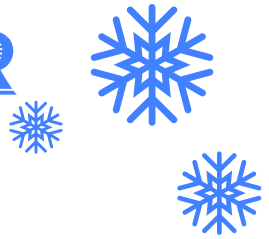




SMPA DECEMBER NEWS



MEETING RECAP

Sunset Mesa Parent Association (SMPA) held its second General Meeting of the school year on Friday, December 8th. Here are the highlights:

- **Veterans Day**

- The event was a big success—thanks to the SMS community for your time and contributions.
- The SMPA team, led by Consuelo, did a great job organizing things at the close of the event so that next year’s event can run even more smoothly.
- Dayle Kerr and Lenore Spoonamore will co-chair the Veteran’s Day committee next year.
- SMPA will look for ways that we can further support Mrs. Robinette in preparation for the event.

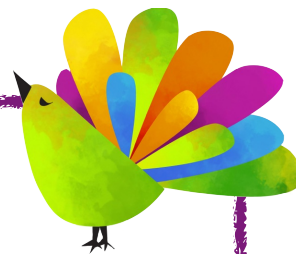
- **Silent Auction**

- The SMPA Silent Auction was also a successful event due to the generosity of both donors and bidders.
- Given the success of the event, and the low financial requirements for SMPA events and activities, the decision was made not to hold a second auction in the spring this year. Additional consideration is being given to making this a bi-annual, rather than an annual event.

- **Run With the Sun**

- Run With the Sun is off for the winter. However, look for updates in the spring for start-up dates. This event is open to all students at any grade—and parents! —to run/walk before school on Wednesday morning. It’s a great way to exercise and get to know one another.

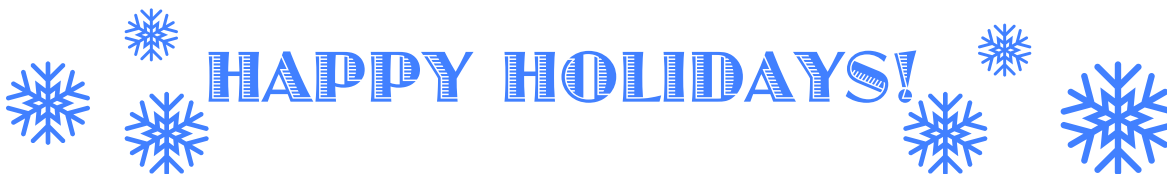




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- **Additional Committee Chair/Officer Updates**
 - Kristy Sturdivant will begin serving as Secretary immediately, and will serve as Chair of the **North Campus Teacher Appreciation** committee next year.
 - Both the **Hospitality** and **Run With the Sun** committees are looking for people to serve as co-chairs, with the expectation of taking over the committees next year. Please contact Jordan Sylvester and Julie Chanin respectively if you are interested.
 - **South Campus Teacher Appreciation** is looking for active members to be involved with planning and running the events. Please contact Natalie Giorno for more information.
- **Improving SMPA**
 - In addition to providing volunteer support to Mrs. Robinette for Veteran's Day, SMPA will look for other opportunities to volunteer in support of the SMS community. Among those discussed were the North and South Campus Spring About events.
 - Attendance at meetings has been low, so SMPA is evaluating the purpose of meetings and opportunities to restructure. Ideas discussed include: 1.) Evaluating opportunities for more social/networking-oriented events, 2.) Focussing the September and January "general" meetings on orientation for those new to SMS/SMPA, 3.) Holding smaller, dedicated operational meetings for committees such as Veterans Day and Teacher Appreciation, and 4.) Increasing the number of dedicated officer meetings.
 - If anyone has any feedback or suggestions for meeting topics and/or format please contact Consuelo.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 12th.



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