



Soaring to New Heights of Excellence SUNNY HEIGHLIGHTS



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Sunny Heights Families,
We continue seeing great things here at Sunny Heights and know we will continue to see how bright our futures can be! Students have begun utilizing the 1:1 technology and great digital content that Warren Township has provided. Now is a great time as parents to speak with students about being safe when using technology at school and at home. This coming week is Digital Citizenship Week in Indiana; educators demonstrate a commitment to developing digital learning experiences that are accessible to students in their schools. As part of this work, we now focus our attention on building digital citizenship awareness in our learning communities. Please take some time this week to talk with your student about being a good citizen when it comes to the use of devices and the internet.

Your Proud Principal,
Barton Lewis

Ways a Parent Can Help with **READING**

1

Let your child see you reading!

Have magazines and books in your home.

2

Help your child find appropriate word & reading games on the computer.

Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words they read or hear.

3

Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.

4

Movie version coming out?

Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.

5

Set aside a time and place for your child to read -

like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place

6

Visit your public library regularly.

Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.

7

Encourage your child to write -

letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life

8

Ask your child questions about what he or she is reading, such as:

- What is the story about?
- Who are the important characters in the story?
- Where does the story take place?
- Why do you think the character made that choice?
- Why did that happen?
- How did you know about...?
- Would you recommend this book to your friends?

9

Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.

Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own



Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same

Indiana #DIGCIT Week Sept. 12-16, 2016

Take the pledge.



I pledge to develop positive habits as a digital citizen. I will empower myself as a learner by practicing safe, legal, and ethical technology use in and out of school.



OTHER REMINDERS:

Birthday treats should be brought during your child's lunch time and will be shared in the cafeteria. Any items being brought in should be store bought and sealed. Please do not bring in large items such as lots of balloons, posters, etc. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter. We love celebrating birthdays, but also need to respect the safety and security of all students!

Be looking for information about Helping Eagles Soar parent information night scheduled for Thursday, September 22. More information coming.



DON'T FORGET!! Next Wednesday, September 14th, is a delayed start day for Warren Township schools. Our students at Sunny Heights will start school at 9:40 a.m. on that day. Thanks!

Healthy Smiles

Healthy Smiles is coming to Sunny Heights Elementary on September 22nd and 23rd. Healthy Smiles is a school based dental program providing check-ups, cleanings, x-rays, and dental education among other things to students. All students are eligible for this service.

Information and registration forms will be sent home with your child next week. Please return these forms to the school clinic as soon as possible or by September 22nd. If you have any questions regarding Healthy Smiles, please call 894-8370 or e-mail at lynn@indysmiles.org.



HOME & SCHOOL CONNECTION – Working Together for School Success

Focused on learning

Does your youngster know that sitting up straight and watching the teacher helps him stay focused? This position signals his brain to be alert so he can pay attention to lessons and instructions. *Tip:* To avoid distractions, he might pretend there's a tunnel directly between him and his teacher.

Respect for all teachers

Tell your child to treat substitute teachers the way she would treat guests in your home. She should be respectful and provide help if the substitute asks for it. Explain that it's also important for your youngster to follow classroom rules and routines - - just as she would if her regular teacher were there.

Time to play

No matter what grade your child is in, he's not too old to play! He'll stretch his imagination and relieve stress. Try pulling out toys he hasn't used in a while, like building blocks or toy trains. Having them in plain sight may inspire him to play with them again. Or walk to a playground after dinner - - and invite the entire family to swing, slide, and climb.

Hello, September!

The Students Rights and Responsibilities book is located on the district website for your viewing at: <http://www.warren.k12.in.us/student-rightsresp>

We have a few 15-16 yearbooks available for purchase. If you are interested, contact the school office. The price is \$10.00.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12th - 16th Literacy Week
September 14th Late start for students; elementary - 9:40 a.m.
September 15th Fundraiser begins
September 16th Picture Day
September 19th Exclusion date for immunizations
September 19th - 22nd Vision screening for Gr. 1, 3 & 4
September 22nd - 23rd Healthy Smiles
September 27th 3rd Grade "Dance Around the World"
September 28th Last day of 1st grading period
October 4th Parent/Teacher conferences; 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.
October 7th Sunny Celebration
October 10th - 21st Intersession break
November 7th - 18th Book Fair
November 8th Professional Day - **NO SCHOOL**
November 9th **LATE START DAY** for students; 9:40 a.m.
November 10th Picture retake day
November 17th PTA family skating party, Roller Cave, 6-8 p.m.
November 18th-22nd Warren Holiday TreeFest
November 18th PTA Muffins with Mom, 7:45-8:30 a.m.
November 23rd - 25th Thanksgiving Break, **NO SCHOOL**

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