

South Elementary School Newsletter

September 2016

Principal Connie Morgan

Dear South School Parents:

I am excited to begin the school year as the new Principal at South Elementary School. I am so impressed with the warm welcome I have received from this community. We have had a fantastic first few weeks here at South Elementary and I credit our amazing staff and the terrific students for making that possible. We are learning the routines and rules for loading buses, following lunchroom procedures, and using the playground.

I can already tell that South Elementary is an excellent school. Our compassionate, skilled staff members know how to help students learn and want what is best for them. Our students are eager to give their best effort and learn. I genuinely care about all children and their families, which motivates me to try my best to ensure a safe, secure, and positive learning environment.

I truly believe that a partnership with the families of our students as well as other community members and organizations are a key part of success of a school. Students benefit as parents and guardians are involved in their formal education. The coming school year will provide wonderful opportunities for the academic and social development of our students, and it is vital that we combine our efforts to help them succeed. My door is open and I look forward to meeting all of you. Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments, or concerns. I am here to help and look forward to a great school year. Thank you for supporting South Elementary School.

*Sincerely,
Connie Morgan
Principal*

Help your child get this new school year off to a great start

It's the beginning of the school year—the perfect time to set the stage for learning success. Help your child get off to a great start with these simple strategies:

- **Get a head start.** Many families find that organizing at night prevents morning “rush hour.” You can review school papers, pack and refrigerate lunches, set backpacks by the door and agree on outfits.
- **Establish sleep routines.** Choose reasonable bedtimes so everyone is rested when it's time to wake up. Make sure everyone sticks to their bedtimes.
- **Develop morning habits.** If your child does the same things (in the same order) each morning, it's less likely that she will forget a step. For example: make bed, get dressed, eat breakfast, brush teeth and put on shoes.
- **Choose a homework time.** With your child, pick a time when she will have the most energy and motivation to do assignments. Create a quiet study spot (complete with necessary supplies) where she can work at the same time each day.
- **Use tools for organization.** Teach your child how to use calendars, to-do lists and a filing system for schoolwork and important papers.
- **Set priorities.** Schedule things like schoolwork, family meals and even free time on a calendar. Treat them like appointments. If there are open blocks of time, your child can add activities.

~ The Parent Institute, September 2016

ROAD TO GOOD CHARACTER

- the state of being friends
- attachment between friends
- friendly feeling or attitude; friendliness



Reminders

- PTO fundraiser orders need to be turned in by Friday, September 2nd.
- Picture day is Tuesday, September 13.
- Please remember to have your child wear tennis shoes on P.E. days.
- Lunch charges are not to exceed \$20.00
- Please try to keep your child's after-school plans the same everyday.
- If you have a change in your address or phone number, please let the office know.