

# Suntree Elementary News



*Dear Suntree Families,*

*We are off to an amazing start this school year! As I walk through classrooms, I am so excited to see our students engaged and eager to learn. Our school theme is once again LEAD! We want our students to learn that true leaders obtain their goals by working hard and developing strategies to help them succeed. These are life long skills to help a child be successful academically, socially and in all other facets of life.*

*I want to take a moment to go over a few important items. First of all, for the safety of our students and staff, please be aware that the front door will remain locked at all times. You must ring the doorbell and a member of our office staff will ask you the purpose of your visit. Please note: you may need to show your i.d. before the door is unlatched.*

*If, for any reason, you need to change your child's normal dismissal, please e-mail the teacher and the front office at:*

*[suntreedismissals@brevardschools.org](mailto:suntreedismissals@brevardschools.org)*

*Dismissal changes must be received by 2:00pm/12:45pm on Fridays.*

*I would like to take a moment to thank the following people/businesses who helped us get off to great start this school year:*

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| • Genna's Pizza  | • Nothing Bundt Cakes      | • Rockledge Gardens      |
| • Jeremiah's Ice | • Jeremiah's Ice           | • Texas Roadhouse        |
| • Sun Nuclear    | • Viera Hospital           | • Coach Jaya 4 Health    |
| • Suntree PTO    | • Safety Susie Swim School | • Pepsi                  |
| • CurbPro        | • PaverPro                 | • Knopf's Investigations |

*This year we have approximately 600 students and 70 staff members working together to make Suntree Elementary a great place to learn.*

*Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Shari Tressler, Principal*

*Please welcome the following new employees to our Suntree Family!*

*Taylor Ducharme*

*3rd Grade Teacher*

*Kathy Miller*

*3rd Grade Teacher*

*Amy Pederson*

*4th Grade Teacher*

*Donna Ingino*

*5th Grade Teacher*

*Kendall Hester*

*5th Grade Teacher*

*Toni Knepp*

*6th Grade Teacher*

*Lizette Patrick*

*Instructional Assistant*

*Racine Lopez*

*Instructional Assistant*

*Cortnie Johnson*

*Instructional Assistant*

*Marcie Ryan*

*Media Assistant*

*Hector Torres*

*Custodial Staff*

*Tara Ruddy*

*Cafeteria Staff*

*Heather Ruttle*

*Nurse*

*Welcome Back!!*

*Tracy Seibert*

*4th Grade Teacher*

*Christi Doane*

*VE Teacher*

# MEGA BLAST!

# FUNDRAISER

1. Our MegaBlast Fundraiser will begin on Wednesday, September 20th with a high energy kick-off assembly. Students will bring home a packet on that day.
2. Parents/Guardians register their students online and send out 10+ emails to their child's biggest fans asking for their support via online donations. This can usually be completed in 10 minutes or less.
3. Emails are sent with a personalized message from your child to their supporters. The campaign lasts through Wednesday, October 4th and our easy platform keeps track of all donations!
4. Bring on the Mega Blast!!! On Wednesday, November 4th, students will be rewarded with up to 8 inflatable obstacle courses, slides, sport challenges, an epic DJ dance party, snow cones, prizes, and an unforgettable experience for all involved.
5. Proceeds will be used for technology needs.

**WE APPRECIATE  
YOUR SUPPORT!**



## **FAST Testing**

***Florida Assessment for Student Thinking***

**Grades K—2nd**

**September 12th and 13th**

**Grades 3rd—6th**

**September 6th and 7th**

**It is vital on testing days that your child is well rested, eats a healthy breakfast and arrives to school on time. We appreciate your support!**



Please join us for our  
**September Meeting**

**Thursday,  
September 14th  
3:00pm**





Wednesday is the day parents are allowed to come to school to have lunch with their child. You must sign up ahead of time by visiting our website: [brevardschools.org/SuntreeES](http://brevardschools.org/SuntreeES) Under Featured Stories select Parent Lunch Day Sign-up. Please Note: Due to testing, parents will not be able to have lunch with their student on September 6th and 13th.

