

Southport Middle School Parent Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful winter break and were able to spend some quality time with your children. It is hard to believe that we are already moving into the 3rd quarter and rapidly approaching the time period when we begin taking state assessments. This is a critical point in the year and we are asking that you work with us to make sure that our students are attending school on a daily basis, so as not to miss valuable instructional time. We are also asking that in the New Year you resolve to get plugged into the school and to your child's

educational journey. You can do this by:

- Monitoring your child's use of their agenda on a daily basis
- Checking assignment grades in Skyward on a weekly basis
- Emailing the teachers with any questions or concerns (using the links on our school website or the information published in the class syllabus)
- Supporting your child as they do their homework and helping them study for class tests

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- Talking to them on a regular basis about following school-wide expectations (respect, responsibility, effort and safety)

- Volunteering at the school
- Joining our PTO or SAC

If we continue to work together, our students are sure to be successful. Remember as the African proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a child."

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Nicole Telese

Southport's Inaugural Pow Wow



Literacy Pow Wow Night was held on Thursday, December 18th. We had a wonderful turn out with over 100 students, parents, faculty and staff. The Hitchiti dancers put on an amazing show, giving everyone a glimpse of their authentic Native American culture. It was a great night for eating Native American food and making crafts around the bonfire. We thank everyone who joined us and look forward to next year's Pow Wow!

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

The State of Florida chose the week of January 26th through January 30th to celebrate literacy this year. As part of the festivities, SPMS students and teachers will be able to take part in Reading Accelerates Success activities. Monday through Friday teachers and students will share their favorite poetry and novels on our morning news show. Tuesday is the Scripps Spelling Bee, which will be held in the Media Center at 2:00 PM. There will be a book swap on

Thursday afternoon, January 29th. Students who bring in one gently used middle school appropriate novel can participate! There will be refreshments and freshly popped popcorn throughout the week! Parents are welcome to join in the fun.



For those of you who are into 21st century reading, check out the great selection of EBooks in Destiny! Students can log in at home on their computer, laptop, iPad, or any android device and read classic titles, new fiction and non-fiction titles, or their favorite graphic novel. There are so many books to choose from, and more to come, once our latest order arrives!

In Remembrance



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Students are invited to march in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade on Monday, January 19, 2015. This year's float will include Southport honorees: Katie Avra—Southport Teacher of the Year, A J Diaz—Distinguished Minority Educator of the Year, Shannon Hartley—Outstanding First Year Teacher, and Pat McFadden—School Related Employee of the Year. In addition, eighth grade student Lawrence Moleon-Mathews will be dressed to play the part of MLK Jr.,



St. Lucie County wants to hear from you! Our students have been completing the yearly school Climate survey throughout the day. Parents, please complete it at home. We care about your opinions and want to hear from you. It is very important that we reach our survey completion goal. Please click on the following link <http://slcsbweb2.stlucie.k12.fl.us/promos/climate-surveys/> to give your feedback.

and Victoria Coloma will be Coretta King. All students are invited to contribute to our float by walking along side, or riding on it. Students who would like to participate should be at the corner of Ave. I and Dr. MLK Blvd at 8:45 AM. The parade begins at 10 AM. Parents will need to pick up their child at 12:00 PM. Please contact Mrs. Demontegnac with any questions.

A Round of Applause

January Student of the Month



Adrianna Mazza Donayre

Justin Walden

Rachel Zhou

Tristan Greene

Aivi Lang

Katerine Matute-Rosales

Randall Hamblin Jr.

Victoria Hamilton

Alex Boyle

Kaytlin Beverly

Ricardo Garcia

Victoria Voight

Anya Anderson

Klay Denmark

Saverio Feola

Vincenzo Avignone

Brody Leonard

Lawrence Moleon-Mathews

Shamiaya Louissaint

Eli Sanita

Lexus Guthrie

Simon Uddin

Faith Cook

Madison Owens

Stephanie Brumlop

Ignacio Lopez Jr.

