



# SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY



PUT YOUR PAWS UP, PANTHERS!

**AUGUST-DECEMBER  
NEWSLETTER  
2024-25**

## Lunch Visitors Beginning September 4th

This year, MISD Elementary schools will limit lunch visitors to two days per week. Visitors will be welcome to join their child for lunch on WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS only, due to safety and the need for additional staff in our cafeteria.

Please note that lunch visitors must be on the child's emergency contact information in Skyward and may not bring food to share with other children.

School Hours: 7:50 am—3:40 pm

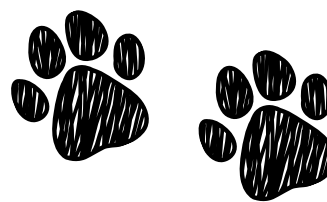
- Staff will begin unloading car riders at 7:30 am.
- Your child will be counted as tardy at 8:00 am. If your child arrives late and no one is in front of the building, you must walk your child in. We cannot know that your child is outside the building if you are late.
- Breakfast: Please have your child to school by 7:45 am to be able to eat breakfast. They may still get breakfast if you are late, but it will be sent to the classroom with them at 7:50 am.
- Staff members will not be outside after 8:00 am as their day with students begins at this time.

### Lunch Prices:

For the 2024-25 school year, all students receive free breakfast and lunch! Prices for snacks and extras are below.

Extra Milk: \$.50

Extra Snacks: chips, fruit roll-ups, and other snacks begin at \$1.00.



### School Information :

- *Chase Melton, Principal*
- *Nicole Hartnett, Secretary to the Principal*
- *Jamie Tucker, Associate Principal*
- *Pamela Maynard, Assistant Principal*
- *Kelli Allen, Counselor*
- *Casey Berry, Nurse*
- *Joan Carroll, PEIMS*

Phone: (903) 880-1340

FAX: (903) 880-1343

### Transportation Changes:

We will not accept transportation changes after 2:45 pm on the same day a child is to go home. You may send a note to your child's teacher or call the office before 2:45 pm if your child will go home a different way. A child will not be allowed to get on a different bus or become a car rider without a note or phone call from a parent.  
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## Morning Drop Off:

If you arrive before the designated drop-off time of 7:30 am, please wait in line behind the orange cone at the beginning of the circle. This allows staff members and visitors to be able to park in the parking area at the front of the school. Emergency vehicles also need room to enter should an emergency arise. When staff members arrive to unload students, please pull all the way to the last person in a single line. Some parents choose to allow their child in an upper-grade level to unload on the sidewalk without an adult, which is allowable for our older students.

## AFTERNOON Pickup:

Pre-Kinder students dismiss earlier than our K-4th grade students, and those parents have to get around the regular pick-up line.

In an effort to keep the congestion down for pick-up in the afternoon, we need our regular cars (K-4th grade) to stop at the stop sign on Manning Drive just before they turn on Paschall Blvd.

After the pre-kinder dismisses, then the regular car rider line (K-4th grades) may pull forward to the edge of the circle drive on Paschall Blvd. Please do not pull into the circle drive until you are motioned up as staff begin to walk outside. This allows for emergency vehicles to enter the drive should they need to.

## Pick-Up Procedures for Car Riders:

Every vehicle must have a car rider tag visibly hanging on the rearview mirror all the way through the car rider line in order to pick up a student.

Once your student is loaded in the car, you may remove your tag so that we know your child is loaded. You may want to ask for extra tags if you will have a grandparent or other people picking up your child. If the car tag is not visible or not in the vehicle, the person picking up your child will not be allowed to enter the circle, and they will have to park and show their ID to verify they are allowed to pick a child up. 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 far orange cone, and we will bring your child to you. Make sure you inform anyone who may pick up your child to stay inside the vehicle.

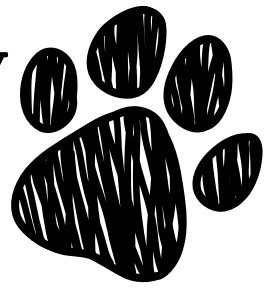
## Help Us To KEEP ALL STUDENTS SAFE!!!!

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 BECAUSE OF A PHONE? Thank you in advance for helping to keep our students and staff safe.





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Southside  
Elementary

WE ARE  
STRONG  
TOGETHER!



## Dress Code:

Please remember that faux hawks will not be allowed. A faux hawk is where the top or front of the hair is combed up into a mohawk style on top. Shorts, dresses, and cheer skirts must be mid-thigh when looking at a child from the front and back. A good rule of thumb is to make sure that the length does come to the tip of the longest finger when the arms are down. If cheer skirts do not reach this length, please have your child wear leggings underneath. Students are not allowed to wear tights or leggings without having a longer shirt to cover their bottom. Spaghetti strap-style shirts are very popular for little ones, so please make sure your child layers it with a tank-style shirt or wears a cover shirt. If you have questions regarding whether or not your child is in the dress code, please refer to the online version of the student handbook located on the MISD website under Southside, then Student Handbook.

## Substitute Teachers:

We need substitute teachers at the school throughout the year to cover teachers for various trainings and teachers being out. More information may be found on the MISD website, or you may call our campus.

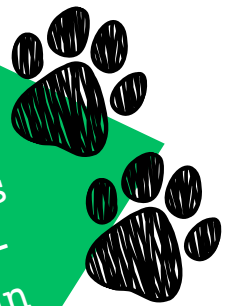
## PTO

PTO is located in Room 101. Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 4:15 in the library. If you are interested in being a part of this organization, please call the main office for more information.

### Meeting Dates:

August 20th	February 4th
September 3rd	March 4th
October 1st	April 1st
November 5th	May 6th
December 3rd	
January 7th	

"Work hard,  
be kind, and  
amazing things  
will happen." -  
Conan O'Brian



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## Veterans Day:

We will have our annual Veterans Day Celebration on Monday, November 11th, during our morning assembly at 7:50 am. Each year, we ask students to invite veterans in their families to this event. More information will be coming home as we get closer to November.

## Upcoming Events:

- August 14:** First Day of school
- August 22:** Kindergarten Parent Night 5:00-6:30 pm
- August 26:** Big Kahuna Fundraiser Kickoff
- September 2:** Labor Day Holiday
- September 6:** Grandparent's Day
- September 11:** Patriot Day
- September 15-20:** Spirit Week
- September 20:** Homecoming
- September 19:** College & Career Day
- September 24:** UIL Fair
- October 1:** Fall Pictures
- October 3:** Big Kahuna Party Bus
- October 7-11:** FALL BREAK-NO SCHOOL

- October 17: K-2nd Literacy Night 5:00-6:30 pm
- October 17: College & Career Day
- October 25: FUN FRIDAY!
- October 28-31: Red Ribbon Week
- November 1: NO SCHOOL!
- November 7: 3rd-4th grade Math Night 5:00-6:30 pm
- November 1-15: Fill the Bus Foodrive
- November 11: Veteran's Day Assembly
- November 21: Turkey Day! Thanksgiving Lunch
- November 21: College & Career Day
- November 25-29: Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL
- December 5: Frozen Formal Dance 5:30-7:30
- December 11: Pictures with Santa
- December 12: Christmas Music Program 3rd & 4th grades (time TBD)
- December 19: Pre-K Christmas Parties
- December 20: K-4 Christmas Parties & Early Release
- December 23-January 3: CHRISTMAS BREAK, NO SCHOOL
- January 6: NO School for Students

