

Creston SUN FAQ

Frequently asked questions about SUN



IMPACT NW
PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS



PORTLAND
PARKS & RECREATION
Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

SUN Community Schools are a collaboration of Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, the City of Portland Parks and Recreation, and Centennial, David Douglas, GreshamBarlow, Portland Public, Parkrose, and Reynolds school districts

Table of Contents

● What is SUN?.....	4
● When is SUN?.....	5
● Family Resources.....	6
● Who is responsible for my kids after school?.....	7
● Who can join SUN Classes?.....	8
● How to join SUN.....	9
● How much does SUN cost.....	10
● Absences.....	11
● No School Days.....	11
● Picking up from SUN	
○ Early Pick up.....	12
○ Late Pick up.....	12

Table of Contents continued

● Make an Impact	
○ Donate.....	13
○ Volunteer.....	13
● What classes are offered at SUN.....	14
● Can my child change classes.....	14
● What is SUN's disciplinary methods.....	14
● Why is SUN not open on certain days.....	14
● When do I need to enroll my child in SUN.....	15
● Cell Phone/Electronics.....	15
● Reporting issues.....	15
● Actions for Challenges.....	16
● Think about it.....	17

What is SUN??

SUN Community Schools (SUN CS) are full-service neighborhood hubs where the school from across the community collaborate to ensure kids receive SUN initiatives & services to help them be successful.



SUN Community Schools have:

- **After school programs**
- Quality instruction, enrichment, and extracurricular activities
- Links to food, shelter, and help with energy bills.
- **Many sites have on-site food pantries**
- Connection to health and mental health services
- Some sites have on-site school-based health clinics
- **Parent and family activities and events**

Community schools are open longer during the school year and in the summer.

When is After School SUN?

- ❖ Fall: October 2nd - December 14th
- ❖ Winter: January 26th - March 21st
- ❖ Spring: April 9th - May 16th

Monday - Thursday || 3:00 pm - 5:20 pm

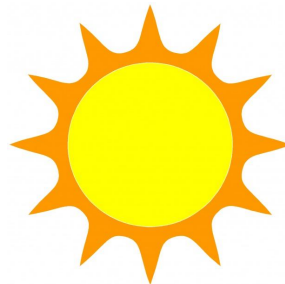
Registration is required to be considered for SUN. Enrollment is not guaranteed, even if you register. Spots are open based on availability. You will receive confirmation on which day(s) and class(es) your child is enrolled in.

ATTENTION!!

We are accepting registrations for Fall Term until September 28th.

Fall [SUN Registration Link](#)

If you have any interest in contributing to a class for SUN, please reach out to blynch@impactnw.org



Family Resource Navigation

If you could use some support with an utility bill, clothes, or food for your family, reach out to SUN.

Contact our Family Resource Navigator at the contact information to the right.

Look out for Urban Gleaners Free Food Pantry every Wednesday after school.

Our storage contains various items when available like; clothes, shoes, diapers, food, etc.



Creston Family Resource Navigator

TBD, SUN Site Manager acting FRN

blynch@impactnw.org

503-278-0074

Who is in charge of my kids after school?

Creston SUN is run by **Impact NW**, a non profit, whose mission is to help people achieve and maintain self sufficiency and to prevent and alleviate the effect of poverty.

Our Creston SUN Staff!

- SUN Site Manager: Bridgitte Lynch
- Extended Day Coordinator: TBD
- Family Resource Navigator: TBD
- Plus our amazing SUN instructors : Blake Gehrts and more TBD

Want to learn more about [Impact NW's](#) work? Click the link and see what we are all about!



Who can join After School SUN classes?

- **Fall Term:** 1st - 5th grade
- **Winter Term:** 1st - 5th grade
- **Spring Term:** 1st - 5th grade
- **Summer Term:** Kinder - 5th grade

Note: All students are required to follow SUN guidelines. If they cannot follow them safely, responsibly, respectfully or kindly, SUN has the right to dismiss them from all SUN classes and will not be allowed back.

****Only Creston students can join after school SUN activities****

How does my child join SUN?

- Starting this term, we moved to an online format to register for SUN. We realize this may not work for everyone, so any feedback is appreciated.
- Paper forms will be available upon request and at the beginning of the school year.
- Check in with your child's teacher about SUN updates.
- Check out the Creston Elementary Website with updates about SUN programming.
 - [Creston Website - SUN](#)



How much does SUN cost?

Creston SUN IS FREE!!

Actual cost of each SUN class is \$100 per student, per term. ***Your optional donation makes it possible to offer more classes, improve the quality of classes and to serve more students.*** Please consider making a donation of any amount to support the SUN program. Donations are also tax deductible.

