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Sweetwater School

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Principal's Message:



Dear Parents,
Thank you to all of you attended our Curriculum Night on August 18. Our Book Share Event helps purchase more new books for the library. Families also wrote Family Mission Statements when they visited the library. All of these proactive contributions help us continue on our journey to fully use the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* to maximize achievement and student leadership at Sweetwater. Sweetwater is a **Leader In Me** school, teaching and modeling the **7 Habits of Highly Effective People**, by Stephen Covey. Our students learn to apply the **7 Habits** to their daily lives, both at school and at home. We believe that every child can be a leader in his or her own life.

Habit #1: Be Proactive

I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

Habit #2: Begin with the End in Mind

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision, and look for ways to be a good citizen.

Habit #3: Put First Things First

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.

Habit #4: Think Win-Win

I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others' "Emotional Bank Accounts." When conflicts arise, I look for third alternatives.

Habit #5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

I listen to other people's feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.

Habit #6: Synergize

I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different than me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than any one of us alone. I am humble.

Habit #7: Sharpen the Saw

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I take time to find meaningful ways to help others.

Join us this year in supporting your child find the leader within!

Sincerely,
Luanne Herman

PTO Newsflashes

Yogurtini Night

Yogurtini Night on Tuesday, August 25 was a huge success. Our next Yogurtini Night will be September 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Yogurtini Self-serve is located on the NE corner of 59th Avenue and Thunderbird next to Smashburger in the Safeway center. Our PTO will receive 25% of all sales. We look forward to seeing you there.

Great Skate

Save the date for Tuesday, September 15 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. for a fun filled night skating with your friends and family. This evening event includes a live DJ, laser light show, games and trivia. Admission is \$7



If you are interested in becoming a PTO volunteer, please call the front office at 602-896-6500.



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Parking Lot Procedures

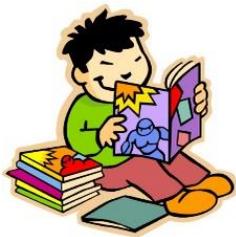
For the safety of our students, parents and staff, we are requesting that you follow a few guidelines when dropping off and picking up your children before and after school.

- ***Please wait until you get to the blue painted line that is painted on the sidewalk before dropping off or picking up your children.
- ***DO NOT BLOCK THE HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOTS. Parents with handicap plates or signs that are displayed in their windows use these spaces to drop off and pick up their children who require extra time.
- ***The left lane is for through traffic only. Children or adults are not to be dropped off or picked up while in this lane. This lane is not to be used to cut in front of others who have been waiting their turn to pick up or drop off their children.
- ***Children are not permitted to walk across the parking lot without an adult present.

Hearing and Vision

Hearing and vision screenings will be performed on Tuesday, September 2. Your child's attendance is very important. Please remind your child to bring his or her glasses to school on this day.

New from the Library



Book Share 2015 was a HUGE success! Thank you to all who participated. So far we have raised over \$300! All money raised will go directly to buying new books for the library. Thank you!

Photography and Videography on School Campus

We welcome families and friends to our campus and thank you for taking a positive interest in your child's education. Throughout the school year, we hold many events to give students the opportunity to perform for family and friends, participate in athletic events or to "show off" what they've learned.

While most of these events are public, there may be students involved whose parents do not wish for them to be photographed or videotaped. We ask you to keep that in mind as you photograph or videotape your child. Please make sure your child is the focus of your photographs or video. If other children are included, please do not share pictures or post them to the Internet without the permission of the parent/guardian.

Universal Free Meals for Students



Sweetwater School will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2015-2016 school year. The CEP allows schools to offer free, nutritious school meals to all students through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. What this means for families at Sweetwater School is that all students will be able to receive both breakfast and lunch at no charge for this school year without having to complete a meal application. If your student wants a beverage instead of a full meal, he or she can purchase milk or juice for 35 cents or a bottle of water for 50 cents.

Any unpaid balances for previously charged meals are still the responsibility of the guardian. You can contact the Sweetwater School cafeteria at 602-896-6517 for further information.

