

November 2023

Dare to SOAR!

SUNSET NEWS



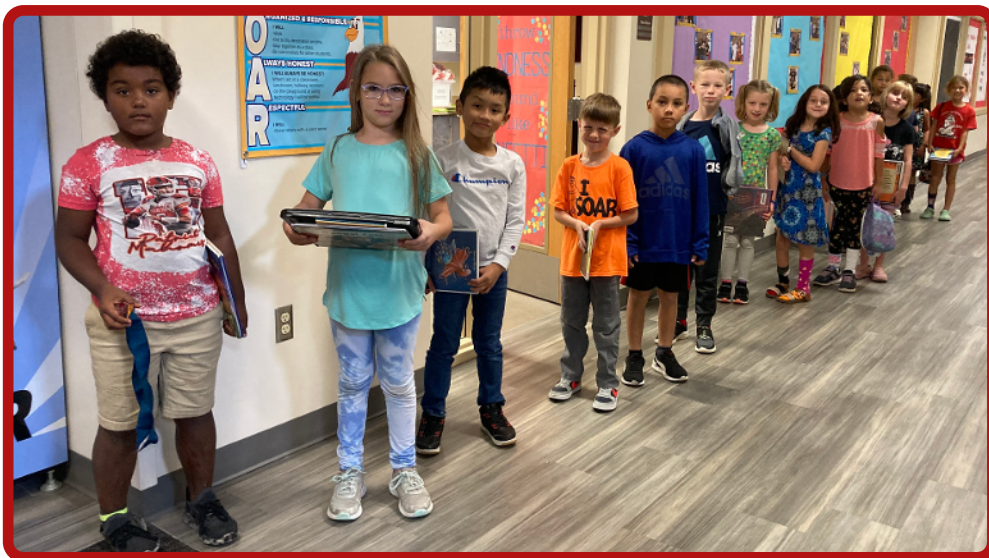
A Note from the Principal

Sunset Families,

We are so excited for the start of the second nine weeks. As I have made classroom visits, I have seen some great things happening. Visit with your child each day and ask, "What did you learn today?" The teachers are implementing Visible Learning into the daily instruction to help students make connections to what they are currently learning.

In the mornings, please help us by reminding your student(s) that once they arrive at school they are to walk and line up in the designated areas by the building. We allow students eating breakfast to enter at 7:55 a.m. and everyone else at 8:00 a.m. As it gets colder outside, please make sure the students are dressed warmly because our doors don't open until 8:00 a.m. (If temperatures are below freezing, doors will open earlier.)

If you have questions, remember that you can reach out to the teachers and administration and that we will always make time to visit. Thank you for allowing your student to participate in the morning marathon. We had a lot of students complete it this year. Please consider joining PTA. They have a lot of events that support the school.



Students from Miss Avila's class

Best regards,

Mr. Brandon J. Cheeks

Principal

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PTO Reminder

Meeting - Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m. in the art room

Family Christmas movie night - Friday, Dec. 1 (more information will come)

Elf Shelf - Tuesday, Dec. 5 and Wednesday, Dec. 6 (more information will come)

Family Classroom Visits

Parents, grandparents, and guardians, you invited to see your child in small group math. Scheduled times are listed below for when your child(ren) has small group math instruction.

PreK a.m. 11:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

PreK p.m. 12:30 p.m.-12:45 p.m.

Kindergarten 2:25 p.m.-2:55 p.m.

1st grade 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

2nd grade 10:20 a.m.-10:50 a.m.

3rd grade 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

4th grade 1:20 p.m.-1:50 p.m.

5th grade 2:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.



American Education Week

Take the time to celebrate greatness in your school community during November 13 - 17 for American Education Week! SPS is growing greatness and we wanted to share some of the latest news. Our district is proud of who we are and proud of what we do!

- SPS is always looking for new and engaging ways to make STEM approachable and fun. At South Middle School, students are learning how to fix, fly, and fine tune their technical skills with the brand new Drone Club. Students meet once a week to practice using a simulator and take turns piloting the drones around the classroom.
- The Growing Greatness Award is a new program celebrating the staff in our buildings. Our very first winner in September was Jayne Benson, an FNS cook. Congrats to our first staff member whose work supports our teachers and students! This award is sponsored by Nex-Tech.

