

# SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY

## We Are Family



February—May

2018

Welcome to Southside Elementary School where we are family!!!

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### 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

### Lunch Times:

Please remember that lunch times may vary throughout the year as we have activities on campus which require lunch times to differ. However, you will be notified when this occurs. All lunches are 30 minutes.

#### **Kindergarten:**

10:45am- Woodard/Hartsell

10:55am—Sumner

**First:** 11:15am

**Second:** 12:20pm

**Third:** 11:25am

**Fourth:** 11:40am

### 100th Day of School:

On **February 1st** Southside will be celebrating the 100th day of school with various activities related to our curriculum. This day is designed for students to use math, reading and writing while working with and around the number 100.

We are encouraging students to dress up by wearing 100 items. Some ideas from the past have been: buttons, stickers, or any type of item from the arts and crafts section. Have fun and be creative.

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**FAMILY**  
is life's greatest blessing

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## Dr. Seuss Day

We will celebrate Dr. Seuss day on **March 2nd**. All students will participate in activities in their classroom. Students who read at least 15 books from **Jan. 8th—Feb. 28th** will get breakfast with *The Cat in the Hat* and special library activities.

## Aquaponics System:

If you have been to Southside lately and visited the cafeteria, you may have noticed an unusual structure beside the tables where our parents eat lunch with students.

Southside Elementary School received an INDOOR aquaponics system. Aquaponics is the combination of aquaculture (raising fish) and hydroponics (the soil-less growing of plants). This is an integrated system of growing fish and plants together. The fish waste provides an organic food source for growing plants while the plants provide a natural filter for the water in which the fish live. The third participants are the microbes (nitrifying bacteria) and composting red worms that thrive in the growing media. They do the job of converting the ammonia from the fish waste first into nitrites, then into nitrates and the solids convert into vermicomposting which are food for the plants. In combining both systems; aquaponics capitalizes on the benefits and eliminates the drawbacks of each. Our elementary school students will continue to be engaged in exploration through this system while utilizing science, math, reading and writing.

We are sending a small group of second, third and fourth grade students to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center on February 2, 2018 to learn more about raising fish and aquaponics. While there they will pick up our first set of fish to add to the tank. Once the fish are there a few weeks, we will begin to add our plants.

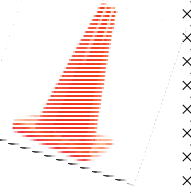
We are super excited to learn alongside of your child about this incredible system of growing and raising food.



**Pick Up Procedures for Car Riders:** This year we are requiring that every vehicle have a green car rider tag visibly shown, hanging on the rearview mirror, all the way through the car rider line in order to pick up a student. This is for your child's safety as different staff members will be helping out front and may not recognize those of you who have returning students to Southside. You may want to ask for extra tags if you will have a grandparent or other people picking up your child. If the green tag is not visible or not in the vehicle; the person picking up your child will be asked to park and walk into the building with their ID so that we may verify it is safe for them to pick up your child. We are asking that you cooperate and be patient through this process as it is a step toward student safety. ***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.***

### **Morning Drop Off:**

If you arrive before the designated drop off time of 7:30am please wait in line behind the orange cone. This allows staff members and visitors to park in the parking area. Vehicles need room to swing out to park. ***In the mornings, please pull all the way to the last person in a single line for staff to unload your child. Some parents choose to allow their older child to get out on the sidewalk without an adult, this is fine 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.

### **Fundraiser Kickoff:**

Southside Elementary will kick off our annual School Mall fundraiser on February 5th. We ask that you help to support student activities throughout the school year.

### **School Volunteers:**

We need volunteers at the school throughout the year for various activities. There are upcoming events where we know we will need volunteers. Please contact your child's teacher or the front office for a criminal background form so we may add you to our volunteer list.

*Family*  
like branches on a tree,  
we all grow in different  
directions yet our roots remain as one.



## Incentive Trip:

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

**The period for the incentive trip begins on Monday, January 8, 2018 and will end on May 11, 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 and students will only be allowed 10 marks in their folder.
5. Show effort with all their daily work and tests. This means when a teacher asks for them to show their work, they work the entire problem out.
6. Have passing grades.

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



## Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 1st— 100th Day of School
- Feb. 5th—School Mall Fundraiser Kick Off
- Feb. 12th— Math Benchmark Testing (No visitors for lunch)
- Feb. 13th— Reading Benchmark Testing (No visitors for lunch)
- Feb. 14th—Class Valentine Parties
- Feb. 15th—Digital Safety Parent Program - 6:00pm at the high school
- Feb. 19th—No School
- Mar. 2nd—Dr. Seuss Day
- Mar. 9th—Fun Friday for those who qualify
- Mar. 12th -16th— Spring Break
- Mar. 23rd—Report Cards
- Mar. 26th—Spring Pictures
- Mar. 30th—No School
- Apr. 3rd—4th Grade STAAR Writing (No visitors for lunch)
- Apr. 19th— 1st and 2nd Grade Music Program
- Apr. 20th—No School
- Apr. 23rd—No School
- Apr. 28th—Science Fair at Intermediate
- Apr. 30th - May 4 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 11th —Muffins with Misses 7:15 –7:50
- May 11th — Mother's Day Cakes
- May 14th—STAAR Math Test (No visitors for lunch)
- May 15th —STAAR Reading Test (No visitors for lunch)
- May 16th-17th —Field Day
- May 21st — Incentive Trip
- May 22nd —Splash Kingdom/Water Day
- May 23rd -- 24th —Awards Assembly
- May 25th —Early Release—Last Day of School