Mercedes Moradel

Tomas Pol

Jacqueline Hitchcock

Nicolas Sarno

James Janata Jr.

Nicholas Suarez



There is still time for you to get in on the payment plan for your 8th grade student to attend the annual Gradventure Trip to Universal Studios this spring. The first installment of \$35 was due in December, but if you missed that date, just get it in by January 16, 2015. The remaining payments will be due on February 13 and March 13 for a total of \$125. Paying this way also helps with our count to secure buses. It is important to get the form notarized when you bring in the payment to our school secretary Mrs. Walser.



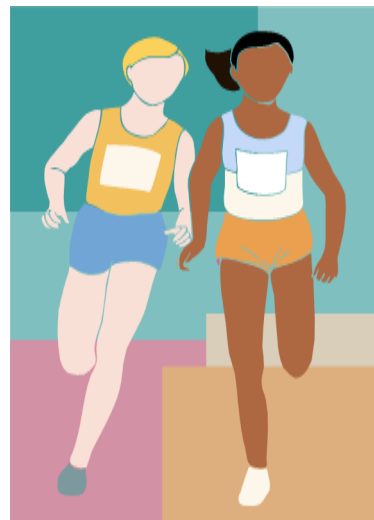
Penny Wars collected over \$600 in PTO's latest fundraiser. Keep sending in those Box Tops for Education. It's so easy to cut them out, and we earn 10 cents for each one! Join us at our monthly meetings in the Media Center. Call Tonia Oravec or email her at Tonia.Oravec@stlucieschools.org.



Student council will be sponsoring an Open Gym this Saturday, January 17th from 11-2. The cost is \$3 or \$5 including pizza and soda.




There is a new opportunity at Southport that is just for girls. Girls on Track is a fun after-school program that addresses the societal, mental and emotional challenges particular to middle school girls while incorporating running in a fun way. The 10-week program inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident and empowers them to make thoughtful and healthy decisions as they train to complete a 5K fun run. Registration is \$150 which covers all materials, t-shirt, healthy snacks, and 5K entry for one girl. Because Girls on Track is for ALL girls, fees are discounted based on free/reduced lunch status, and scholarships are also available. Please come to an informational/registration meeting on January 22 at 6 p.m in the Southport Media Center. You can also find out more about Girls on Track at the website: <http://www.girlsontherunTC.org>.



There are still spots open on both the boys and girls relay teams. Students can see Mrs. Nicholas in room 312 if they want to join SPMS track team. The deadline for joining is January 30. All participants must have a sports physical evaluation prior to participating. Students can pick up a physical exam form from Mrs. Nicholas, or you can go to the Students and Parents tab on the SLC website.

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 2 WINTER BREAK	3	
4	5 WINTER BREAK	6	7 Students return; Progress reports; 21 st Century CCLC begins 4:00pm	8 Moe's Spirit Night	9 PBS Football jersey day; End of 2nd nine weeks	10
11	12	13	14 History Fair Parent Night 5-7pm	15	16	17 Open Gym 11 - 2
18	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and parade	20	21 Student of the Month 3pm SAC meeting 4:15pm IRSC Honor Choir 7pm	22	23	24 IRSC 4 County Band Concert
25	26 Celebrate Literacy Week	27 Progress reports; Spelling Bee—Media Center @ 2pm 	28 Early release Math	29 Book Swap	30 Honor Roll 2:30pm	31



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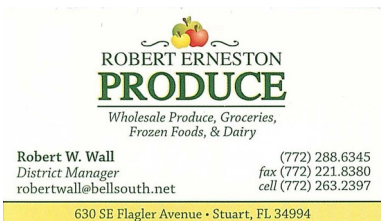
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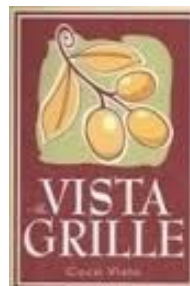
Jensen Beach Location



US 1 Port St. Lucie



Bridge Plaza Port St. Lucie



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