

Welcome Back Sunset School!

I am filled with great excitement and anticipation for the 2017-2018 school year. I hope that you have had a terrific summer break and that you too are excited to begin a new school year. I am excited to begin my second year as your principal. I appreciate your patience with me last year as I got to know Sunset. It feels good coming into this year knowing many of you and what your priorities are for our school. I want to thank all of you who have worked with me this summer to get prepared for the coming year; I appreciate your input, support and desire to be part of a leadership team.

We have some new staff to welcome: our new counselor, **Marianne Licht** our new PE teacher, **Bradley Burnett**, 2 new additions to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade team, **Randy Pitts and Susan Jackson**, to our 6<sup>th</sup> grade team, **Laura Johnson**, to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade team, **James Greensweight, Ken Smith, Cyndol Claycamp**, and another new addition to our 4<sup>th</sup> grade team coming soon!.

I am looking forward to our continued work with the art grant folks and our school-wide implementation of PBIS with the PBIS team. With those two collaborations I expect that we will be learning and doing more to make Sunset an even better place to be. We have much work to do together.

I want to share with you a decision that I have already made, which was included in the welcome back letter to our families. 2017-2018 cell phone policy for students:

### **Cell Phones and other Electronics**

If your student must bring a cell phone or other electronic device to school, please be aware the school is not responsible for its safety (lost, stolen or damaged).

Cell phone use is allowed only before the 1st bell (7:55) and after school. If cell phones or electronic devices are used during school hours, or go off during the day, they will be confiscated. No photos of any kind (including selfies) will be allowed on school grounds during school hours, especially in restrooms. All phones must be on silent at all times. You can listen to music with ear buds ONLY!

- The **first** incident will be considered a warning.
- A **second offence** will require a parent to pick the device up at the office.
- If there is a **third incident**, the device will no longer be allowed at school. Board Policy Code JFCN. ORS 332.107
- As a courtesy these items can be turned in at the office before school and picked up after school.

Again a warm welcome back to you. Thank you for being a part of our great team at Sunset!

With Porpoise Pride,

Shelly McKnight, aka "Shelly the Shark," Principal