

Sunny Pointe Elementary Quarterly Report

Dear Sunny Pointe Elementary Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday break with your family and friends. Our last day before break included a holiday concert by our Puma Pride Singers, 5th grade ukulele performances, and an entire school sing-along. It's hard to put into words the joy of over 600 students and staff singing together. It was truly a sight to see. The smiles, laughter, and sweet sounds were magical. It's not often that we get our entire school in one room, but the memories made on that day will last forever.

I am excited to bring you the second quarter school report. It was an outstanding, but fast second quarter at Sunny Pointe Elementary! Our theme this year is 'Everyone Belongs at SPE'. Everyone is worthy of place to belong. We hope your child is excited to get back to school to see teachers and friends! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher or me. Together, we can accomplish so much!

The school quarterly report is designed to give you targeted information about the previous quarter that ties directly into our school vision, mission, and goals.

Second Quarter Accomplishments:

- Recognizing our Students of the Month for gratefulness and generosity.
- Recognizing our students with perfect first quarter attendance.
- Opening the SPE Free Little Library which was built by an SPE parent and funded by the 17-18 SPE Student Council.
- PTA creating and planning such a fun Halloween party for all to enjoy!
- Girls on the Run completing their 5K! All coaches and team members persevered on a very cold morning! The team also completed their community service project and donated personal hygiene items to the local Blue Springs Community Service League.
- Third grade sharing their recorder skills during the November music performance!
- Congrats to all our spelling club participants! They were brave and worked hard. Congratulations to McKenna on winning the SPE spelling bee and participating in the district spelling bee!
- Filling the SPE Gratitude Stop with thankful notes was so meaningful to all involved!
- Puma Pride Singers showing their holiday spirit at the 20th Annual Spirit of Caring Christmas Concert, the Mayor's Christmas Lighting Ceremony, and the school holiday sing-along show! All performances were outstanding!
- SPE participating in The Hour of Code challenge during Computer Science Education Week.
- PTA Reflections showcase at BSHS featuring four amazing SPE student entries. We look forward to even more participation next year!
- Mr. Lomax teaching a new recess game for all to enjoy on the playground and painting the asphalt so that students could play.
- Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Boyd receiving over \$5,000 in grants from the Blue Springs Education Foundation for programs at SPE!
- SPE sharing about School-Wide Positive Behavior Support at the school board meeting in December. The presentation gave an overview of the program and how students benefit at SPE.
- Fifth grade rocking the house during their holiday musical performance in December!
- Media Hype Club displaying their first PowerPoint of the year on the hallway TVs. Stop by to learn more about what's happening at SPE! All presentations are created by students!

Academics

- 2nd Quarter Report Cards will go home on Friday, January 4th. Please review and return the envelope to your child's teacher. Compare it to your child's 1st Quarter Report Card. Do you see improvement? Does any area surprise you? Do you have questions? This is a good time to ask the teacher these questions or set up a

meeting. I know we will see tremendous growth during the next two quarters. However, if you have any questions or concerns, it is a good time to start the conversation because we have so much time left in the year.

- Reviewing the 2nd Quarter Report Card with your child is also a great idea. Celebrate growth. Ask your child about his/her progress and learning. Our children are often very inciteful and can provide us with so much information about what they are learning, where they feel success, and where they need to grow. Set goals with your child and partner to help them reach those goals.
- 3rd – 5th
 - Ask your child about their upcoming winter SRI assessment. This is a reading assessment given in the fall, winter, and spring. What goal will they set?
 - Does your child read at home? Do they enjoy reading? If not, do you read to them?
 - Ask your child about their 2nd quarter math common assessment. How did your child do? Do they know their results? Does your child need to use Reflex to ensure their math facts are automatic?
 - 4th/5th Grade – Talk to your child about their MAP scores. What goals do they have for this spring?
- K-2nd
 - Ask your child about Pathways. What are they learning in whole group? What are they learning in small group?
 - Read to your child.
 - Talk to your child about numbers. This will build the foundation for number sense. *I need five forks. Can you get them for me? We have four grocery sacks to carry in. If I get two, how many will be left for you to carry? It's 8:30. We need to leave for school at 8:45. How much time do we have left at home?* Show your child how to manipulate the numbers if they don't know automatically. The more you talk about and use numbers in your home, the easier it is for kids to make connections to math at school.

Positive Behavior Supports:

- The staff and students at Sunny Pointe Elementary practice School-Wide Positive Behavioral Support. As part of a district initiative, we've established 'I am a Respectful, Responsible Learner' expectations for behavior at SPE.
- Please take this parent survey:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BwAOQwa1i0yRiccsy9zA5J8VFyoup6RMps5sN9Qp2fVUQlpkWTRHMzQxMVRXNU5IS002M1daRkZDWS4u>
- When we return from break, we will reteach our students the behavioral expectations and will recognize them for appropriate behavior.
- Staff uses data to make decisions regarding school behavior expectations. A PBS school provides consistent rewards and interventions for all students.
 - Based on our data from November and December, we will continue to focus on the expectation "Keep hands, feet, and objects to self" in January. While we did see progress in December from some grade levels, overall as a school we will continue to put more emphasis and teaching on this expectation.
 - We will focus on using words instead of hands/feet to express how we feel. An example of this is when another student perceives another student is cutting them in line and the student pushes instead of saying "excuse me, this is my spot" or getting an adult to help.
 - You may support this expectation at home by role playing situations or stopping your child if you see them using hands/feet instead of words.

Character Traits:

- SPE has a monthly character trait. We are excited to recognize our Students of the Month for December next week! These students have displayed honesty in the school, on the bus, at Prime Time, and/or in special class. The upcoming character traits include problem solving in January and kindness in February.

Attendance:

- School Goal = 90% of students here 90% of the time
 - August – 93.34%
 - September – 91.41%
 - October – 94.22%

- November – 94.25%
- Thanks for making a school a priority!

Thank you for your support in all areas! I appreciate you and look forward to an exciting 3rd quarter!

Sincerely,
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