



# SPCAS NEWS

November 2018

## Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies

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### Principal

Dr. Tammy White

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### Mission

We will create a child-centered learning environment where ALL children will learn at high levels.

### Vision

At SPCAS the faculty and staff will...

- Purposefully collaborate.
- Empower students to discover, develop, and accelerate academically, creatively, and socially.
- Use practices that are research based and responsive to the needs of our students.
- Collaborate and communicate with all stakeholders to ensure student success.

## Upcoming Events

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Adventure Air Spirit Night 5-7
- 1<sup>st</sup>- Pop Up Library
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Superhero Fun Run
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Read Your Way to the Big Game reading logs due
- 6<sup>th</sup>- No School (Election Day)
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Academic Recognition Ceremonies (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade by invitation)
- 8<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade field study
- 8<sup>th</sup>-PTO Meeting in Media Center 5-6pm
- 9<sup>th</sup>- Read Your Way to the Big Game Cookout
- 9<sup>th</sup>- Optional Dress Down Day for \$1 Donation
- 14<sup>th</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade music performance
- 14<sup>th</sup>-Papa John's Spirit night 5-9pm
- 15<sup>th</sup>- Quarter 2 Progress Reports sent home
- 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>- Thanksgiving Break
- 28<sup>th</sup>- Terrific Kid Program 9am
- 29<sup>th</sup>- Pop Up Library
- 30<sup>th</sup>- Enrichment Cluster Celebrations 1:30pm



## MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADER: DR. WHITE

Hello! Let me be among the first to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! I appreciate you taking the time to read this message. I certainly hope that you find it helpful.

Asking your child, "How was school today?" can sometimes lead to a dead end in the conversation. Instead, try out these questions to see if you might get a better picture of your child's day: What was the coolest thing that happened at school today? Pretend that you are the teacher...how would you describe the day? What made you laugh today? What was the most creative thing that you did today at school? How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?

Sunset Park is a wonderful place for students to grow educationally, get involved, and have a meaningful elementary school experience. In every way that schools are measured, whether it is academically, in the fine and performing arts, or athletically, Sunset Park excels. Our curriculum, classrooms, and Enrichment Cluster offerings are second to none. We strive to create an environment where each and every student is given the attention necessary to achieve success. All of this is made possible by strong partnerships that are developed with our parents. I hope that our website and school newsletters will assist in this endeavor.

With the recent regional events that have happened in schools involving violence and/or students bringing in weapons, I would like to address this issue and ask for the assistance of our parents.

Parents can assist us by doing three things:

1. Check your child's book bag every day.
2. Help us teach them to "say something if you see something" that is dangerous or wrong.
3. Encourage your children to conduct drills with fidelity and ask questions if they are unsure of what to do.

We want Sunset Park CAS to be a safe and happy place for children. Please help us keep our children safe!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Tammy T. White, *Ph.D.*

Principal, Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies

## MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MRS. BROWN

Our school is participating in an important district initiative called Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS).



### What is Positive Behavior Intervention & Support?

PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It is a systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based, school-wide, and classroom behavior support systems. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. Rather than a prescribed program, PBIS provides systems for schools to design, implement, and evaluate effective school-wide, classroom, non-classroom, and student specific plans. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and all staff in all settings. PBIS is not a program or a curriculum. It is a team-based process for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn. Look for more information to come monthly on the implementation of PBIS at SPCAS!

**Congratulations to the following students that were chosen for showing RESPONSIBILITY during the month of October...**

Dia'Aysia Graves	Jordon Clarke
Haiden Brandon	Harper McDaniel
Christian Hall	Cayden Cathcart
Amiya Davis	Alexis Moore
Briella Williams	AJ Chisolm
Wesley Hane	Gabriel Hays
Brody Townsend	Katherine McGeHee
Aniyah Bryson	Braelyn Jackson
Connor Clawson	Syncere McClinton
Kaylin Pickett	Jason Gaston
Ja'Nyia Cunningham	MyKenzie Brown
Sophia Hargett	Deaglan Stallworth
Hannah Andrychowski	Emery Sliva
Meredith Cooper	Addison Greene
Haylee Tedder	Serenity Johnson
Italia Taylor	Paris Hinton
Hailey Sims	Jonathan Curenton
Broderick Baardseth	JaKiyah Truesdale
Yuliana Reyes	Scott Moore
Mason Thorne	Lillie Beltz
Neveah Byrd	Zaeden Howze

### Physical Education News: Ms. Bundy

Our third and fifth grade students attended the National Disc Golf Championship Tournament thanks to Innova Disc Golf on October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Students participated in the EDGE disc golf program learning from local pros who volunteered their time to provide stations teaching basic skills, improving student skills, and watching pros from all over the world compete. Thanks to Innova for inviting us and providing both transportation and the cost of our entry.

Dear Parents,  
Make a difference in your child's life by helping them learn how to adopt healthy eating habits.