Emergency Contact Information

Parents/guardians of returning students: For the 2015-2016 school year, you will be asked on the Student Profile form (the form you complete at the beginning of each school year) to provide the names and contact information for individuals who may pick up and care for the child in case of emergency. Those individuals will not be required to show written permission from you if/when they pick up your child for emergency reasons, e.g. illness, injury, family emergency. However, the individuals you list will not be permitted to pick up your child during the school day for nonemergency reasons without prior written permission. Please keep this in mind when designating individuals with whom to entrust your child's care.

Tax Credit Donation

Any amount is welcomed!

End result, it costs you nothing.

You can give any amount that you want up to \$200 when filing an individual tax return or any amount up to \$400 when filing a joint return for married couples.

Call Norma Sanner for more information at 602-896-6501

Sweetwater Synergizing Together

Sweetwater believes that every child deserves to feel safe and secure on our campus and be given the opportunity to be successful both in and out of the classroom setting. The staff at Sweetwater also strives to make our school a bully-free zone. For this very reason, every



classroom and hallway has been adorned with several very important messages. These messages and corresponding lessons focus on how each member of our school community can exemplify the 7 Habits of the *Leader in Me* program, demonstrate the *Sweetwater Social Etiquette*, and live the *Sweetwater Way* motto every day.

Making everyone feel accepted within a group is a goal at Sweetwater. It is important to encourage the children to include ALL students in their activities. No one enjoys being left out! Be a friend to a new student and ask someone who is easily left out to join you during lunch activities and after school.

We also want students to feel comfortable to go to an adult and report any act of bullying behavior they personally witness. Reporting an incident helps to put an end to the bullying behaviors. When we all work together for the common good, our school will thrive as a strong, family-oriented community.

NJHS Members for 2015-2016



The National Junior Honor Society is based on five basic ideals: character, service, leadership, citizenship and scholarship. Through one's involvement in various activities within their school chapter and their community, members

continue to maintain and extend these five qualities. It is important to continue improving oneself in all areas of life; to provide a helping hand to those in need; to encourage others around them and to participate in school government.

We start the year with 14 returning members in our Sweetwater chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. We strive to be a hands-on, service-oriented organization that benefits both our neighbors and local community programs. We held our first meeting after school on Monday, August 17, and reviewed expectations, planned community service projects and fund-raising activities for this school year.

Like WESDSchools on Facebook

Have you liked the WESD on Facebook? Help us reach our goal of 5,000 likes! Find us at WESDSchools, where you can read about the great things that happen every day in the Washington Elementary School District.

You can also follow us on Twitter, too, at WESDSchools. Keep yourself in the loop and like us today!

WESD District Programs

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss or a traumatic event? Is your family lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence? Washington Elementary School District offers services to families through the federal McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The act requires that children and families who are in a temporary living situation be offered services and supports. Services can include enrollment assistance, nutrition services, clothing or school supplies, community referrals, and in some cases transportation. If you are living in any of the following circumstances: with another family or friend due to financial hardship, living in a shelter, transitional housing, in a hotel/motel, or an unaccompanied youth in foster care, you **may** fit the criteria for assistance under this act. Please contact Jaime Smilovici or Katharine Martinez at 602-896-6583 to inquire further about qualifying for this program.

Help Sweetwater School earn money by Re-Enrolling for the Fry's Community Rewards Program

