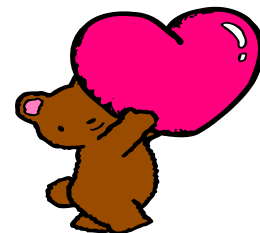


THE SOUTH END SCOOP



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DATES TO REMEMBER!

February 7

PTO Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

February 8

100th Day of School (If no more snow days)

February 10

School Banking

February 17

Shortened Day: Prof. Dev.

Dismissal: 1:10 p.m.

February 20

No School: President's Day

February 21

No School: Prof. Development Day

February 24

School Spirit Day: Comfy Cozy Day!

End of Marking Period

Looking Ahead into March

March 2

Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Day

March 10

Kindergarten Registration

School Banking

End of the Marking Period

March 14

PTO Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

March 20 & 21

Elementary School Conferences

Shortened Days: Dismissal 1:10 p.m.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear South End Families,

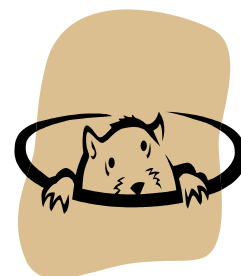
It is hard to believe we are already over half way through the year!! Our 100th day will be on February 8th (As long as we continue to escape snow days). The students and staff continue to work hard and challenge themselves to meet new goals! The teachers are completing mid-year assessments and will use this data to guide instruction and ongoing goals for the second half of the year.

January brought a lot of fun to the South End community. We had a great Three Kings Cultural Celebration where SHS Spanish Honor Society students shared about the culture of Three Kings Day and South End students were able to participate in some fun hands-on activities. . We also raised over \$1,500 for the YMCA Sloper Plunge, and 15 staff members were "Freezin' for a Reason" to show our support! We also had a successful cultural arts program put on by Horizon Wings, Raptor Rehabilitation. The students got to see and learn about some amazing birds of prey.

Despite the cold temperatures, we will continue to try to get out for recess as often as temperatures allow. We will continue to use the "feel like" temperature of 28 degrees to make this determination daily. Please remember to send your child with the appropriate coat, hat, and gloves for the winter weather. It is also very important to label your child's outwear, our lost and found fills up quickly this time of year.

We are looking forward to a February filled with hard work, engaged learning and new challenges. Thank you for your continued support at home!

Mrs. Nattrass



POLAR PLUNGE UPDATE!

South End School promoted the Polar Plunge on Wednesday, January 11th with "Wacky Wednesday". The money raised will be used towards camp scholarships for Southington children to attend YMCA Camp Sloper over this summer. The staff and students made a donation totaling \$1,520.00. Mrs. Nattrass, Ms. McMinn, Ms. Smith, Ms. Turci, Mrs. Reynolds, Ms. Kelley, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. Veronneau, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Page, Mrs. Kerrigan, Mrs. Hubeny, Ms. Szmurlo, and Mrs. Valenti all took the plunge for South End School!

FREEZIN FOR A REASON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Great Job!

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!

Our school "Spirit Day" this month will be held on Friday, February 24th. The theme for Friday, Feb. 24th will be:

COMFY COZY DAY!

We encourage all students and staff to participate in our School Spirit Day and wear comfy PJ's and Slippers!

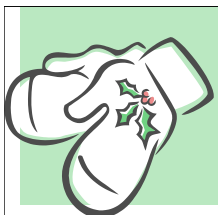


NO SCHOOL

The Southington Public Schools will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 and Tuesday, February 21, 2017 for Presidents' Day and Professional Development Day. Schools will reopen on Wednesday, February 22nd.

BRRRRR, It's COLD

Students go outside at least once daily unless the weather is too inclement. Be sure your child comes to school dressed properly (including hats and gloves). If your child is well enough to attend school, he/she should participate in all activities, including outdoor recess.



Kindergarten Registration

We will be holding our kindergarten registration on Friday, March 10, 2017.

Children whose last names begin with the letters A through L will register between 9:00 - 11:00.

Children whose last names begin with the letters M through Z register between 1:00 - 2:30.

Please call the school office at 860-628-3320 Ext. 5 to set up an appointment for your registration after Monday, February 6, 2017.

Your child must be present at the registration.

Online registration will open for the 2017-2018 school year on February 20, 2017.



