



Sonnesyn Elementary School

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Jim Calhoun is the principal of Sonnesyn Elementary School. Mr. Calhoun has been a band and music teacher and an administrator in the district for 19 years.

Adventure Club offers before and after school care for children in kindergarten through 5th grade.

**Hours: 6:30 a.m.— 6 p.m.
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**Grades: K-5
Remodeled: 2000
Enrollment: 630
School Hours:
9:20 a.m.-3:40 p.m.
Educational Path:
Sonnesyn Elementary
Plymouth Middle School
Armstrong High**



The mission of Robbinsdale Area Schools is to inspire and educate all learners to discover their potential and positively contribute to their community.



The Sonnesyn Experience

Sonnesyn Elementary is a K-5 elementary school recognized as having outstanding community involvement, wonderful family involvement and an excellent staff. As a professional learning community, Sonnesyn staff work in collaborative teams to meet the needs of all students.

The school uses Response to Intervention (RtI) for students in math and reading. RtI makes it possible for teachers to prepare differentiated instruction for small groups as well as individual students. Teachers zero in on students and the areas where they may need extra assistance. Additionally, students who are already doing well in these areas can have various enrichment options offered to them to ensure continued growth. Utilizing this process, each student will get the best possible education every day, every year.

Sonnesyn also uses *Responsive Classrooms* as an approach to teaching and learning that fosters a safe, challenging and joyful classrooms and school. The program brings together both social and academic learning in an environment in which students thrive.

Outstanding Curriculum

Sonnesyn Elementary School delivers a comprehensive elementary curriculum.

Whole-class **reading** instruction is supplemented with small group reading instruction at a child's instructional level and includes fluency, phonics, phonemic awareness, comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and writing. The emphasis in the Harcourt **Math** program is on understanding key mathematical concepts and using problem-solving skills to apply those concepts to everyday situations. Hands-on **science** activities teach the history and nature of science, earth and space science, physical science, and life science. **Social studies** curriculum focuses on history, humanities and the social sciences to prepare students to become responsible citizens and develop social understanding.

The nationally recognized discipline-based **art** education at Robbinsdale Area Schools is a model for school systems across the country. Students enjoy **music** education at each grade level; string orchestra begins in grade four, and band is introduced in grade five. These programs build

Goal-oriented readers

Research shows that strong literacy skills open up endless possibilities, both in school and in life. That's why students and staff participate in activities outside of the classroom that provide more opportunity to strengthen reading skills—and they can be fun. In school year 2010-2011, students exceeded their reading goal for the school's Read-A-Thon, which resulted in a visit from the Minnesota Lynx mascot and the principal dressed as a bee.

