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“Our Eye is on the Future”

The Power of Togetherness

Southport Middle School teachers and students proudly marched in the 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Parade held on January 20 down MLK Boulevard in Fort Pierce. The theme for this year's parade was “The Power of Togetherness” to honor Dr. King and the legacy of his civil rights movement.

The parade committee worked together to create their float, which featured global learners, the need of social emotional learning, and promoted the power of togetherness. Thank you to everyone who helped to create the float and to those who participated in the parade.



Our Mission

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

December*January*

Alexander "A.J." Frye	Elly Principato	Maria Ajucum	Serenity Goyette
Alexander Moleon-Matthews	Farah Martino	Mateo Villegas	Sergio Romo
Alyssa Uyeda	Geanella Falcones	Niya Moore	Shayna Rafter
Amanda Rector	Glenn Tetreault	Oscar Fabian	Shiniece Hayes
Anna Nguyen	Jordyn Stephanik	Quadent Feijoo	Skye Baksh
Brianna Estrada	Joshua Acosta	Robin Vu	Skylar Stone
Brody Flynn	Kennedy Ryder	Samantha Borno	Starrlah Cain
Chloe Raia	Kimanda Bryan	Sarah Miller	Valerie Quirino
Conner Bagnell	Laikyn Leclerc	Sean Allen	Van Gulick
Corey Melanson	Louis Brana	Sean Gomez	Vladimir Albert
	Madyson Marosha	Sebastien Rodriguez	

Congratulations

Aaliyah Lezama	Christian Herrington	Jalissa Russell	Raeanna Van Luvender
Abbie Kauffman	Clara Hager	Jameson Girdwood	Ryan Veach
Aiden Augustin	Dylan Hudson	Jelyssa Legentus	Shakayla Gordon
Brenelly Rodriguez-Guerrera	Edgar M. Gonzalez-Rodriguez	Johnathan Wilson	Shania Gangapersad
Cesar Diaz Zuniga	Emanuel Gomez	Jose Ortega	Sophia Taboada-Arciniega
Charity Robinson	Gia Goodman	Judith Vazquez	Syesha James
Charles Arthur	Grace Weakland	Lillian Franco	Tommy Springer
Charlize Molina	Grace Weakland	Myrah Zeigler	Tyler McDonald
Chasity Degraff	Jacob Frances	Natalie Pineda	Valentina Zaldivar Rocha
Cheyenne Alexander	Jadaliss Guerrero	Nicole Ortega	Yaleisa Heredia
	Jaivelis Oquendo	Olivia Moore-Nazario	

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We are pleased to announce that four of our 7th grade Civics students will be featured at this year's annual Project Citizen Showcase taking place at Indian River State College located in Fort Pierce. This year's group, led by Mrs. Jenna Pritchard and Ms. Melody Fletcher includes Isabel Fletcher, Gabriella DaRocha, Amber Lewis, and Maya Dussault.

Project Citizen is a [project-based learning](#) group that teaches students about public policy. It does so by leading them through the process of researching a community problem and developing a proposal for the government to address that problem. Students also learn critical thinking, problem solving skills, research and reading skills, as they build self-esteem and confidence. Students will have to present their idea to a panel of community members in a ten-minute speech.



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Growth Mindset

ATTITUDE + ACTION = ACHIEVEMENT.

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.

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?

Congratulations!



Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Maureen Dakin



Distinguished Minority
Educator
Ms. Sudane Lewis



First Year
Teacher of the Year
Mr. Tim Allen



School Related
Employee of the Year
Mrs. Katie Premo



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.
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ Grade 6 Code @c3g2ff Grade 7 Code @2a6bek9 Grade 8 Code @g7fa94
- ◆ 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!



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.

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, please visit www.gracepacks.org

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