HAWK NEWS

Southern Oaks Middle School Newsletter August2017

Wonderful Start to the Year

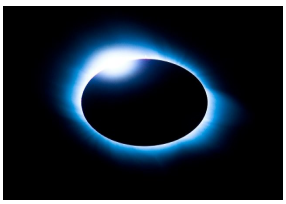
Our teachers report we have had great start to the year. We have spent this week teaching expectations and beginning to lay the groundwork for a year of learning. Students took their first writing diagnostic in English class this week.

Dads Bring Your Student to School Day

September 27 from 8:15-9:40 is Dads Bring Your Student to School Day. Fathers, Guardians and Father Figures may come to school and have coffee and donuts in the courtyard, provided by our wonderful PTO. We will have some music to enjoy. Mingle with teachers, parents, and staff. Take a moment to meet the PTO. It's a chance to sign up and volunteer for the school. Get a chance to walk your student to first period! Stay for a much time as you can during the event. We have a backdrop for a picture of your and your student together.

We are glad to have you come see the Home of the Hawks and spend time with your student!

Preparing for the Eclipse



All of our students will be staying inside during the Eclipse, except for certain science students who will be wearing protective glasses to observe the phenomena. Students in classes will be able to view live-streaming of the event online through NASA and CNN Student News.

Parents who wish to sign their student out to observe the eclipse as a family will be able to sign their student out as an excused absence. You must sign your student out of school before 12:00 (noon) on August 21.

The eclipse will occur between 1:22-3:55. Please caution your student that at school dismissal the eclipse will be over and not to stare directly at the sun! Teachers will reinforce this information at school as well.

Hawk T-Shirts are for Sale in the Main Office for 10 dollars. Students may wear them any day of the week. They come in a variety of styles. We are ordering more shirts in grey.

"We are proud to offer volleyball, basketball, track, soccer, and flag football in our intramurals program at SOMS. Athletic packets are available in the main office."

- Coach Nicholas Clements

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Castle HIGH HOPES Program

CASTLE offers a High Hopes for Kids Program at our school. This program is for students experiencing divorce or separation. Groups take place during the regular school hours and the times are coordinated with the school guidance counselor and your child's teacher. Divorce is one of the most traumatic and life changing events for children. Students who are registered participate in a group with 4-8 students. The program offers the students the opportunity to discuss chances in the family, anger management, communicating feelings, problem-solving and self-esteem. The program runs for 12 sessions and is evidence-based.

CASTLE provides a workbook for each child and a parent workbook for you to see what your child is actually learning in the program. The registration fee is $25. If you cannot pay the fee, we accept a small donation. There are forms available in the main office. If you have any questions contact Sara Frahm, Program Coordinator, at 772-461-0863, ext. 504.

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Parent Pick Up and Drop Off

Parents may not drop their students off before 9:10 am. There is no supervision at drop-off before 9:10am. Starting Sept ember 2, students will not be allowed to sit unattended before 9:10. Parents will need to wait with their student until it is time, or students will be guided to mandatory morning tutoring.

There are many new before school programs that start at 8:40. starting after September 5.

Students attending a morning program may be dropped off no sooner than 8:30. We strongly encourage students to attend a morning program, including our walkers.

Parent Pick Up begins at 4:00. Please be at school no later than 4:20 to pick your student up.

6th Grade Parents: Understanding Middle School Attendance

By middle school, every teacher takes attendance in every class period. Thus, every period counts for attendance. Students are not counted as having attended all day if they attend part of a day of school. This is an important change in understanding how attendance works.

When looking at your child's attendance in Skyward, you will need to review all seven periods of attendance.

Title One School Information

Southern Oaks Middle School is a Title 1 School. This means we receive additional federal funding to support student achievement. Our Before and After School Program is supported by Title 1 funding. Also, we provide professional development to the teaching staff through Title 1 Funding. Special parent involvement nights and morning events are funded through Title I to help encourage families to be involved in our school.

On September 13, from 7:30 am-8:30 AM we will hold a Title I Parent Informational Meeting in the Media Center. If you cannot make the morning meeting, we will repeat the meeting at 5:00 PM on the same day.

Southern Oaks Middle School Advisory Council (SAC)

The SOMS SAC met on August 25th to begin the school year. Our 2017 SAC Co-chairs are Dale (Dee) Maynard and Christine Sell. This committee meet to guide the principal in developing the school's programs and resources as found on the School Improvement Plan. All parents are invited to join.. Parent Michael Singh is serving as our representative on the District Advisory Council, which meets with the Superintendent monthly.

Any parent can join or simply visit and watch a SAC meeting. All meetings are 8:30-9:30. The dates this year are:

Sept 14

Oct 19

Nov 16

Jan 18

Feb 15

Mar 22

April 19

May 17

All PTO meetings start at 9:30, after SAC meetings. We have a great group of parents on PTO, led by parent Dephoa Skinner. We welcome all new parents to join PTO. The group focuses on treats and activities to support teachers and students throughout the year.

Southern Oaks Middle School PTO

COIN COMPETITION!