Check out our district social media pages from November 13-17 to learn more about the greatness that takes place every day, thanks to the amazing staff and community in our buildings.



Picture Retakes

Fall picture retakes will be Wednesday, November 15.

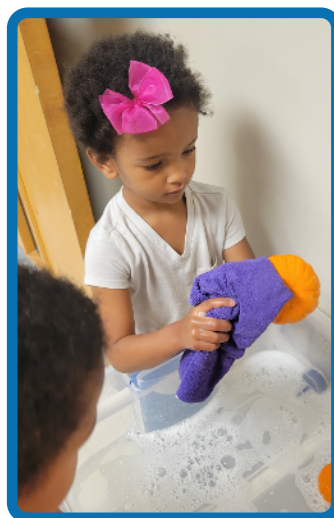




Spotlight on Pre - K



Pre - K was very busy learning about pumpkins in October. They learned about the pumpkin life cycle through songs and instruments with Mr. Beach. They washed pumpkins and measured them with standard (tape measures) and non-standard (cube blocks) ways to measure. They explored the inside of a pumpkin and documented on a chart what they observed. Pre - K is full of hands-on activities to help students learn!



Marathon Results



School Stats

99 marathon finishers

30,020 total laps ran as a school

6,004 miles ran as a school

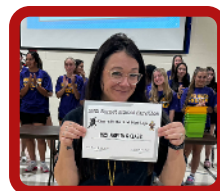
3rd place class – 3McDowell with 2,370 laps

2nd place class – 3Norlin with 2,490 laps

1st place class – 1Hampton with 2,975 laps



Mrs. Hampton



Mrs. Norlin



Mr. McDowell

Overall Most Laps

3rd Place – Jase in 5B with 275 laps

2nd Place – Adrian in 3N with 359 laps

1st Place – Deegan in 3N with 484 laps



Deegan



Adrian



Mr. Weir accepted
for Jase



Kindergarten Marathon Finishers

1st Place - Arianna, 2nd Place - Klayton, 3rd Place - Za'Vion



3rd Grade Marathon Finishers

1st Place - Deegan, 2nd Place - Adrian, 3rd Place - Mister



1st Grade Marathon Finishers

1st Place - Blakely, 2nd Place - Brooklyn, 3rd Place - Lorenzo



4th Grade Marathon Finishers

1st Place - Jakobe, 2nd Place - Isabella, 3rd Place Avery



2nd Grade Marathon Finishers

1st Place - Jacob, 2nd Place - Scarlett, 3rd Place - Tierrah



5th Grade Marathon Finishers

1st Place - Jase, 2nd Place - Kinzley, 3rd Place - Dale



BUT IT'S JUST 10 MINUTES

- • How do you feel when you are late for work, an appointment, a movie, or plans with family or friends?
- • We have all been in these situations and understand that being late can make us feel anxious, nervous, embarrassed, or even frustrated.

Attendance Matters

- • Being just 10 minutes late per day for school can really add up.

- • That's about an **HOURLY** per week
- • OR
- • **1 1/2 WEEKS** per school year
- • OR
- • **1/2 a SCHOOL YEAR** over a school career.

- • Building good habits, such as being on time, can help your child accomplish their goals.

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Every child. Every parent. Every day.



Ah, fall. It's harvest time! Now, the work of caring for the crops is over and the farmer can reap the rewards.

For parents, though, the labors of love are ongoing. Tending children is the daily work of years, not a single season.

But as with farmers, parents know:

THE MORE ONE *sows*, THE GREATER THE *harvest*.

- Babies begin learning at birth, and parents are their first and most important teachers.
- Just **15 minutes** a day of reading aloud from birth is more than **450 hours** of reading time by kindergarten.

Great THINGS
COME FROM
small
BEGINNINGS.

That is why any season is always the season for reading aloud.

What can you do right now to be a better parent and ensure your child reaps the rewards of your hard labors?

Read Aloud **15 MINUTES**.
Every child. Every parent. Every day.



November Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	28	30		

2 - PTO

6 - Site Council at noon

15 - Picture retakes

15 - Family Classroom Visits

22-24 - Thanksgiving break



December

1 - Family Christmas Movie Night

5 & 6 - Elf Shelf

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