

Southside Elementary School Chit Chat

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November 2019

Parent Teacher Conferences are here!

You should have received an appointment time to meet with your child's teacher during our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday or Thursday, November 13th or 14th. We look forward to seeing you and hope you make every effort to keep your appointment. This is the best opportunity for you to visit with your child's teacher and find out how your child is progressing!

Also, we will be hosting the annual Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences, so be sure and stop to look through the books during your visit!

If your student is late...

As we begin the second trimester of school, attendance and tardy concerns begin to accumulate. One of the biggest casualties of missing school is our intervention time for reading. Being late for school on a regular basis can really hinder students and their growth in reading. Southside begins school-wide reading intervention and enrichments promptly at 8:15 a.m. Students that are tardy not only miss out on valuable reading instruction but they also disrupt the learning of others when they come late to their small group. If you have a student that is chronically tardy please take measures to make sure they are to school on time and ready to learn. Together we can help all students learn and grow!

Arriving for Breakfast on time

We are so lucky to have an amazing breakfast program. Each day the breakfast program opens at 7:40 a.m. and ends around 8:00 a.m. Students that arrive after 7:55 a.m. are barely able to attend breakfast and sometimes students arrive after breakfast ends resulting in a hungry student. If your student has breakfast at school, please make it a goal to have them at school by no later than 7:50 a.m. every day. This ensures that they can make it through the serving line and have time to eat. We value a good breakfast for our students because it's a basic need that needs to be met for student learning to be optimal.

Veterans Day – November 11th, 2019 – Wear Red, White, and Blue!

Coats, Coats, Coats

It is coat season again, so please send your children with a coat, hat, and gloves every day to keep them warm at recess! If your child could benefit from a gently used coat, hat or gloves please contact Alison Pindell, our School Social Worker, for details! Stay Warm and Toasty!

What's a red flag day?

Brrrr! Winter temperatures have arrived. The rule of thumb for our elementary schools in PCSD#1 is that when wind chills reach 0 degrees Fahrenheit, we post two red flags indicating that recess is inside. In most cases we won't take the red flag down until temperatures are consistently above zero degrees (including wind chill). The most important thing is to make sure your student is dressed and ready for the Wyoming weather!

Thanksgiving Break

We hope you have a happy Thanksgiving this year! Enjoy your break on November 27- 29th.

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SCO FALL FUNDRAISER

Where does the money go?

The SCO recently completed their fall fundraiser. The SCO is our parent support group and our school has benefited tremendously from the SCO involvement and fundraising. In our community it seems like there is always some type of fundraising effort going and they are all for a great cause. When students are being asked by the SCO to raise money for Southside, where does the money go? Our SCO meets almost every month on the first Tuesday and these meetings are held at Southside and open to all Southside parents. A large part of their agenda is fielding funding requests from our staff. On an annual basis, funding requests are between \$8,000 – 10,000. With a student population of 300 students that amounts to around \$30 per student per year.

Also, within the last 10 years, the SCO has purchased an amazing Rock Wall (\$8,000) that all students have access to through our PE program, and they also sponsored a very large beginning of the year carnival in 2012-13.

Socks...Socks...and more Socks!

As chilly temperatures arrived a bit early this year, the Southside Leadership Team kicked off their first SOCKTOBER!

Socktober, you say? That's right!

Students were encouraged to donate a pair of new socks to help someone in need during this winter season. With clothes line strung in the hallways to hang up any and all donations, students answered the call to help. Each morning, students arrived to hang their socks and count their class total. You could hear the energy and excitement every time a student would walk past the sock graph.

In all, Southside students and parents donated 502 pairs of socks! The response was overwhelming, and we thank you for your generosity and willingness to give! Our school may not be big, but together we can make a huge difference. All socks were donated to local organization to help our neighbors in need.

So what did the students say about this?

Charlie Wolf, a 5th grader, stated, "1, 2, 3, 4 awe, the perfect sock for a perfect someone. I can imagine the warmth of my toes if I had all of those socks on my feet."

Landon McDonald, a 4th grader, said, "There was an amazing number of socks on the wall."

Grade level totals:

Kindergarten 63

1st 104

2nd 88

3rd 109

4th 79

5th 59