We will begin collecting change in each first period class. Students may bring in their loose change. The class with the most change will receive a Donut/Treat Party. A class can sabotage another class by putting paper dollars in another's classes change jar. The paper dollars will count against a homeroom's total. The money will be used to fund student PBIS activities and teacher resources and support. The date for the coin competition will be published soon!

Math Olympiad Comes to SOMS !

Geometry teacher Christopher Snure is starting a Math Olympiad Club. Students will be in competition with students across the United States and the World! Students will also become part of the National Junior Honor Society of Mathematics. We will honor our winners in the Math Olympiad team at the Awards Ceremony in the Spring.

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Thursday, September 7
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Morningside Library
2410 SE Morningside Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Friday, September 29
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Community United Methodist Church
3114 Okeechobee Rd
Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Saturday, October 14
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Joey's Outback Adventures
3491 NW Federal Hwy
Jensen Beach, FL 34957

Saturday, October 21
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
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Questions? Contact Sabrina Seme at 561.402.4781 or sseme@gssef.org
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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

WE SUPPORT THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENTS!
SCHOOL SPORTS PHYSICALS ARE ONLY $40!

At Xpress Urgent Care we provide fast and effective care to adults and children when life's unexpected urgencies, medical illnesses and injuries occur.

Visit our conveniently located Walk-In clinic in Port Saint Lucie when your condition is beyond the scope or availability of your regular primary care provider, or not severe enough to warrant a trip to the emergency room.

Here is a list of Services we provide:

- Non-Emergency Medical Treatment
- Physical Exams (School, Sports, Work & DOT physicals)
- Cold, Flu & Viruses
- Vaccines
- Sprains & Strains
- Pre-op/Medical Clearance
- Drug Testing
- Confidential STD Testing
- Lab Services
- Digital X-Rays
- EKG Testing
- Occupational Medical Services
- Auto Accidents
- Slip & Fall Injuries
- Worker's Compensation

We understand your time is valuable and we do our best to minimize your wait time as much as possible. For your convenience, we offer online appointment scheduling to guarantee your time slot.

Book your appointment online at www.xpressfl.com!

Morning Programs

Forms will be sent out on email to sign your student up for Title I Morning Enrichment Programs.. Please turn the forms into the main office.. Students do not need to be in band to attend Morning STEAM Music. Students do not need to be in Robotics to attend Morning STEAM Robotics. Students who attend Gamer's Club on Fridays need to be marked attended at school each day Monday through Thursday. All students cane sign up for the morning programs.

Program	Dates and Times	Teacher
STEAM MUSIC Room 212	September 6- Dec 18 Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30-9:20	Joann Kinder
STEAM Robotics Room 501	September 7- Dec 19 Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-9:20	Troy Susienkar
STEAM Gamer's Club Room 504	Fridays 8- May 11 8:30-9:20	Carl Beatty
Morning Tutoring in I Ready Math and Reading Plus Room 500	September 6- Dec 19	Celia Howard/Luz Ramirez

ESOL Resource for Students

In Sync Education is an online database of academic resources and activities. All of the resources in InSync Education are standards-based developed specifically to supplement the grade and subject specific knowledge and skills that students are learning in the classroom. Every student identified as ESOL, who has been in the county less than three years will receive an In Sync account, so that they may access these great materials in class and at home.

ESOL After School Tutoring Program

All ESOL students may sign up to attend after school tutoring in the ESOL Village Program. Students practice speaking, vocabulary, writing, reading in English, and get help with math. Please contact Dr. Rennaker or Mr. Rivero, or Mrs. Ramirez for more information.

Program	Dates and Times	Teachers
ESOL Tutoring Rooms 700, 701, 714 (ESOL Village)	Mondays and Wednesdays 4:10-5:30 September 6-May 10	Jose Rivero Shannon Rennaker Luz Ramirez

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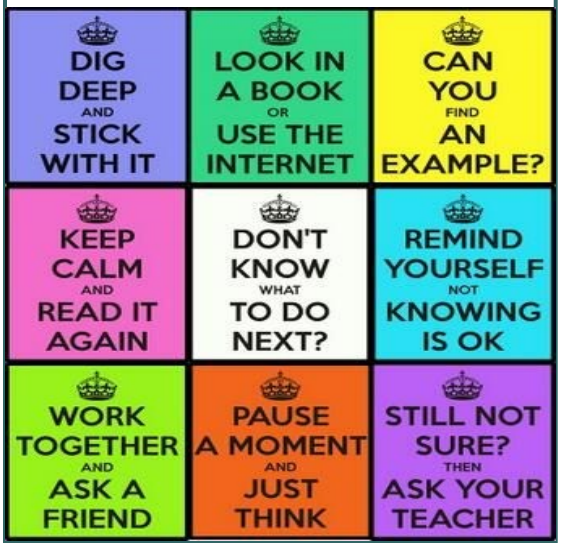
Resiliency

This year our school is focused on teaching students the trait of Resiliency. Resilient students, regardless of their IQ, perform better in school.