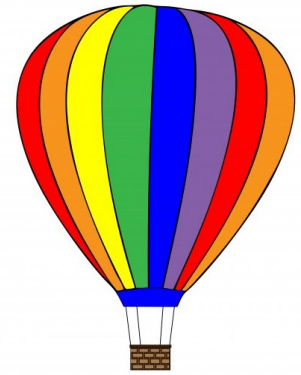


SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY

Together We Soar

December through March Newsletter

2018-2019



Christmas Store for kids:

The Peppermint Village Santa Shop will be available for kids to purchase gifts for their families on December 3rd—7th. This is a time where students may select a special gift for their loved ones. A letter with an envelope provided will be sent home where you can help your child select who they should purchase a gift for and the amount to be spent on each person.

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Transportation

Changes:

We will not accept transportation changes after 2:45pm on the same day a child is to go home.

You may send a note to your child's teacher or call the office before 2:45pm if your child will go home a different way.

A child will not be allowed to get on a different bus or become a car rider without a note or phone call from a parent.

Lunch Times:

Lunch times may vary throughout the year as we have activities on campus which require lunch times to change for the day. However, you will be notified when this occurs. All lunches are 30 minutes.

Kindergarten:

10:45am— Kile/Hebel

10:50am—Woodard

First: 11:10am

Second: 11:55pm

Third: 11:45am

Fourth: 12:25am

Lunch Prices:

Please remember that free and/or reduced meal forms are available in the front office to determine whether your child qualifies for breakfast and lunch. If you call the office we can send a form home with your child.

Breakfast: \$1.50

Student Lunch: \$2.30

Extra Milk: \$.50

Visiting Adult: \$3.75

Visiting Child: \$3.00

Soaring for Success



Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 3rd—Rotary Club here to give each student a book of their choice
- Dec. 3rd-7th—Peppermint Village Santa Store for students to shop for family gifts
- Dec. 6th & 7th—City UIL Meet for participating students
- Dec. 11th—3rd & 4th grade Christmas program at Mabank High School Auditorium-times TBA
- Dec. 13th—Polar Express Party for the top 10 AR readers in each grade level
- Dec. 17th—Ugly Christmas Sweater Day for students and staff
- Dec. 18th—Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Parties
- Dec. 19th—Kinder—fourth grades Christmas Parties
- Dec. 19th—Early Release 12:40 pm car riders
1:00pm buses
- Dec. 19th—End of 2nd 9 weeks
- Dec. 20th—Jan. 4th—Christmas Break
- Jan. 7th—Students return and beginning of 3rd 9 weeks
- Jan. 10th—Semester Awards: Kinder-8:30am,
first-9:30am, and second-2:00pm
- Jan. 11th—Semester Awards: third-8:30am and
fourth-9:30am
- Jan. 11th—Report Cards go home
- Jan. 16th—Incentive Trip
- Jan. 21st—No School
- Jan. 23rd—The Perot Museum comes to Southside for 3rd & 4th graders
- Jan. 25th & 26th—UIL District Meet in Brownsboro for participating students.
- Jan. 29th—Writing Benchmark for 3rd & 4th graders
- Jan. 30th—100th Day of School

Southside needs help feeding our

animals over the break: If you will be in town over the Christmas break and are willing to commit to one day to come feed/water/clean the animals, in our outdoor area, please visit our website to sign up for a day. You may also visit the office and let us know which day works for you. We will add you to the list and let your child know how to feed and send home directions.



Upcoming Events Continued:

- Feb. 4th-8th—Spring Book Fair
- Feb. 6th—Look online for your child's progress report
- Feb. 11-15—School Mall Fundraiser—This allows you to help raise money by just completely filling out the booklets sent home.
- Feb. 14th—Valentine's Parties Pre-K—4th grades
- Feb. 15th—Conscientious Cash Store
- Feb. 19th—Math Benchmarks for 3rd & 4th grades
- Feb. 20th—Reading Benchmarks for 3rd & 4th grades
- Feb. 25th—Spring Pictures: Individual and class
- March 1st—Dr. Seuss Day (dress up as your favorite character)
- March 8th—Fun Friday for those who qualify
- March 11-15—Spring Break
- March 18th—STAAR Launch Party
- March 28th—Open House 6:00-7:00pm: Second grade performs-5:45pm
- March 29th—No School

Reminder: **Spring Incentive Trip:**

In May, Southside students will have an opportunity to participate in an incentive trip.

The period for the incentive trip begins on Monday, January 7, 2019 and will end on May 14, 2018.

To earn this trip, students will be required to:

1. Show up to school each day. Students may be absent only three days whether excused or unexcused. Upon the fourth day, they will not be allowed to attend.
2. Show up to school on time. Students may only have two tardies. On the third tardy, they will not be allowed to attend whether excused or unexcused.
3. Stay the entire day. Students may only be signed out early two times **with** a note from a Doctor or Dentist when they return. On the third early sign-out, they will not be allowed to attend.
4. Have excellent behavior. This includes no office referrals.
5. Show effort with all their daily work and tests. This means when a teacher asks for them to show their work, they work out the entire problem.
6. Have passing grades.

***Unusual circumstances will be reviewed on an individual basis.**



Pick Up Procedures for Car

Riders: Every vehicle must have a car rider tag visibly hanging on the rearview mirror all the way through the car rider line in order to pick up a student. Once your student is loaded in the car you may remove your tag so that we know your child is loaded. You may want to ask for extra tags if you will have a grandparent or other people picking up your child. If the car tag is not visible or not in the vehicle, the person picking up your child will not be allowed to enter the circle and they will have to park and walk into the building with their ID. Using the tag allows the pick-up process to flow smoother and also helps to keep your child safe. ***As you pull into the circle, you may form two lines in the afternoon only.*** **Please pull all the way into the circle to the orange cone, and we will bring your child to you. Make sure you inform anyone who may pick up your child to stay inside the vehicle.** Please remember: before you complain, have you asked how you may help or volunteer?



Morning Drop Off:

If you arrive before the designated drop off time of 7:30am, please wait in line behind the first orange cone. This allows staff members and visitors to be able to park in the parking area at the front of the school. Vehicles need room to swing out to park. **When staff members arrive to unload students, please pull all the way to the last person in a single line. Some parents choose to allow their child in upper grade levels to unload on the sidewalk without an adult which is allowable for our older students.**

Help Us To KEEP ALL STUDENTS SAFE!!!!

Please remember that it is against the law to use your cell phone in a school zone. Actual accidents have occurred from distracted drivers. Please do not text or talk on your cell phone once you enter the school zone. **WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HARMED SOMEONE'S CHILD OR A STAFF MEMBER BY BEING DISTRACTED?** Thank you in advance by helping to keep our students and staff safe.