



October 2019

Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will have the opportunity to run for Student Council at Sun Path. Student Council helps in many different ways; they run the school store, they plan spirit days, they organize a school-wide Food Drive, and have other opportunities to be leaders in our school! If your student is interested in running for Student Council, they will need to give a speech to their classmates. Voting will happen on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th. Your student could make campaign posters in addition to presenting his/her speech. Please do not have them bring any kind of campaign incentives (such as candy, pencils, etc.) for fellow students. There will be two winners from each of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classrooms.

Should your student be elected, he/she will need to attend morning meetings once a month at 7:45 AM. Our first meeting will be held on Friday, November 15th in room 221, in the Elm Cluster. Student Council Members will also take turns running the school store, weekdays at 8:10-8:20 AM. We will provide a schedule of this rotation prior to the school store opening.

Here are dates of interest for Student Council:

***Meetings 7:45-8:20 AM** - Nov. 15th, Dec. 6th, Jan. 10th, Feb. 7th, March 6th, April 10th, May 8th, May 29th

***School Food Drive 8:30-9:00 AM** - December 9th - 13th (Adult Volunteers needed to help organize donations)

***School Dance 5:00-8:00 PM** - March 6th (Student Reps needed to help at the School Store)

***SPAC Night 5:00-7:00 PM** - April 30th (Student Reps needed to help at the School Store)

****Please note: Each Student Council Family will need to volunteer a minimum of 30 minutes to our Food Drive, School Dance, or SPAC Night. We will use a website called "Sign Up Genius" to help streamline this process!****

****ATTENDING OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR STUDENT COUNCIL PROGRAM. REPS WHO HAVE MORE THAN ONE UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM OUR MEETINGS, WILL FORFEIT THEIR POSITION IN OUR GROUP!****

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact one of the Student Council Advisors.

Best of Luck and Happy Campaigning!

Your Student Council Advisors,

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Anti-Bullying Essay Contest

In conjunction with the
Shakopee Schools



We want to hear from the youth about bullying prevention, as well as how to reduce youth violence!

By encouraging students to make personal commitments to do something about the problem, the program ultimately seeks to empower them to break the cycles of violence. Bullying is an issue that has received much attention recently in our society. In an effort to combat bullying in its many forms, it is important to have a full understanding of what bullying means, how it manifests itself, and how we can prevent bullying in the future.

In your essay, please discuss the following points from your personal vantage point:

How do you define bullying behavior?
What do you believe are the reasons that cause people to bully others?
What do you see as the different types/forms of bullying?
What effects do you feel bullying has on others and on our society?
In your opinion, how should society deal with bullies?
In your view, how can society prevent bullying in the future?

Essays will be due at the end of the school day on October 25, 2019. They should be typed, doubled spaced, and handed to your teacher with your name, grade, school, and homeroom teacher on it. The will be collected and turned into the judges with the winners being announced on November 14, 2019 and prizes awarded on November 21, 2019.

Winners in grades 4-5

The top three essays per grade will win one of many fantastic prizes. There will be prizes for secondary and runner up winners as well as other fantastic surprises from the many Shakopee area businesses!

Prizes last year were from:

**Water Park of America
Mall of America Nickelodeon
Universe
Mr. Pig Stuff
Valley Sports
Grand Slam Sports**



Remember, Unity Day is October 23, 2019! For more information, visit Pacer.org/Bullying.



The Junior Jaycees program, under the United States Jaycees, is a program aimed toward children ages 7 to 17. It is an extension of the mission, goals and objectives of the USJC's for our youth to gain leadership skills within the community. The skills gained through volunteering for community service projects, interacting with others and leading activities during regular meetings, will prepare them for adulthood. Within the Shakopee Jaycees, there are many opportunities for the members to develop public speaking, communication and leadership skills. During Junior Jaycees meetings, the participants interact in-group discussion, engage in public speaking and brainstorming sessions to develop ideas for future projects.



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SHAKOPEE YOUTH WRESTLING

The youth wrestling program is designed for boys & girls Pre-K (4 yr olds) through 5th grade. The 2019-20 season starts in November & concludes with the MN/USA State Tournament in March. Your child can also extend his/her season to learn Freestyle techniques (runs March-May). Tournaments are available most weekends, however tournament costs are not included with the registration fee.

Give wrestling a try night!

On November 5th, 2019 at 6:30 pm @ the West Junior High wrestling room, the club is hosting a free night of practice for anyone that wants to try out wrestling. This practice is for kids that have never wrestled before, any age. We will also host a Q & A for parents new to the sport of wrestling.

A **parent meeting** will be held at the Shakopee Community Center Upstairs Meeting Room on **November 7th at 6:30 pm**. This meeting will provide details on the upcoming season, practice information, introduce the coaching staff, & provide an opportunity to ask questions.

Registration opens in September, to register visit our website at www.shakopeewrestling.com

Practice Dates & Times:

Who: PreK - K

When: Mondays & Thursdays, starting November 11 - March

Time: 6:15-7:00 pm

Who: 1st - 2nd grade

When: Mondays & Thursdays, November 11 - March

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm (Mondays) &
6:15-7:00 pm (Thursdays)

Who: 3rd - 5th grade

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays, November 12 - March

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm (Tuesdays) &
7:00-8:30 pm (Thursdays)

Where: Shakopee West Jr. High wrestling room

Fees: \$150 registration fee – due when registering online
\$50 **check** - refundable uniform deposit **due at first practice** (loaned singlet & headgear)
\$100 **check** - refundable volunteer deposit **due at first practice**

All registrations are completed online at www.shakopeewrestling.com. Uniform & volunteer deposits (via 2 separate checks) to be taken at first week of practice.