REMINDER TO PARENTS

Please be sure that your child knows what to do on a day that school is being dismissed early due to inclement weather. It is important for children to know what the plan is if school should be dismissed early. They need to know before dismissal time if their parent is picking them up, if they are going home with someone else or if they are taking the bus home and who will meet them at home.

CONNECTICUT ARTS

FESTIVAL AWARD

Congratulations go out to Alexa Aldieri and Nick Kuczynski for being selected as our South End representatives to receive the distinguished award for their outstanding citizenship, cooperative skills, and artistic ability in performing or visual arts ability from the Connecticut Association of Schools. Alexa and Nick will be honored on February 7th at the 18th Annual Elementary Celebration of the Arts Recognition at the Aqua Turf.



REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS



**The School Doors
Open at 8:20 a.m.
Educational Instruction
Begins Daily at 8:35 a.m.**

News from the Library Media Center

In January, we honored the following Birthday Book Club members:

Liam Dempster - January 21st
Charles Scalesse - January 23rd
Lexi Formeister - January 31st

Happy Birthday from Mrs. Nattrass, Mrs. Kerrigan, Mrs. Verderame and all your friends at South End School!



When I'm in Charge

Space is available in the popular program "When I'm in Charge" sponsored by the Southington Youth Services. The program is being held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 from 5 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. at the Southington Youth Services office, 196 North Main Street.

The course is intended for youth who are in 4th, 5th or 6th grade and teaches them how to keep safe when they are left at home on their own. It is taught by Red Cross certified instructor, Terri Benoit.

To register please call Youth Services at 860-276-6281. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis. There is a small fee to attend.

Communicating and Disciplining Your School Age Child

Is the next topic of Southington Youth Services' Parent Information Series. This workshop will focus on learning ways to communicate without arguing, defensiveness, or hostility as well as setting limits and discipline techniques. This program will take place on Wednesday February 22nd, 2017 from 7-9.m. All programs are only available to Southington residents, and are held at the offices of Southington Youth Services, 196 North Main Street. Admission is free. Space is limited!

Please call (860)276-6281 to register or for more information.

Weather Cancellations

Southington Public Schools posts school cancellations on our website. Go to www.southingtonschools.org and it will appear as a pop-up on your screen. If school is dismissed early due to weather, a phone call and email will be generated through our School Messenger system and sent to you. Email addresses are collected at the beginning of each year with the demographic update form. If you change your email address or phone number, please notify the office. If afterschool/evening activities are cancelled - an email will be sent out. Please try to have a strategy in place in the event an early dismissal is called.

EARLY DISMISSAL AND NO SCHOOL



February 17th —Early Dismissal —1:10 p.m.

February 20th & 21st—NO SCHOOL

February 2nd is known as "Groundhog Day"

According to an old tale, the groundhog comes out of his hole looking for his shadow. If the sun is shining and he sees his shadow, he goes back to his hole and sleeps a while longer for winter is not over.



February 14th

Sends cupid on its way, to bring messages of love on Valentine's Day!



OUR POLAR PLUNGE JUMPERS!



Mrs. Nattrass, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Veronneau, Mr. Duffy, Mrs. Hubeny, Ms. McMinn, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Valenti, Ms. Turci, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Creighton, Ms. Kelley, Mrs. Kerrigan, Ms. Szmurlo, and Ms. Page

"FREEZIN FOR A REASON"

NEWS FLASH FROM THE SCHOOL LUNCH DIRECTOR

If your child has a food allergy or restriction please review the breakfast/ lunch menus and ingredient lists.

Please contact nwelinsky@southingtonschools.org with questions.



Substitute food service employees needed: If interested go to www.southingtonschools.org and click on employment opportunities. **Scheduled work times 10:30-1:30**

NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

Students who will be adding money to their lunch account or paying for their lunch in cash or check are encouraged to stop in the cafeteria and give it to Mrs. Virello at "**ARRIVAL TIME**" in the morning. Mrs. Virello is then able to count their money/change and enter it in the computer system. This would help save time during the lunch waves.



LOCAL TRAY DAY

FEBRUARY

Crunchy Carrot Crazyiness! This month our School food Service program will feature local carrots. Staff will be serving some fresh, local, carrots during the month of February.

Fun to Know

Medicine First: Carrots were first cultivated for their medicinal qualities, before they became a common vegetable.

Crazy Colors: When carrots were first cultivated around 900AD there were no orange carrots, only yellow and purple!

