

Hurricane Herald

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“Our Eye is on the Future”

Southport Middle School faculty, staff and community members once again welcomed students back to school with our traditional beginning of the year Tunnel of Hope celebration!

The Tunnel of Hope is just one of the ways we show our students that we

Welcome Back



believe they are a treasure. While your child is here at Southport we want you to know that we are committed to helping every student to strive to reach their goals and to realize their dreams! We believe that all students are all capable of success. No exceptions!!



Southport Middle School 2017–2018 Faculty & Staff

Our Mission

To inspire and empower compassionate, global learners who are committed to creating a better and more peaceful world.

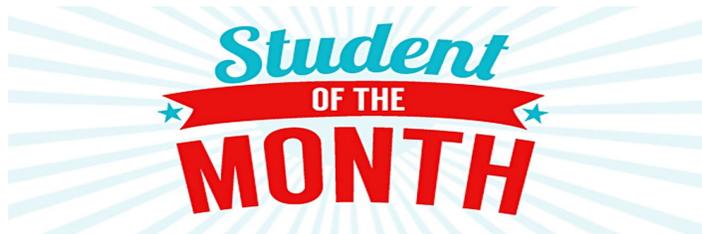
Starting Off the Year Right!



Students met with administrators at grade level assemblies for a beginning of the year presentation of Southport Schoolwide expectations. Principal Nicole Telese and Assistant Principal Kathleen Manchester presented each grade group with dress code options, the growth mindset philosophy, CHAMPS and information on the character traits of the Middle School IB program. We ask that you talk to your child about how they are meeting their SPMS goals.



Are you interested in meeting other parents or get more involved with your child's school? Are you on Facebook want to get the latest news on what is going on? Please consider joining Southport PTO!



Each month every homeroom teacher nominates one student to be awarded "Student of the Month," based on our PBS (Positive Behavior Support) schoolwide expectations and/or our valued learner characteristics.

At Southport, our mission is to inspire and empower compassionate, global learners who are committed to creating a better and more peaceful world. To that end, we choose to recognize and honor our students for consistently exhibiting behavior that is

aligned with our school-wide expectations for positive behavior: Showing Respect * Practicing Responsibility * Making an Effort * Staying safe

In addition, we encourage and acknowledge our students as they develop into learners who are:

Open Minded * Caring * Knowledgeable * Balanced * Principled * Reflective Inquirers * Thinkers * Risk-Takers* Communicators

When your child is selected you will receive an invitation to attend the Student of the Month Ceremony which is held in our Media Center, typically on the third Wednesday of the month. Our first celebration is set for September 20, 2017. We hope to see you there!

S-Show Respect P-Practice Responsibility M-Make an Effort S-Stay Safe

Growth Mindset

ATTITUDE + ACTION = ACHIEVEMENT.

Faculty and staff have embraced “Mindset The New Psychology of Success” by Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D., as a guide to teaching and learning at Southport. Her research has focused on why people succeed and how to foster success. The basic idea is:

A Fixed Mindset: Intelligence is fixed

Growth Mindset: Intelligence can be developed

Having a Growth Mindset at Southport means that everyone on our campus understands that they can increase their intelligence and grow their minds through effort and persistence and that any challenges they face are just opportunities for growth. We feel very strongly that this belief improves our environment and helps to empower our students to take charge of their learning. We urge you to reinforce a growth mindset using statements like the “Try Thinking” strategies in the illustration. If you want to learn more about growth mindsets check out [Carol Dweck: the power of believing that you can improve.](#)

10 Growth Mindset Statements

FIXED MINDSET



What can I say to myself?

INSTEAD OF:

I'm not good at this.
I'm awesome at this.
I give up.
This is too hard.
I can't make this any better.
I just can't do Math.
I made a mistake.
She's so smart. I will never be that smart.
It's good enough.
Plan "A" didn't work.

GROWTH MINDSET



TRY THINKING:

- 1 What am I missing?
- 2 I'm on the right track.
- 3 I'll use some of the strategies we've learned.
- 4 This may take some time and effort.
- 5 I can always improve so I'll keep trying.
- 6 I'm going to train my brain in Math.
- 7 Mistakes help me to learn better.
- 8 I'm going to figure out how she does it.
- 9 Is it really my best work?
- 10 Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters!

Microsoft's Student Advantage Program provides free downloads of the full version of Microsoft Office for all St. Lucie County students, in District operated schools, for use on their personal and mobile devices. District students can download the software on up to 5 devices. For more information and directions click on the [Parents and Students](#) tab on St. Lucie County Schools home page.





ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH



#schooleveryday

ATTENDANCE FACTS

Attending school every day impacts learning at all grade levels from Pre-K through College.

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

For each year that a student is chronically absent, his or her odds of dropping out doubles.

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

<http://www.attendanceworks.org/>

Parent Reminders

- ◆ Check your child's planner daily for homework, important information, learning goals and activities.
- ◆ Keep in contact with teachers via phone, note, or e-mail. Check out our website or follow us on Twitter for important news and upcoming events.
- ◆ Check Skyward regularly to keep up with your child's progress. Progress Reports will be sent out via Skyward unless a paper copy is requested from your child's homeroom teacher.
- ◆ Ensure your child is prepared for learning daily.
- ◆ Please inform the office if there are any changes to your contact information.
- ◆ Students are not permitted on campus prior to 9:15 AM. Any student arriving after 9:40 AM will be considered tardy.
- ◆ Cell phones are permitted on campus but must be turned off. They must not be visible during the school day unless students are given permission to use personal electronic devices.
- ◆ Please do not call or text your child during the school day. Cell phones that are visible or being used by students without permission will be confiscated and held by the Assistant Principal for parent pick-up between 4:00 and 4:30 PM and 24 hours after being confiscated.
- ◆ Please do not pick your child up in the school parking lot, and do not use the Morningside Public Library parking lot as your pick up location. All students must be picked up in the parent pick up loop. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students safe.

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