

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

## Spring Conferences

Don't forget to sign up for conferences at <https://myconferencetime.com/Sonnesyn>. We look forward to spending time with you during conferences talking about your child's progress. Not sure what to ask? Here are some questions for you to ask your child's teacher:

- What can I do at home to support my child in literacy and math?
- What are the best school or district resources that we should consider using as a family to support our child in the classroom?

## Pennies for Patients

Sonnesyn Student Council will be holding the Pennies for Patients drive from 3/05 – 3/23. This is a great opportunity to clean your car and empty those coin jars for a great cause. The Leukemia & Lymphoid Society is a wonderful organization that is the voice for all blood cancer patients and does work to ensure access to treatments for all blood cancer patients. Last year we raised \$766.52. Our goal this year is to raise \$850!

## **PTSO Update**

The PTSO Meeting will be on March 20 from 6:30-7:30pm in the Media Center. Board Member positions will open for voting at the May meeting. Job descriptions are available on our PTSO link on our School Page.

## **Spring Conferences**

Spring conferences are coming up on 3/6, 3/8, & 3/13. Sonnesyn PTSO families provide meals for teachers on these long work days. Please watch for the link in your Wednesday folders to sign up. You can also contact the [SonnesynPTSO@gmail.com](mailto:SonnesynPTSO@gmail.com) to sign up!

Your input is important to us. One way we gather feedback from families is through our annual survey. The survey will be emailed to you on March 5. In addition, the link will be posted on the school website, and computers will be available during conferences in the Media Center for you to take the survey.

## Student Activists



We value our student's ideas at Sonnesyn. Two recent examples came to us from Lauren Bittner and Ella Merwin. Lauren recognizes that a kind word can brighten a friend's day. She recently brought this idea to life with Cards for Buddies. Student Council is offering student made cards during lunch through March 2.

Ella wrote a persuasive letter to Ms. Ward regarding the need for a water option at lunch. Ms. Ward was able to work with our kitchen staff to have a water dispenser available for students during lunch.

Lauren and Ella's ideas have already made a huge impact on our Sonnesyn community.

## March Character Theme: Self Control

This month students will be focusing on learning about self-control.

The Sonnesyn definition of self-control is: *Controlling my emotions, impulses and actions.*

Students will be learning about self-control through reading books such as "My Mouth is a Volcano" by Julia Cook, playing games (i.e. Freeze Dance, Simon Says), as well as talking about civil rights activist Claudette Colvin.

## Spring Band and Orchestra Concerts

March is an exciting month for us in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade due to the spring band and orchestra concerts. We hope to see you at the following events:

### Orchestra Only:

Saturday, March 3, Spring String Festival at Cooper High School at 7:30 p.m.

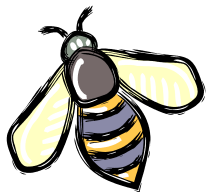
### Sonnesyn Band and Orchestra:

Thursday, March 15:  
Band & Orchestra in the Sonnesyn South Gym.  
Performance at 2:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Student attendance is required at both shows.

All of our musicians are important!

Please arrange your transportation now.



# March 2018

## Women of Color Month

### Theme: Self-Control

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 All School Dance 6-7:30pm	3
4	5	6 Spring Conferences 4-8:00pm  Book Fair 9:45-6:00pm	7 Book Fair 9:45am-3:30pm	8 Spring Conferences 4-8:00pm  Book Fair 9:45-7:30pm	9	10
11	12	13 Spring Conferences 4-8:00pm	14	15 Band/Orchestra Concert 2:30pm & 6:00pm	16	17
18	19	20 <b>Character Assembly</b> Sports/Team Spirit Day 10:15a 2:30p  Ms. Ward Listening Mtg 6-6:30pm  PTSO meeting 6:30-7:30pm	21	22	23	24
25	26 <b>No School Spring Break</b>	27 <b>No School Spring Break</b>	28 <b>No School Spring Break</b>	29 <b>No School Spring Break</b>	30 <b>No School Spring Break</b>	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.

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