

Southside Chit-Chat

Monthly Newsletter

Happy September, Southside is SHINING and off to a great start!

ALL VISITORS MUST CHECK IN THROUGH OUR SECURITY KIOSK.

All visitors are required to check in at the security Kiosk at the front entry doors. Our office staff is required to ask you to check in through the kiosk, which requires a **valid driver's license**. This security system checks each I.D. against national databases for sex offenders and other criminal offenders who should not have access to our students.

REMINDER: Breakfast and Lunches Are No Longer Free ☹

Unfortunately, school lunches (and breakfasts) are no longer free to everyone. We understand that paying for breakfasts and lunches for our students can be challenging monthly expense. Because of this, we ask that all parents complete the [Free/Reduced](#) lunch application. If you have not completed this application, please call 764-6183 and ask for Mrs. Allen. This important process helps our school to continue receiving Title I funding which is a primary source of revenue for our intervention programs for all learners. This includes computer-based programs, one to one instruction, or small group programs. Because Southside Elementary School qualifies as a Schoolwide Title I School, we are able to offer academic intervention programs to ALL students. Additionally, the Title I funding also helps to fund our Title I teacher and one part time para educator.

WYTOPP INTERIM ASSESSMENT for GRADES 3-5 Schedule

Grades 3-5 will be taking their first interim WYTOPP test during the month of September. To be the most successful on this assessment good attendance by our students is very important. Here is the WYTOPP Schedule:

5th Grade	Sept. 16 (Reading)	Sept. 23 (Math)	Sept. 27 (Writing)
4th Grade	Sept. 21 & 22 (Math)	Sept. 28 & 29 (Reading)	N/A
3rd Grade	Sept. 15 (Reading)	Sept. 21 (Writing)	28 (Math)

Summer Reading Water War & Green SLIME

Southside will be celebrating summer reading success on Thursday, September 8, at 2:30 p.m. ALL students who participated in summer reading and turned in their Summer Reading Log will get the opportunity to have a water balloon fight with a group of teachers and the principal.

On Friday September 9, at 9:15 a.m., students who read for 3500+ minutes will get a chance to Slime their Principal and some of the teachers! This will be an awesome couple of days to recognize our summer readers.

SCHOOL PICTURES ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20

School pictures are scheduled for Southside Elementary School on Tuesday, September 20. Pictures will be taken during the morning prior to lunch. We hope to offer sibling pictures again this year beginning at 7:45 a.m. Sibling pictures are for siblings that are not school age, but are able to sit or stand independently for the picture. Sibling pictures should not be confused with family or any type of group picture –which we can NOT do on picture day. Thank you for your understanding.

Playground Construction

Thanks to YOU and your efforts to support our students through their Read-a-Thon fundraiser, the new playground equipment should be installed in the next several days. Our staff is focused on safety and ask that all students stay back from the construction area.

Pick-up Parking

Please focus on SAFETY during pick-up time after school. Our parking lot and street parking is crowded, and caution and patience are very important to the safety of our students being picked up.

Sudden change in plans for your child? -- Please notify the office no later than 2:15 p.m. of changes to your student's plans for afterschool, especially if it involves a bus.