



Carl Sundahl Elementary School

# DOLPHIN DATELINE

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**January 6, 2010**

**January 11 – 15, 2010**

Kindergarten Conferences  
Kinders all early (8:25-11:45am)

**January 14, 2010**

9:30am – School Wide Picture

**January 18, 2010**

Holiday – No School

**January 20, 2010**

5:30-6:30pm – Kindergarten Information Night

**January 21, 2010**

6-7:30pm - Intermediate Read In

**January 22, 2010**

2:37pm – Used Book Store



**Food/Toy Drive**

Thank you to all the families who contributed to our Student Council Food/Toy Drive. It was very successful thanks to your generosity.

**Registration Dates to Remember...**

**Thursday, January 14** – Kindergarten/New Student registration packets available in the office.

**Tuesday, January 19 – Friday, January 22** – Early Kindergarten registration for current Sundahl families.

**Wednesday, January 20** – Kindergarten Information Night in the Multi from 5:30-6:30pm

**Wednesday, January 20** – Registration packets sent home for returning students.

**Tuesday, January 26** – Kindergarten/New Student registration from 3:30 to 5:30pm in the multi.

**Friday, February 5** – Returning students registration packets due back.

**Classroom Snacks/Treats**

Just a friendly reminder....when you are sending in snacks or treats for your child's class, please make sure that the snacks/treats do not contain nuts as many children have nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Kindergarten Conferences**

Kindergarten conferences will be taking place the week of January 11 through 15. Kindergarten students will be all early on a minimum day schedule for that week. Kindergarten hours will be 8:25am to 11:45am. Please plan accordingly.

**Library News**

*Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out at the Scholastic book Fair. The book fair was a huge success and the library will receive a good portion of the profits. The "One for the Books" program was also a success as we contributed over \$130.00 (that equates to 130 books) to be given to those less fortunate. Thank you for shopping at the book fair and supporting the Library!*

**Registration Reminder**

Registration for returning students will be taking place in January. **Now is a good time to save a copy of your utility bill for your proof of residence.** Each family is required to turn in a current proof of residence.

**Attendance Winners for December...**

Kindergarten – Mrs. Saill's class  
Primary – Ms. Harris' 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class  
Intermediate – Mr. MacDonald's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class

## Congratulations to our Dazzling Dolphins for December.....

William Becker	Karalee Dillon	Ainsley Kay
Robin Bell	Joseph Duckhorn	Karsyn Leikauf
Bella Berghuis	Roger Gaylord	Gavin Purser
Matthew Biddle	Haley Hammond	Christopher Shaffer
Brooke Briggs	Hailey Harris	Hayden Sybesma
Nathaniel Bryan	Shay Hedden	Mia Wolf
Joshua Dellarocca	Jackson Jibson	

### Principal's Message

January 5, 2010

Dear Sundahl families-

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family enjoyed the winter holiday break. Hopefully, the foggy and cold weather conditions did not alter any of your plans. We are all happy to be back to school and have hit the floor running. Thank you for making sure you child is dressed appropriately and prepared for school.

The New Year is a great time to revisit and even set new goals for the year. While many students are making it to school with time to spare, we are finding that many families are unable to have students to school by the second bell at 8:25 am. Since the beginning of the school year, we have experienced in excess of 500 lates. For the 3 week period in December alone, we had 116 lates with 145 absences.

Our dedicated teachers begin class instruction promptly at the second bell, so even a few minutes make a difference. Our yard supervisors are here at 8:10 am to monitor student safety on both intermediate and primary play areas. Truancy negatively impacts students academically as well as socially. Research also shows that children who have good attendance in school do better overall especially on important state tests. Children can always make up the class work that they may miss, but they never get back the instruction that they miss from the teacher, the discussions, the questions, and the explanations. Regular school attendance has a positive impact on your child's success at school. Please consider improving or maintaining attendance and punctuality as a family goal for 2010!

Registration for the 2009-10 year begins this month. You will find all the information you need in this Dateline. Thank you for your prompt return of all registration information. I am encouraging all 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents (next year's 6<sup>th</sup> graders) to attend the Parent Orientation Meeting at Sutter Middle School Gym this Tuesday, Jan 12 @ 6PM. Because of the pending status of the Sundahl 2010-2011 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, it would benefit parents to attend this meeting.

Please also note that our kindergarten parent/teacher conferences are next week- January 11-15. All kindergartners will arrive at 8:25 and be dismissed at 11:45am. Those students who attend Sundahl Student Care will wait in the lunchroom until 12:05 when their student care time begins. Thank you for making sure you kindergartners and their teachers know how they are getting home next week.

Your help is needed with drop off and pick up!!! For those of you who pick up your students after school, you know that we work very hard to insure that students get to vehicles not only safely but in a timely manner. In fact, our parking lot and Inwood Rd is clear of school traffic each day by 2:53 pm. Impressive! There is an area in which we are having some challenges and your help is essential! **Please remember that the Student Care parking lot by the kindergarten play area is NOT designated as a student drop off or pick up area.** The Student Care designated parking spaces are for those parents who utilize the service of our Student Care. There is also a space designated for Handicap parking (with two others in the main parking area). While minimal parking is available for volunteers, staff, etc., the lot is generally full during most of the day. Unfortunately, we are experiencing parents double and triple parking in that lot as they wait for students and encourage students to get in vehicles. Not only does this block any through traffic, but it creates an unsafe environment for our students and families. Please use the larger parking lot for drive-thru services! ☺ Thank you for your understanding in keeping our students safe.

Want to keep current with Sundahl activities? Please be sure to log on to our website @ [www.carlsundahl.com](http://www.carlsundahl.com). As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 989.9182 or [dchays@fcusd.org](mailto:dchays@fcusd.org).

*Donna Chulos Hays*