunteer opportunities within our school, classroom updates, school activities, school directory, and parent discussions. To sign up for Konstella visit: <https://www.konstella.com>. Click on find your school and sign up today.