- Set a good example by eating a balanced diet high in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
  - Provide healthy foods/snacks for lunch visits, school celebrations, and special events.
  - Fill half your child's plate with vegetables and fruits
  - Serve fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk and water rather than sugary drinks
  - When buying pre-packaged foods, choose ones that are low in sodium
  - Don't serve oversized portions
  - Visit [ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov) as a resource for your family nutrition
- Mark your calendar:

- Fourth Grade Swimming Lessons: January 28, 29, 30, 31, 2019
- 2019 Field Day: May 24, 2019

### NEWS FROM THE ARTROOM

Greetings from the ART ROOM! Downtown Rock Hill at the Center of the Arts is the Rock Hill Schools Fall Art Show. The following students have their artwork displayed there through November 16<sup>th</sup>. Go by and check it out!!

Ansley Shaw, Achilles Price, Briella Williams, Parker Guevara, Denzia Alexander, Aly Slaughter, Malachi Simpson, Maddie Blackwell, Patrick Huber, Nariah Easter, Jahana Morgan, Tyler Starnes, Brylee McCarver, Raven Miller, Matthew Touchton, Sophia Birgbauer



### Counselor's Tidbits: Ms. Woods

During the month of October, we took part in a nationwide campaign that serves as a reminder to all the importance of living a drug free lifestyle. This campaign, entitled Red Ribbon Week, is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in the month of October in the United States. We celebrated Red Ribbon Week, October 29- November 2, 2018, at Sunset Park CAS. Our theme this year was, Life Is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free. The students really enjoyed participating in the dress up days. Please continue to speak with your children at home about the importance of living a drug-free lifestyle and making good choices, thanks.

Please note, if any families are in need of Holiday assistance contact me on my office phone at (803) 981- 1272 for further assistance. Also, "lunch bunch" small groups for students that have been identified with a specific needs by either their teacher, another staff member and/or their parent(s) will start this month. Parents/guardians please note, a letter will be sent home that will require your signature prior to your child being able to participate in small group counseling services. Likewise, if your child is not on the list and you feel he/she could benefit from these services, please feel free to reach out for more information.

Lastly, all Student Council members have been provided a letter with meeting dates and times for the year. Parents/ guardians please ensure that student representatives have an arranged mode of transportation for our scheduled meeting days. Again, I am very excited about working with the student council this year and am looking forward to a great year. As always, please know that I am available should you wish to speak with me regarding your child's needs at Sunset Park. Have an amazing November!

Meisha Woods, B.A., M.A.  
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### Media Center NEWS



The Media Center will host the Fall Scholastic Book Fair on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Early shopping can be done on line beginning Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

There are two changes to this year's fair that parents/guardians need to be aware of:

- **Sales Taxes** - all purchases will be charged at 7% SC sales tax;
- **E-wallet** – is a new safe way and cash free option for parents/guardians to allow children to shop at the Book Fair. This option will allow parents to control the amount of money spent at the fair by using a credit or debit card. For more information or to activate an account use the following link: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/sunsetparkelementaryschool2>. Any money not spent will be credited back to the original credit or debit card owner. If you have multiple children, an **e-wallet** must be created for each child. The funds cannot be transferred or shared.

Parents are also encouraged to purchase a book for their child's classroom library. A wish list will be available in the media center.

Volunteers are also needed during the week as classes visit the library to browse or make purchases. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Gray via email at [cgray@rhmail.org](mailto:cgray@rhmail.org).

### COACHES' CORNER: MRS. NIVENS & MRS. BLACKWELL

#### Literacy:

Don't forget that reading logs for Read Your Way to the Big Game are due by Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Students are only required to read and record six level appropriate books to enter. Students that turn in their "Read Your Way to the Big Game" reading log will earn a free tailgate lunch on Friday, November 9, 2018.

Are you tired of asking your child the same questions when they are reading? Are you tired of their one-word answers? Here are some suggestions that can open up dialogue for further discussion:

1. *If you could give the book another title, what would it be?*
2. *Which characters would you like to meet in real life?*
3. *What do you wish was different about the ending?*
4. *Would the book make a cool movie? Video game? TV show?*
5. *What is one thing you could ask the author if you could talk to him or her?*
6. *What does this book make you wonder about?*

#### GT/Math:

Duke TIP helps gifted students discover their abilities, explore new academic challenges, and celebrate their accomplishments. In order to qualify, students must score in the 95% or higher on national or state assessments. Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Duke TIP program this year.

Hannah Andrychowski	Morgan Cluppert	Amiya Davis	William Gosselin	Julia Jarrell	Malcolm Morris	Naliah Robinson	Cooper Sweet
Landon Baardseth	Meredith Cooper	Chandler Dover	Parker Guevara	Maverick Kelley	Amalia Pattison	Gabriel Seabold	Spencer Thomas
Anthony Baxter	Landon Corley	Marquais Eaves	Grace Harvey	Makenzie McElrath	Kerrington Ratliff	Ansley Shaw	Hannah Watts
Logan Beane	Edison Cubbedge	Chandler Faulkenberry	John Hedrick	Jazlyn Melton	Sebastian Reames	Gabriel Shehan	William White
Kendyll Cherry	Rielle Davis	Madison Foster	Christopher Higgins	Dahntay Moore	Zackary Robbins	Nolan Stow	Briella Williams
							Miles Wilson

