

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

Sonnesyn Takes Learning Outdoors

Sonnesyn is partnering with Three Rivers Park District for three on-site learning experiences this year. During October and November, all grade levels had the opportunity to engage in a naturalist and recreational activity to support our science and physical education standards. Kindergartners learned about using their 5 senses and how to observe nature, 3rd graders learned about the life cycle of amphibians and engaged in pond study, 4th graders learned about wetlands and fire building, and 5th graders learned about the rock cycle.



Winter Wear Reminder

Our students go outside everyday unless the weather is below 0° or -10° wind chill. That means student 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 for students if the item is forgotten.

Virtual Reality “Field Trips”

Students at Sonnesyn have recently been able to start using our new Virtual Reality resources from the Media Center. Virtual Reality is a new way for our students to engage in the classroom content and experience it in a new way. Kids get to go on virtual field trips that take them across the globe, under the sea, into deep space as well as the past. They can view the world from the top of the world's tallest buildings as well as explore the smallest molecules in their DNA. One class used the VR headsets to watch a video showing the lives of women in the Pakistani anti-terrorism police force and another group of students explored the Historic Philadelphia and the places where the United States Constitution was written and the first US government buildings (including the first Supreme Court Hall and the first US Senate building). Soon our students will be building their own virtual environments and explore architecture/engineering topics from within their own creations.

PTSO Update

Bingo Night Gr 3-5

Thank you to all the families that attended our Family Bingo night! Congratulations to 3rd grader Daniel Richards for winning the grand prize!

Grand Friend's Day

We had yet another fabulous Grand Friend's Day on November 10th. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped to make this day a success. We received many compliments about our amazing community.

Student Council Update

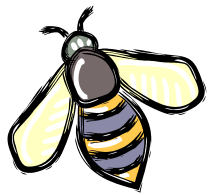
Student council will once again be sponsoring our annual Toys for Tots Drive. The drive will take place December 4 – December 20. Donations for children up to 17 are greatly appreciated. Watch for your student council appearance on KARE11 Newscast @ 5pm on December 5.

December's Character: Responsibility

This month students will be focused on learning about responsibility.

The Sonnesyn definition is: I can make positive choices daily throughout all areas of my life.

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



December 2017

International Heritage/ Social Justice Month

Theme: Responsibility

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Grade 3 Field Trip Orchestra Hall	2
3	4 Toys for Tots Drive Begins	5 Sonnesyn Students on KARE 11 for Toys for Tots 5pm	6	7	8 Grade 1 Field Trip Sidekick Theatre	9
10	11	12 Ms. Ward Listening Mtg 6-6:30pm PTSO meeting 6:30-7:30pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Toys for Tots Drive Ends <u>Character Assembly</u> Pajama day 10:15a & 2:30p	21	22 No School	23
24	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30
31	Jan 1 No School	Jan 2 No School	Jan 3 No School	Jan 4 No School	Jan 5 No School	

*****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 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.