

Southside Chit-Chat

October '22



UPCOMING EVENTS

Title I Family Night, P/T Conferences, Halloween

September just flew by! Southside is off to a great start and our students are SHINING! Upcoming events:

Picture Retakes are October 25th during the morning.

Halloween is on Monday, October 31. Classroom parties will occur on that day. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer to help. Treats and snacks can be homemade or store-bought. We will have our annual Halloween Parade of Costumes beginning at 2:40 p.m. on October 31. ***We are asking families to provide a bag of candy that can be distributed during the Parade of Costumes! Thank you for your generosity!***

Parent/Teacher conferences are just around the corner! This year Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held during the week of November 7th – 9th. Southside Staff will be sending out a scheduling letter to each parent/guardian to confirm a time for P/T conferences. It is important to reply quickly to this letter so we can efficiently schedule a time for you student's important conference. Southside Staff will be sending out a scheduling letter to each parent/guardian to confirm a time for P/T conferences. It is important to reply quickly to this letter so we can efficiently schedule a time for you student's important conference.

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT THE SCO FUNDRAISER at WWW.SHOPFUND.COM Parents need to register to purchase items under their student's name.

The Fall SCO Fundraiser is on the move beginning October 10! Please support this fundraiser. SCO provides important funding support for items such as playground equipment, snacks for afterschool, classroom supplies, fieldtrip fees, etc. Thank you!

Notice to all families:

If you have not turned in a 22-23 Free and Reduced Meal application, any benefits that you are currently receiving **will end October 6** (10/6 is the end date for prior year eligibility). Any new charges your student receives after October 6 will need to be paid for until your application is processed and approved. (If you qualify through SNAP or other direct certification you **DO NOT** need to fill out an application).

To apply online, log in to the [Infinite Campus Portal](#).

After logging in, select "more," then "meal benefits," and then complete either the English or Spanish meal benefit application. If you need a paper copy, please feel free to pick one up here in our office. Complete one application per household.

BRRR! It's getting cold outside – dress in layers!

New Construction at Southside? Not yet...

New classrooms and remodeled kitchen in the works!

It's possible that any time this year Southside could undergo new construction. Architectural designs are in the works for a remodeled kitchen in the cafeteria, a remodeled Special Education Lifeskills room, and two new classrooms on the south wing of Southside. This new construction is **dependent** on bids being approved by the Park County School District Board of Trustees. Due to the lingering high cost of materials and the added complication of delayed delivery of equipment and materials, successful bids may be difficult to come by. The successful bidder will need to come in at or below the approved funding (this new construction is dependent on grant funding) or we may need to go back to the drawing board!

If your student doesn't eat breakfast at school please don't drop off before 7:45 a.m. as there is no playground supervision until 7:45 a.m.



New playground equipment was recently added to our playground. Thanks to a generous fundraiser (Read-A-Thon) conducted by our SCO, we were able to add a new xylophone to our playground. Additionally, state funding was available to replace the older piece of equipment (dragon) that was starting to fall into disrepair.

After a few installation setbacks the new playground equipment is open to all students and it has been very popular. In addition to safety instruction provided by our annual fall expectation stations, Coach Wiz has been working with PE classes to instruct them on how to safely use the equipment.



Southside Student Leadership Team 2022-23