## Volunteers

If you want to help in the classroom or go on field trips, you must be a registered volunteer through Brevard Public Schools' District and School Security Department. Visit the Brevard Public School website for an application and additional information. [brevardschools.org](http://brevardschools.org)

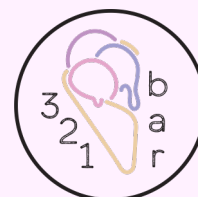


**Friday, September 15th  
2:00pm - Media Center**

## Spirit Nights

**GENNA**  
**PIZZA EXPRESS**

**Thursday, September 7th  
7954 N. Wickham**



**Thursday, September 19th  
4301 N. Wickham**

To keep informed of the happenings at Suntree, visit our website!! [Brevardschools.org/SuntreeES](http://Brevardschools.org/SuntreeES)



**WHEN: Thursday, September 7th 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

Join us in the cafeteria at for a General Session followed by individual classroom meetings. There will be multiple classroom sessions for those of you who have more than one student at Suntree. *Please Note: This is a parent only open house.*

## Words of Wisdom from the Car Loop!



1. Kindergartners have little legs and take a bit longer to get to their number. Please be patient.
2. Phones are cool for music. Turn on some music and jam, but please pay attention to the car in front of you. No need to call your insurance company, boss or long lost relative while in the car loop.
3. The solar glare provides obstacles for teachers reading the names, so be prepared to roll down your window and say hello and give your name. Make sure your Car Tag is in your window and can be easily read.
4. Stay in your car and give a HUGE wave when your child comes into view. They will be excited to see you and want to get into the car to tell you all about their day.
5. When your student gets in the car, pull your tag down to let teachers know you are loaded and ready to roll.
6. Passing is not cool in the car loop! Kids run, water bottles roll into the street, and number of tragedies can occur. Stay in your lane!
7. Patience! Some days will be quicker in the car loop than others. Trust that no one wants to be there longer than necessary.
8. Take a deep breath and be kind!





*Imagine... "Whirled Peace"*

PINWHEELS FOR PEACE - Students in art class have been busy creating pinwheels to visually express their feelings about what peace means to them. On Thursday, September 21st, students will recognize International Day of Peace by "planting" their pinwheels.

## ALOHA - Bringing Love to Lahaina

The Art Department will be selling student made backpack tags in the Commons Area starting Tuesday, September 5th and ending Wednesday, September 13th.

**Suggested Donation: \$5.00**

This service-learning project is designed to teach students that art can be used to create positive change. All donations will be used to help those affected by the fires in Lahaina.



This summer we had over 200 kids participate in our summer reading challenge! Ice cream will be delivered at the end of September for any students who participated and turned in their logs.

Krispy Kreme donuts were awarded to these classes who had the most participation for their grade level:  
Mrs. Stauffer,  
Mrs. S. Roberts,  
Mrs. Abreu, Ms. Miller,  
Mrs. Palmer, Ms. Wolf,  
Ms. Hester.  
**Great job everyone!**



Odyssey of the Mind information and applications are posted on the Suntree Website under Clubs and Activities. If interested in participating, forms are due to Mrs. Carr by September 8th.

No School - September 4th



Federal Impact Aid forms will be sent home with your child on September 20th. Please fill out and return. We receive important funding for our students.

Remember: Instruction begins at 8:00am. Please be on time!

Please be advised that Ms. Breanne Brown, Mrs. Amy Pederson, and Mrs. Christine Fleig are teaching out of field in the ESOL certification area for the 2023-24 school year. Ms. Brown, Mrs. Pederson, and Mrs. Fleig meet all the State certification requirements to teach in the public schools and are currently working toward their ESOL certification. This notification is a Department of Education requirement for the State of Florida. Be assured that the School Board of Brevard County is dedicated to serving every student with excellence as the standard.