**Important note: no class preference will be given to those students who donate.*

Absent/No SUN

- If your child does not attend school the day they have SUN, they cannot come to SUN after school.
- If school is not in session due to holiday, conferences or unexpected snow days, SUN will be closed or cancelled.
- If your child does not show up more than 2 of the classes without prior notice, SUN will give the spot to the next kid on the waiting list. Please, only sign up for classes if you can commit to show up and pick your kid up on time.



Picking up from SUN

- Due to safety, the pick up procedure will be given to you on your confirmation form. Please update SUN staff with any changes in adults who are authorized in picking up students.
- If your child is at school and does not want to come to SUN and there is no note with the date and your signature or text/call/email, they will come to SUN and we will call the approved guardians on your registration for them to get picked up.
- If you know you need to pick up your child before SUN begins, please email SUN staff at blynch@impactnw.org
- If you need to pick them up after SUN has started, please call or text 503-278-0074 and come to the front door.
- If you are late to pick up your child from SUN, please call to inform the SUN staff. If this continuously happens, a conversation will occur.



Want to Make an Impact?

Donate Online

Creston SUN is supported by Impact NW. You can make a [donation](#) through INW and have it come straight to Creston SUN.

Volunteer

Volunteering helps keep costs low and provides additional enrichment opportunities.



Donate in Person

If you feel more comfortable with cash or check, please make the check out to Impact NW and put Creston SUN in the notes. Cash or checks should be given to Bridgitte.

We may also take gift cards, clothing, new and unused household items. If you are interested in donating, please contact Bridgitte.

Additional frequently asked questions..

Why is there no SUN on Fridays? Why doesn't SUN end later? Why isn't SUN open before school or on days where there is no school?

These are valid questions and the simplest answer is staff availability and budget. If you have the capacity to donate to our program or volunteer time, this allows more opportunities for Creston Students.

What classes are available to my kids?

Each term has different options based on instructor and contractor availability, budget and kid's interest. If there are interests your kid would like to see at SUN, please let us know.



Can my child change classes if they don't like the class?

Sometimes a class is not a good fit and we want your kid to have a positive experience in SUN. However, changing classes is based on class size and instructor's curriculum. Feel free to speak to SUN staff about options for your kid.

What is SUN's disciplinary steps?

Similar to Creston's disciplinary steps, we speak to the child about the behavior. If the behavior continues, a behavior contract will be created alongside the guardians. If the child's behavior continues once the behavior contract is in place, the child will not be welcome back to SUN. If the child wants to come back to SUN the next term, options will be discussed.

When is the last day I can enroll my kid into SUN?

We give parents up to one week before the term begins to register. Early registration is recommended, but may not ensure a spot for your child in SUN, as we enroll students by individual needs.

My kid told me about something that happened at SUN, who do I talk to about that?

We want to ensure your child's physical and emotional safety, please reach out to Bridgitte and we will do what we can to resolve the problem.

I want to teach a class, but I don't want to be the only instructor.

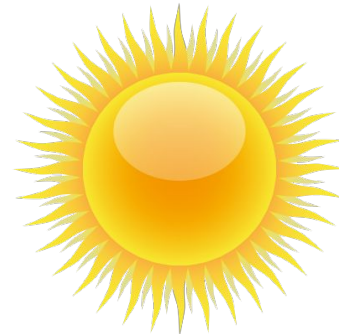
SUN is a great place for loved ones of Creston students to share passions and hobbies. We have had great success with parents co-teaching a class to feel less pressured to be the only instructor. Please reach out to Bridgitte to discuss how you can join SUN.

Can my child use their cell phone during SUN?

We follow Creston's phone guidelines. This means phones are put away if they are on campus. If you need to get in touch with your child, feel free to call or email Bridgitte and we will get the message to your kid.

Do I need to keep my child's confirmation form?

Yes! This form has very important information about pick up procedures, dates and contact information.



Actions for challenges

The same rules for school apply at SUN:

No fighting

No foul language (cussing, derogatory language, etc.,)

Being respectful and safe towards everyone; teachers, staff, other students.

Following guidelines for safety during activities.

1. Verbal conversation with student
2. **“Think About It” form**
3. Dismissal from SUN for one week. (And a plan for moving forward when returning)
4. Restart steps or collectively decide if student should continue with SUN programs.

Think About It:

This gives the student a chance to not only think about the situation at hand but also lets them come up with their own solutions.

A copy of this will be sent home with the student and will need to be signed before they can return to SUN.

"THINK-ABOUT IT" FORM

Be Responsible Be Respectful Be Safe

Student Name _____ Date _____

SUN Teacher _____ Room # _____

1. I was asked to fill out this form because _____

2. When you did that, what did you want?

3. I was NOT being (circle one) Responsible Respectful Safe

4. List 3 other things you could have done instead:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

5. Next time I will _____

When a teacher spends class time managing discipline problems, less teaching and student learning occurs.

Please discuss the above "Think -About-It" with your child , Sign it and return it to SUN.

SUN Manager

Student Signature

Parent Name