

SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SUNDERLAND SENTINEL

Our Mission: To ensure a positive, safe and respectful environment that inspires our children to realize, develop and attain their full potential in a school that values diversity and individual needs.



MAY 14, 2010

Principal's Message ~ Timothy Merritt, Interim Principal

Hello Sunderland Elementary Families and Friends:

Welcome to Spring Sunderland Style! Many signs of new life are upon here in this busy busy time in the school year. Take a moment to read through this edition of the Sentinel to gather up the blossoming schedule of events here at your child's school as we round the corner and head towards the end of a successful year.

Conway is A Comin'

Let me take the opportunity to welcome our friends from Conway who will be joining us here at school beginning on June 1. On that day Conway students in Grades 1-4 will be joining us for the remainder of the school year. For those who have kept up with the local news, you know that the citizens of Conway have voted to replace the roof on their school which will take nearly the entire summer to complete.

Conway staff will accompany the students in their stay with us. Years ago, when this school needed to find temporary housing, many schools throughout the Frontier District responded immediately. It is nice to be able to return the favor at a time when Conway needs support.

By now some Conway staff and faculty have visited the school and have begun to plan for the three weeks they will be with us. Dr. Judy Siciliano, principal at Conway School and I are coordinating the logistics of transportation, scheduling and other items in order to make the stay as comfortable as possible—for our Conway friends and our own students and staff.

On the Surface

On Wednesday May 18 Warner Brothers and All States Paving have offered to resurface the basketball court adjoining areas in the back playground. On that morning, the Sunderland companies and some of their customers will visit the school and watch as Warners and All States introduces a cutting edge product while providing our students with a brand new playing surface. We are so thankful to Jim Houle and all of the staff and management at these two companies whose generosity is benefiting our kids.

While I'm at let me make an appeal for some manual labor. This Sunday May 15 we will be power-washing and prepping the blacktop area for the Wednesday resurfacing. If you have a moment, please stop by and give us a hand. We will begin promptly at 9am and should finish well before noon. Thanks in advance to our Playground Committee for steering this effort.

MCASTically Speaking

MCAS has started once again. By now the 3rd grade has completed its Math testing. Next week, 4th and 5th grades will complete theirs. The following week 6th grade will finish it out and that will be it until next year. Please do your best to encourage your students to get a good night sleep during these weeks. Children should also be well fed and they should avoid television or video gaming just before bedtime in order to get a good night's sleep.

For Now

It's a very, very busy time of year. Seussical is just around the corner. Field trips are in full swing. Before you know it, we will be wishing each other a happy summer. For now, let me wish you a happy spring. Let us know how we can support your child's experience here at school.

Timothy Merritt, Interim Principal

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**The May 16th
"Traditional Lines &
Squares" program
has been cancelled.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 11: MCAS Grades 3
- 12: MCAS Grade 3
- 18: MCAS Grade 5
- 7PM School Committee
- 19: MCAS Grade 5
- 20: MCAS Grades 4 & 5
- 21: MCAS Grades 4 & 5
- 24: MCAS Grade 6
- 25: MCAS Grade 6
- 27: Step Up Day Grade 6 to Frontier 9:15AM
- 31: NO SCHOOL

We are still selling vermicompost (\$4) as well as just tumblers (\$3) with proceeds going to an orphanage in Haiti.

If you purchase vermicompost from us, please follow the worm casting tea recipe to feed your plants. (recipe below)

Sunderland Kindergarten Vericomposts

WORM CASTING TEA RECIPE

Add entire bag of worm castings to 5 cups of cool water

Stir and let brew for 24–48 hours.

Pour contents around base of plants or strain and use spray bottle for foliar feeding.

The tea is an active liquid containing live beneficial organisms.

Use within 72 hours of brew date.

Apply in early morning or evening to protect microorganisms from UV rays.

For best results, use every 2-4 weeks.

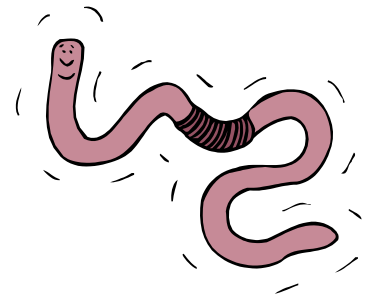


Ingredients:

Fresh Worm Castings created from cherished, happy (Multi-hearted) earthworms.

Just some of the many benefits of worm castings:

- A great organic plant food, rich in nitrogen, phosphate, calcium, magnesium & potash.
- Natural pest control! Odorless to the human nose, the odor of the castings repels aphids, white flies, spider mites & scale. Use as a foliar spray on affected plants.
- Speeds recovery from lack of moisture & wind damage.
- Improves plants resistance to disease & pests.
- Worm castings & its tea will never burn your plants, even when used full strength.
- Safe around children, pets & edible plants. No toxins, pesticides or chemical to harm plants, environment or water supply.





Talented Volunteers Needed!

Seussical, Jr. is looking for a talented, volunteer pianist to play in between the scenes in our show. Show dates are June 10th, 12th and 13th. Some rehearsal required.

Contact Cathy Lee for more information at:
cathyanlee@[comcast.net](mailto:cathyanlee@comcast.net) or (413)259-1827.

Some Important Spring Reminders



⇒ Students should wear layered, appropriate clothing to address changeable weather.

 ⇒ No short shorts or spaghetti straps.

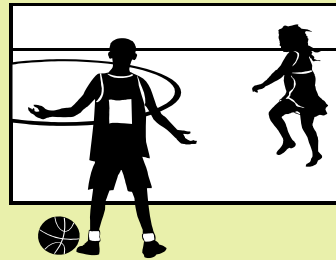
⇒ Students need snacks each day. A water bottle is suggested.

⇒ Please check the lost and found and place names on all items.

Come On Down

On Sunday May 9, we will be prepping the basketball court for resurfacing.

If you want to give us a hand, we will start at 9AM. We should be finished well before noon. If you can make it, we'll see you there.



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Next PTO Meeting:

Monday, May 17

6:30 PM

**Nomination of Officers
for 2010-11**