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**“Our Eye is on the Future”**

## Welcome Back

Southport Middle School faculty and staff are happy to welcome students back to school for the 2019—2020 school year!

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 utilizes the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support System to improve school safety and promote positive behavior.



“The PBIS framework uses evidence-based prevention and intervention practices along a multi-tiered continuum to support the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral competence of all students”. You can read more about PBIS on their website <https://www.pbis.org/>

Southport received a Bronze Level Certificate of PBIS Success for the 2018—2019 school year. This year we are going for the Gold!

If you see that your child has a collection of Cane Cash, you know that he or she has been following the expectations at Southport!



Southport Middle School 2019—2020 Faculty & Staff

### Our Mission

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



*Every student. Every day.*

We would like to remind everyone that September is Attendance Awareness Month and so we begin the Perfect Attendance Competition for the month.

The competition begins on Monday, September 9th. Students with perfect attendance will be recognized

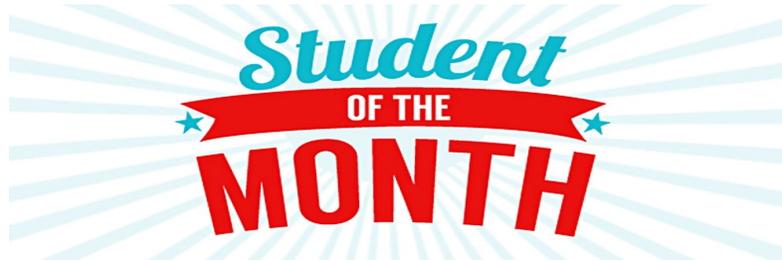
every Monday and entered into a weekly drawing for the previous week. There will be prizes for the winners each week and an additional drawing for students with perfect attendance for the entire month.

#### ATTENDANCE FACTS

- ◆ Attending school every day impacts learning at all grade levels from Pre-K through College.
- ◆ Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.
- ◆ Middle grade attendance and GPA provide the best indication of how students will perform in high school classes.
- ◆ Students who are chronically absent in middle school are at very high risk of being off-track for graduation in ninth grade, and eventually dropping out of school.
- ◆ College readiness depends on very strong grades in middle school, as well as high school. Students must be present in order to receive instruction.
- ◆ Improving grades and attendance in the middle grades can have a large pay-off for high school success; even more so than improving test scores.
- ◆ Be an Attendance Hero—Here Everyday Ready On time
- ◆ For more attendance facts go to <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 please 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.



# Student OF THE MONTH

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



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!



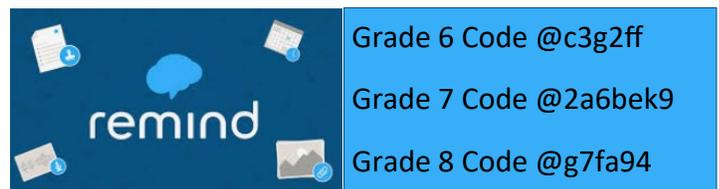
Picture Day is rescheduled until October 25, 2019. Students may wear school appropriate tops to school for their pictures in lieu of their Southport t-shirts.

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

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 October 16, 2019. We hope to see you there!



We are excited to announce Southport Middle School's Adopt-A-Street club, the club that makes a difference in the community one piece of trash at a time. The club will meet once a month to clean up the assigned streets directly outside of the school. Snacks will be served after every clean up. Students and parents who want to make difference can contact Mrs. Lewis for more information. Our first cleanup is set for September 25, 2019.



Southport is making it easier to connect with your child's teachers and to stay on top of what's going on in school. Just download the Remind app and install using the code for your child's grade level!

*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.





The mission and joy of Grace Packs Inc. is to provide weekly weekend food for students who lack an ample food supply, relieving the burden many of these children endure by being hungry. In St. Lucie County, 22.5% of children are considered food insecure. These 13,720 children represent the largest amount of children in need on the Treasure Coast.

A huge thank you to Holy Family Church's Women's Guild who recently delivered a lot of food and school supplies!

If you would like to help support Southport's Grace Packs program, or if you are a family needing support, please contact our Guidance Department at (772) 337-5901. For more information, visit [www.gracepacks.org](http://www.gracepacks.org)

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