

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#TogetherWeRise

THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES



We are blessed to have such amazing South School families!

Our school's mission statement is "Together We Lead, Together We Rise." That is exactly what South School was able to accomplish during the first quarter of this school year, with the support of our families. We are looking forward to seeing the continued growth of our students throughout the second quarter. When families and school work together, great things can happen!

COLDER TEMPERATURES



As the weather is getting colder, please keep an eye on the forecast and send your students with jackets/coats that are appropriate for the weather. Students will go outside for recess unless there is precipitation or the wind chill is below 32 degrees.

Thank you for helping your student stay comfortable during recess.

If your student is in need of a winter coat, please contact our counselor, Laura Dierking at 392-8030 or at Laura.Dierking@eldonmustangs.org.

REMINDERS

Nov. 24-26- Thanksgiving Break- No School

Nov. 19, 22, 23- No PM LEAP

Please call the office for dismissal changes @ 392-8030.

Annual Title 1 Meeting Information

South Elementary believes that when school and families work together, great things can happen. To involve parents in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the following actions are taken:

- Parents are involved in our ESEA committee as active participants
- The school-wide plan and parental involvement plan are reviewed/evaluated
- Results of parent surveys are reviewed by parent reps and the ESEA committee
- Changes are made as deemed necessary

At the annual Title 1 meeting, South Elementary provided information about the ESEA programs, the curriculum, and forms of academic assessments measuring student progress. Parents are informed of the programs available and subjects taught: math, reading, science, social studies, and special classes. Parent involvement is discussed in the following forms:

- Parent Teacher Conferences are designed to provide parents with information on specific subject areas and student assessments
- Informing parents of how to participate in educational decision-making
- Review of the district's Student/Parent Information Guide, school information, and parental involvement plan

South Elementary will revise the school-parent compact in each May in collaboration with our advisory committee and through parental input throughout the year. The parents/families are provided a copy of the compact during registration at the beginning of each school year and it will be accessible on the school website. The compact will be discussed with parents who will sign to signify their commitment to partnering with the school for the success of their student. By signing, parents will agree to:

- Send their student to school daily, well rested and ready to learn
- Provide appropriate learning supplies and a place/time for learning at home
- Express to students the importance of their education
- Check the student's homework and graded schoolwork
- Ensure communication efforts from the school are reciprocated

South School works to provide high quality curriculum and instruction each year, through the following efforts:

- Teachers are provided training/resources to provide equitable educational opportunities for all students
- Wednesday collaboration time (1 hour) is used to improve instructional strategies and curriculum
- The school provides a safe learning environments and highly qualified teachers and administrators
- The school provides social and emotional strategies for students to maintain a safe and positive school culture

At Parent/Teacher Conferences, teachers will provide parents with information regarding:

- iReady diagnostic data to inform parents of student's progress and areas in need of improvement
- Missouri Learning Standards and the application to daily instruction
- Formative and summative assessments used daily in the classroom and school

Preschool Selection Process:

- Dial-4 screening
- Homeless preschool aged children consideration
- Parent feedback from Dial-4
- Boy vs. girl ratio per classroom

Reading Intervention Selection Process:

- Teacher feedback
- Below grade-level identification utilizing the iReady diagnostic assessment
- Phonological Awareness Survey

School/Parent Events and Support:

- South School hosts Literacy Nights which all students and their families are encouraged to attend
- The Learning Enriched Afterschool Program (LEAP) offers a summer enrichment program and supports the summer school program
- LEAP coordinates a before school program that supports families who are in need of before school care; this program also compliments and supports the regular day activities taking place at South School

Thank you for supporting your student and supporting South School! #TogetherWeRise!