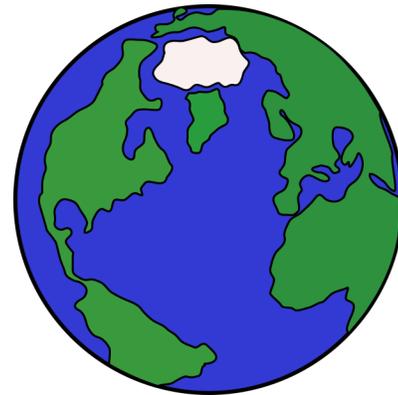


SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY

Southside is Out of This World

September—December
Newsletter 2021-2022



LUNCH VISITORS

On Hold At This Time

Due to the number of recent cases in Covid, visitors will not be able to come and eat lunch with students until further notice. However, you may continue to drop lunches off for your child.

Lunch Prices:

Please remember that all students will receive a free lunch and breakfast for this year only. If students choose to purchase extra lunch items you will need to make sure they have money in their account.

Breakfast: Free Student

Lunch: Free

Extra Milk: \$.50

Extra Snacks: ice creams \$.50
chips, gummies, cookies, etc. \$.75

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College, Career, and Military Shirt Days:

Throughout the year we will have days where we talk about and encourage college, career and military choices. We encourage our students to wear a shirt with what they would like to do when they graduate high school. We also use this as a platform to support reasons to learn. If they begin to set goals of what they may like to do after graduation then they will certainly need to be able to read, perform math and understand science. These will hopefully be great days for our students.

School Hours: 7:50am—3:40pm

- Staff will begin unloading car riders at 7:30am
- Your child will be counted tardy at 8:00am. If your child arrives late and no one is in front of the building, you must walk your child in. There is no way for us to know that your child is outside the building if you are late.
- **Breakfast**: Please have your child to school by 7:45am to be able to eat breakfast. If you are late, they may still get a breakfast but it will be sent to the classroom with them at 7:50.
- Staff members will no longer be outside after 7:55am as their day with students begins at this time.





Monday, September 20th is

Picture Day

Dress Code:

Students have been doing extremely well following our dress code. Thank you parents!!

Please remember 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 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 dress code please refer to the online version of the student handbook located on the MISD website under Southside, then student Handbook.

Transportation Changes: We will not accept transportation changes after 2:45pm 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 2:45pm 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. 903-880-1340

Veterans Day:

As we navigate the new strain of COVID, we will let you know how our Veterans Day program will be presented.

Our annual Veterans Day Celebration will be on **Thursday, November 11th** which could possibly look a bit different than in the past years due to COVID. We ask students to go ahead and let their relatives who are Veterans know about the program so they may plan accordingly. We hope to be able to recognize them in person if possible. If we are unable to do the in person program, we will once again ask students to provide us with a list of family members who are veterans so that we may recognize them during announcements. We want our students to understand what Veterans Day is and to be proud of those who have served our country and the sacrifices they have made. Please look for the Veterans Day form to come home in November.

NEW, NEW, NEW PROCEDURE AFTERNOON Pickup

Pre-Kinder students dismiss each day at 3:10 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 pre-Kinder dismisses then the regular car rider line (K-4th grade) may pull forward to the edge of the circle drive on Paschall Blvd just like what is being done at the present moment. We hope this will help the people who live across the street to be able to utilize the road without it being congested.

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. Using the tags allows the pick-up process to flow smoother and also helps to keep your child safe. ***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 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.*** Please remember: before you complain, have you asked how you may help or volunteer?

Morning Drop Off:

If you arrive before the designated drop off time of 7:30am, 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. Vehicles need room to swing out to park.

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.



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 BY BEING DISTRACTED? Thank you in advance by helping to keep our students and staff safe.

Reminder to those who do not normally pick up your child.

Please inform those who do not normally pick up your child that if they do not have a Southside Car tag that we will not put a child in the car with them without checking their ID. So often we try to explain that we do not know who they are and therefore need to check their ID and their response is, "Well, I can see them right there, I know who they are". Then the line is held up because we try to explain that we are unable to just put kids in cars with adults because we deal with a few non-custodial parent/grandparent issues and they still argue with us which slows the line down. Ultimately, they end up showing their ID and we safely get the child to them but it holds up the line for everyone else trying to follow the procedure. Also, if you will let them know to watch the adults and follow our directions that it will go much smoother for them and everyone. Remind them that everyone is there for the same purpose and our job is to get children out to cars and loaded safely so be prepared to be patient with the process.

Fun Friday: Students who exhibit good behavior and show effort in their school work will have a fun day on Friday, November 12. More information will come out as we get closer. Remind your child that they will have to earn this time.

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 30—Fundraiser was sent home

Sept. 3—Wipeout the Jackets: wear Hawaiian/lifeguard/surfer attire to support our Football team

Sept. 6 No School

Sept. 10—Tame the Tigers: Wear Circus themed attire to help support our Football team

Sept. 13—Bonfire beginning at 7:30 at the Mabank Pavilion

Sept. 17—**Homecoming game**

Sept. 18—Homecoming Parade at 10:00am. Line up begins at the Mabank Pavilion.

Sept. 13—17 Homecoming/spirit week

Mon. Pajama Day “Catch the other team sleeping” wear your school appropriate pajamas.

Tues. Emoji Day “Express your school spirit” wear a happy, school approved emoji shirt.

Wed. Movie Character Day “Watch the Panthers beat the other team” Dress up as your favorite school approved movie character. No scary or violent characters will be allowed.

Thurs. Crazy Sock Day “We are CRAZY for our Panthers.” Wear crazy or mismatched socks”

Fri. ‘Overall’ School Spirit. Wear your decorated overalls OR Amazing school spirit attire. **Students MAY WEAR MUMS or GARTERS on Friday.**

However, please tape any bells.

Sept. 20—Fall Picture Day

Sept. 20—Fundraiser paper orders due at school

Sept. 24—Fundraiser online orders completed

Sept. 27—No school

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 4—Fundraiser items delivered to the school

Oct. 5—Party Bus ride for those who sold 15 items from our fundraiser. All students who qualify will receive a monster hat to wear on the bus.

Oct. 11—No School

Oct. 14th—Wear College/Career/Military Shirt

Oct. 25—29—Red Ribbon Week (more information will come from our school counselor)

Oct. 29—Dress like a rock star—Wear band tee shirts to support our Mabank Panthers

Nov. 5th—No school for students—Staff Development for teachers.

Nov. 10th—Wear College/Career/Military Shirt

Nov. 11th—Veterans Day Celebration (more information will come home)

Nov. 18th—Thankful Thursday—Wear Fall attire. If we are able to have lunch visitors we will let parents know.

Nov. 15—19 Book Fair

Nov. 22—26 Thanksgiving Break—No School

Dec. 9—Wear College/Career/Military Shirt

Dec. 16—Early Release

Pre-Kinder 12:10

Regular Car –12:40

Bus 1:00

Dec. 17—Jan 3—No School

Jan. 4—Students Return to School

Substitute Teachers:

We need substitute teachers at the school throughout the year to cover teachers for various trainings and teachers being out.

The next substitute training is **Monday, September 20th** and **Monday, October 18th** at the Mabank ISD administration building from 10:00-11:30. More information may be found on the MISD website or you may call our campus.