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### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Thurs. Sept. 22:** Open house & book fair
- **Fri. Oct. 7:** Early Dismissal (2 hrs., homecoming)
- **Mon. Oct. 17:** No school
- **Tues. Oct. 18:** Reflections Program entries due
  - see page 2 of this newsletter for details
- **Thurs. Oct. 20:** Picture make-up day
- **Fri. Oct. 28:** Early Dismissal (2 hrs.) & end of 1st quarter
- **Mon. Oct. 31:** Fall party
- **Wed. Nov. 2 - Thurs. Nov. 3:** Book fair
- **Sun. Nov. 6:** Daylight saving time ends
- **Mon. Nov. 7:** No school
- **Tues. Nov. 8:** No school & parent conferences
- **Thur. Nov. 10:** PTA meeting
- **Fri. Nov. 11:** Veterans Day (program details TBD)
- **Wed. Nov. 23:** Early dismissal (2 hrs)
- **Thurs. Nov 24 -Mon. Nov. 28:** Thanksgiving vacation

### PTA and VOLUNTEERING

Please consider joining the Sunset Valley PTA. We need your helping hands to support our students and school. The PTA sign-up form is included in this newsletter - no paper copies will be sent home.

**PTA membership is required if you plan to volunteer at any party or event at Sunset Valley.**  
**Volunteer sign-up page - for class parties & activities**

### OPEN HOUSE - 9.22

Join us for **Open House at Sunset Valley on Thursday, September 22nd from 6-8pm.**  
Stop by to meet your child's teacher and see your child's classroom.

### BOOK FAIR - 9.22 Shop/Volunteer

Please join us in the **LGI room for the book fair during open house on Sept. 22nd.**  
You can pay with cash, checks or eWallet.  
Set up eWallet here:  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/sunsetvalleyelemschool3>

**At the event, you can donate books to our Teacher Wish Bins.**

The book fair is also available online Sept. 21-23 & you can have books shipped to the school for free.

**To volunteer for the book fair, email [bookfair@svepta.com](mailto:bookfair@svepta.com) to participate.**

### WEBSITES/RESOURCES

- [Sunset Valley Elementary School](#)
- [Sunset Valley Elementary contact page](#)
- [Skyward Family Access page](#)
- [Sunset Valley PTA website homepage](#)
- [Link to join the PTA - \\$9/person/year](#)
- [Clearance info](#)
- [Volunteer sign-up page - for class parties & activities](#)



## REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

Entries Due Oct. 18th

### "Show Your Voice" is the theme for this year's PTA Reflections program.

With that theme in mind, encourage your child to showcase their talents for this year's contest!

The categories are visual arts, photography, film, music, dance, and literature.

Students may enter as many projects and categories as they would like.

Students are judged at Sunset and the top 5 in each category and age division (K-2 and 3-4) move on to compete at the district level.

Check out the [program entry form and rules online.](#)

**Submit entries to Mrs. Shavel in person or via email. by Tuesday, October 18th.**

## YEARBOOK PICTURES

- Please share pics from special events (1st day, theme-days, fun day, etc) and NOA students with us!
- Email pics to [yearbook@svepta.com](mailto:yearbook@svepta.com)
  - Please use this email format:
    - Subject line: Name of event
    - Body of email: Your child's name, grade, teacher

## FUNDRAISERS

- We will provide several fundraisers (TBD) to ensure that we have funding for events and field trips.
- If you'd like to support the PTA directly, we're still offering our **Direct Donation campaign.**
  - To learn more, check out the PTA website ([www.sunsetvalleypta.com](http://www.sunsetvalleypta.com)).

## SCHOOL PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY

Picture make-up day is Thursday, Oct. 20th.

You can purchase picture packages on the Quatse Photography website:

**<https://quatsephotography.onlinephotocart.com>**

**Code: SUNSET**

## CLEARANCES

- Please be sure your clearances are up to date, they're valid for 5 years from issue date.
- Check the [clearances page for details](#) about each clearance type.
- To volunteer at Sunset Valley, you need these items:
  - Act 34, PA Criminal History Check (Patch)
  - Act 151, PA Child Abuse History
  - Volunteer FBI waiver (if you've been a PA resident for prior 10 years) **OR** FBI Fingerprint check (if you haven't been a PA resident for the last 10 years)

## PTA FACEBOOK GROUP

- You **MUST** be a member of the PTA. This ensures members are current SVE parents/guardians
- All members will be removed from our Facebook page by September 13th and will need to rejoin.
- To be admitted to the group, you **MUST** answer the welcome questions to join or rejoin the page.
- Requests are cross-checked with our membership list.

## 2022-2023 PTA OFFICERS

- President: Chuck Lippert: [president@svepta.com](mailto:president@svepta.com)
- Vice-President 1: Jenifer Paraschos: [VP1@svepta.com](mailto:VP1@svepta.com)
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# JOIN THE SUNSET VALLEY PTA

Parents, grandparents, family members, school administrators, and community members are welcome to join!  
It's just \$9 per person, per year, to become a member.

## REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

- Your \$9 fee helps support PTA-sponsored activities & programs.
- Access to the Sunset Valley PTA Facebook page.
- **Membership is required to volunteer for activities & events during and after school.**
  - [Volunteer sign-up page - for class parties & activities](#)
- Learn about national programs that support the health, wellbeing, & education of our children.

## HOW TO JOIN & VOLUNTEER

- **PRINTED FORM/CHECK:**
  - Place form & dues in an envelope marked PTA Membership.
  - Checks payable to Sunset Valley PTA.
- **LINK TO JOIN THE PTA:** [Complete this form and submit payment online at \[www.sunsetvalleypta.com\]\(http://www.sunsetvalleypta.com\).](#)
- **VOLUNTEER INFO:**
  - To volunteer at school activities & events, you **MUST:**
    - Provide background clearances (valid for 5 years from date of issue).

## REMINDE TEXT ALERTS FOR PTA

3 ways to sign up for optional alerts:

- Click the link
- Download Remind app, search class code @a478fh
- Text @a478fh to 81010

[Sunset Valley PTA website homepage](#)

[Link to join the PTA - \\$9/person/year](#)

[Clearance info](#) - If you have clearances, check the expiration date

[Support Sunset Valley PTA on Amazon Smile:](#)

search Sunset Valley Elementary PTA Inc

## PTA SIGN-UP FORM (Please detach this portion)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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PTA Member #1, Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Trained: YES or NO

Relationship: Mom • Dad • Grandparent • Aunt • Uncle • Teacher • School Admin. • Business • Other

PTA Member #2, Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Trained: YES or NO

Relationship: Mom • Dad • Grandparent • Aunt • Uncle • Teacher • School Admin. • Business • Other

Amount Enclosed (Number of members x \$9/person): \_\_\_\_\_