

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

Hello Sonnesyn Families,

This marks our last newsletter of the 2017-2018 school year. It has been a pleasure to serve this community for the 6th year in a row. Words cannot express how proud I am to work with our students, families, and staff every day to provide the best learning environment possible. Sonnesyn continues to strive to meet our academic goals for students. We cannot meet our goals without your partnership. We encourage you to engage your child in as much experiential, hands-on learning this summer as possible. Some ideas beyond our summer reading suggestions below include:

- **Cook with your children:** This is one of the best ways to integrate math, reading, and following directions. Let your child design the menu and create a cookbook with some of your favorite recipes.
- **Take a field trip:** Head out to a museum, zoo, or local park with walking trails. Keep a journal about your travels.
- **Learn a new word each week:** Hang it around the house and see who can use it the most times throughout the week.
- **Play quick games with flashcards:** Math War or Concentration can be a fun way to keep math skills sharp (also check out the parent section of our website for online games)
- **Enroll in summer programming:** Engage in a variety of enrichment opportunities through community education. Check out ced.rdale.org

2018 – 2019 Student Placement Forms

Please return your Student Placement Parent Input Form by May 1. We will begin to work on placement for next year during the month of May.

School Carnival

The school carnival is right around the corner on May 18 from 5:00 – 7:30pm. Please join us at this fun event filled with games, inflatables, raffle prizes, and food! Information went home in the Wednesday folder about the carnival, raffle, and volunteer sign-up sheet.



Attention Fourth Graders!

Soon it will be time to sign up for 5th Grade Band!

All 5th Grade students are welcomed and encouraged to be a part of the 5th Grade Band at their school!

In May, the band will play a concert just for 4th graders where they can hear our instruments and get more information about joining the band. We will also meet to decide what instrument would be best for each child.

Band is super fun! Playing an instrument is good for you! It doesn't have to cost much to play, in fact if a student qualifies for the Federal School Lunch Program they can rent an instrument right from the school at a special scholarship rate. Please note that **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE** is necessary to participate in 5th grade band class. I will teach you **EVERYTHING** that you need to know!

Band does not start until September, but you can get a jumpstart this summer with Summer Activities. rdale.eleyo.com 763-504-6999. If you have questions, please contact Tammy_Wahlin@rdale.org or call 763-504-4070.

Listening Sessions with Ms. Ward

Listening sessions are an opportunity for families to ask questions, share concerns, and learn more about what is happening at Sonnesyn. These sessions will be held monthly prior to the PTSO meetings. Ms. Ward will be holding the next listening session on Tuesday, May 8 from 6:00-6:30 pm. The topic will be summer reading. Childcare will be provided for school-aged children.

PTSO Update

The Robbinsdale Inter-School Council is looking for more members. The Inter-School Council, which consists of parent representatives from each school, meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 9:30 am. More information is available at http://rdale.org/parents/committees/interschool_council_isc. Please consider going to the next meeting which will occur on May 9 in the ESC boardroom.

Character Corner: Achievement

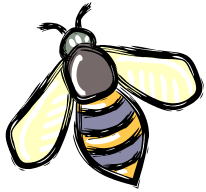
During the month of May, students will be learning about achievement. The Sonnesyn definition is: I try my best throughout the year. I make goals to help me succeed. Students learned goals work best when they are chosen by you, not too easy, not too hard, have a due date, and are specific. Students will work on setting goals to end the school year strong.

Summer Reading

Reading during the summer months is one of the best ways to ensure your child is ready for the next school year.

Visit your closest library or go to www.hclib.org to learn more about Bookawocky, the Minnesota summer reading program. Kids can earn prizes like Twins tickets or free books and bicycles. There are also community events like book clubs and kid-friendly concerts at each library around the state.

Finally, don't forget that Sonnesyn has a free bookstore in our media center as well. Students can take as many free books as they like and keep them over the summer!



May 2017

Theme: Achievement

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Butter Braid Fundraiser Pick-Up Sonnesyn Cafeteria 3:45-6pm	8 Ms. Ward Listening Mtg 6-6:30pm PTSO Meeting 6:30-7:30pm	9 Buzz Run Grade 5 Track Meet 1:30-3:25pm (Sonnesyn) Talent Show Try-Outs 3:45-5pm Grades 3-5	10 Talent Show Try-Outs 3:45-5pm Grades K-2	11 <u>RAIN DATE</u> Grade 5 Track Meet 1:30-3:25pm	12
13	14	15 <u>RAIN DATE</u> Grade 5 Track Meet 1:30-3:25pm	16	17 Grade 5 College & Career Fair 12:15-1:45pm	18 School Carnival 5-7:30pm	19
20	21	22 Grade 3 Field Trip U of M 10:30-12:30pm Grade 5 Track Meet 1:30-3:25pm (Cooper)	23	24 Talent Show 10-11am K,2,3 1:45-2:45pm 1,4, 5 5:30-6:30pm All Grades	25	26
27	28 No School Memorial Day	29	30	31 Character Assembly Sonnesyn Spirit Day 10:15a & 2:30p <u>RAIN DATE</u> Grade 5 Track Meet 9:30-12:00pm	June 1 SUPER KIDS DAY!	



June 2018

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3	4 Grade 1 Field Trip MN Zoo 9:30-3pm	5 Grade 5 Field Trip MN Zoo 9:30-3pm Grade 1 End of Year Celebration Hidden Valley Park 12-1:30pm Twins Game 7:10-9:10pm	6 Last Day of School Grade 3 Field Trip Gibbs Farm 10-3pm Grade 5 Graduation 2-3pm Report Cards sent home	<p>Summer</p>		

YEARBOOKS We have a select number of yearbooks available to purchase in the office. Cost is \$15.00 Cash or check to Sonnesyn. Please bring money to the office to be placed on the list. First come, first served. ☺