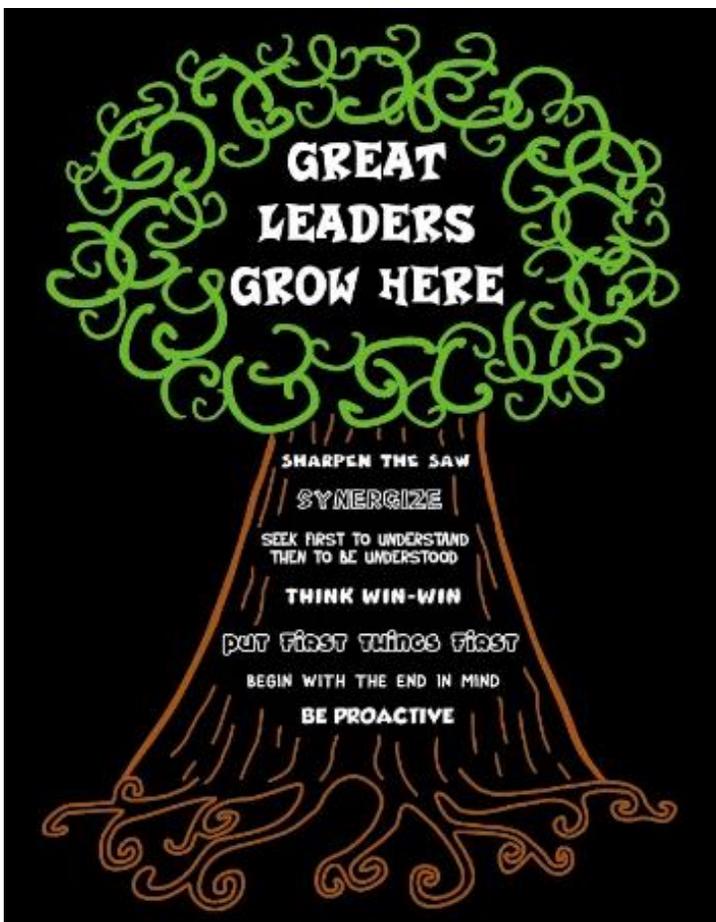
- *Go to <https://www.frysfood.com/topic/community?activePage=community-rewards-2>
- *Select "Sign In."
- *Enter your e-mail and password then select "sign in."
- *Select "My Account," you should see Account Summary at the top.
- *Scroll down, Click **ENROLL** under Community Rewards. If prompted, enter personal information.
- *Under Find Your Organization: Enter the NPO number **80339** or **Sweetwater School** then select "search."
- *Under Select Your Organization: Select box next to Sweetwater School.
- *Then select "save changes."
- *If you have registered correctly, you should now see your organization information listed under "Community Rewards" on your Account Summary page.

*****Remember, you must re-enroll to support Sweetwater School.**

Sweetwater Social Etiquette

All staff are expected to proactively model the **Sweetwater Social Etiquette** for whomever we encounter at Sweetwater, whether it is a co-worker, student, parent or volunteer. We simply do this as we go about our daily business. This is the first example we can set for others of our Leader in Me culture, to model exactly what we want students to emulate throughout their day. The Sweetwater Social Etiquette requires that we:

1. **Make eye contact with people when you pass them in the halls**
2. **Smile**
3. **Use simple greetings**
4. **Respond positively to others who greet or talk to you**
5. **Say please and thank you when appropriate**
6. **Speak in a pleasant tone of voice**



August

27	PTO Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
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September

4	Volleyball Game @ SW, 4:15 p.m.
7	Labor Day – No School
9	Midterms go home
10	Hearing and Vision Testing
15	Fall Pictures – General Education Students
15	Great Skate – 5:30-8:00 p.m.
16	Fall Pictures – Special Education Students
22	Yogurtini Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
28	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

October

9	End of First Quarter
12-16	Fall Break – No School
20	Yogurtini Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
26	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
28-30	Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal Report Cards distributed during conferences
29	Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences with translation services

November

3	Picture Retakes
11	No School – Veterans Day Holiday
18	Midterms go home
18	Great Skate – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
23	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
26-27	No School – Thanksgiving Holiday

December

8	Santa visits Sweetwater
16	Winter Music Show, 7:00 p.m. End of Second Quarter
17	End of Second Quarter
21-January 1	No School – Winter Break

January

4	Second Semester Begins
6	Reports Cards go home
18	No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
21	Great Skate – 5:30-8:00 p.m.
25	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

February

3-5	Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal
10	Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences with translation services
15	No School – Presidents Day
16	Districtwide Food Drive Begins
22	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
23	Yogurtini Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

March

11	Great Skate – 5:30-8:00 p.m.
14-18	No School – Spring Break
28	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
30	Report Cards go home

April

19	Greenway Choir Festival, 7:00 p.m.
19	Yogurtini Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
20	Midterms go home
25	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

May

3	Teacher Appreciation Day
4	National School Nurse Day
17	Fine Arts Night, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
23	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
24	Last Day of School Early Dismissal Report cards go home