

SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY

Diving Into Learning

September—December
Newsletter 2022-2023



LUNCH VISITORS

Parents may come eat with their child beginning Thursday, September 1st.



Lunch Prices:

Please remember that free and/or reduced meal forms are available in the front office to determine whether your child qualifies for assistance with breakfast and lunch. We will be sending those home in your child's folder this week.

Breakfast: \$1.50

Lunch: \$2.40

Extra Milk: \$.50

Extra Snacks: ice creams, chips, gummies, cookies, and other snack items will be from \$.50—\$.75

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College, Career, and Military Shirt Days:

Throughout the year we will have days where we talk about and encourage college, career and military choices. We encourage our students to wear a shirt with what they would like to do when they graduate high school. We also use this as a platform to support reasons to learn. When students begin to set goals of what they may want to do upon graduation then learning can become meaningful. These will be fun days for our students and staff.

School Hours: 7:50am—3:40pm

- Staff will begin unloading car riders at 7:30am.
- Your child will be counted tardy at 8:00am. If your child arrives late and no one is in front of the building, you must walk your child in. There is no way for us to know that your child is outside the building if you are late.
- **Breakfast:** Please have your child to school by 7:45am to be able to eat breakfast. If you are late, they may still get a breakfast but it will be sent to the classroom with them at 7:50am.
- Staff members will no longer be outside after 7:55am as their day with students begins at this time.





Friday, September 9th is Picture Day

Dress Code:

Students have been doing extremely well following our dress code. Thank you parents!!

Please remember faux hawks will not be allowed. A faux hawk is where the top or front of the hair is combed up into a mohawk style on top.

Shorts, dresses and cheer skirts must be mid-thigh when looking at a child from the front and back. A good rule of thumb is to make sure that the length does come to the tip of the longest finger when arms are down. If cheer skirts do not reach this length, please have your child wear leggings underneath.

Students are not allowed to wear tights or leggings without having a longer shirt to cover their bottom. Spaghetti strap style shirts are very popular for little ones, so please make sure your child layers it with a tank style shirt or wears a cover shirt. If you have questions regarding whether or not your child is in dress code please refer to the online version of the student handbook located on the MISD website under Southside, then Student Handbook.

Transportation Changes: We will not accept transportation changes after 2:45pm on the same day a child is to go home. You may send a note to your child's teacher or call the office before 2:45pm if your child will go home a different way. A child will not be allowed to get on a different bus or become a car rider without a note or phone call from a parent. 903-880-1340

Veterans Day:

We will have our annual Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, November 11th during our morning assembly at 7:50am. Each year we ask students to invite veterans in the family to this event. More information will be coming home as we get closer to November. Please let them know to mark their calendar to help us celebrate them.

Varsity Homecoming week: Sept. 27—30

We will have themes throughout the week for students to have the option of dressing up to show their support for our Mabank Panthers.

Tuesday: Tie up the other team—Tie Dye clothing

Wednesday: Can't Hide That Panther Pride—wear camouflage clothing

Thursday: Crazy About Our Panthers—wear crazy socks

Friday: We Have Spirit Yes We Do—wear your best school spirit clothing

On Thursday and Friday, we will have various activities for students to do as well as school spirit items for them to purchase. More information will come home at a later date.



Fun Friday: Students who exhibit good behavior and show effort in their school work will have a fun day on Friday, October 28th. More information will come out as we get closer. Remind your child that they will have to earn this time and if they miss it this time there will be another time.

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 25—Wear your college/career/military shirt

Aug. 29—Fundraiser goes home

Sept. 5—No School

Sept. 9—Picture Day

Sept. 12—Fundraiser Ends

Sept. 14—Grandparents Day

Sept. 15—Oncor will be here to discuss
Electrical Safety

Sept. 22—Wear your college/career/military shirt

Sept. 26—No School

Sept. 27—30 Homecoming/spirit week

Tues. Tie up the other team—Wear Tie Dye clothing.

Wed. Can't Hide That Panther Pride—Wear Camouflage

Thurs. We are Crazy about our Panthers— Wear crazy or mismatched socks"

Fri. 'Overall' School Spirit—Wear your decorated overalls OR Amazing school spirit attire. **Students MAY WEAR MUMS or GARTERS on Friday.**

However, please tape any bells.

Oct. 3rd— Party Bus ride for fundraiser

Oct. 5—Fund Raiser items delivered

Oct. 10—No School

Oct. 14—Report cards

Oct. 17-18—Teacher will contact you for report card conferences

Oct. 20—Wear your college/career/military shirt

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 24—28—Red Ribbon Week (more information will come home)

Oct. 31 —No School

Nov. 1st—18—Annual Fill The Bus. Please bring canned goods and any non perishable foods to Southside to donate to our community in need.

Nov. 9 Bring \$1.00 to watch Beauty and the Beast at the high school.

Nov. 9—Donuts with Dudes 7:20-7:45am.

Nov. 11—Veterans Day Assembly

Nov. 15—Wear your college/career/military shirt

Nov. 16—Turkey Day

Nov. 21-25—Thanksgiving Break/No School

Dec. 1—3rd/4th grade Christmas Program

Dec. 7—Christmas Pictures

Dec. 8—Stocking Surprise and Book Give Away.

Dec. 15—Early Release
Pre-Kinder 12:10 pm
Regular Car —12:40 pm
Bus 1:00 pm

Dec. 16—January 2—Winter Break/No School

Jan. 3—Students Return



Substitute Teachers:

We need substitute teachers at the school throughout the year to cover teachers for various trainings and teachers being out.

The next substitute trainings are **Tuesday, September 27th** and **Monday, October 24th** at the Mabank ISD administration building from 10:00am-11:30am. More information may be found on the MISD website or you may call our campus.

Morning Drop Off:

If you arrive before the designated drop off time of 7:30am, **please wait in line behind the orange cone at the beginning of the circle.** This allows staff members and visitors to be able to park in the parking area at the front of the school. Emergency vehicles also need room to enter should an emergency arise. **When staff members arrive to unload students, please pull all the way to the last person in a single line. Some parents choose to allow their child in an upper grade level to unload on the sidewalk without an adult which is allowable for our older students.**



PROCEDURE AFTERNOON Pickup

Pre-Kinder students dismiss earlier than our K-4th grade students and those parents have to get around the regular pick-up line. In an effort to keep the congestion down for pick up in the afternoon we need our regular cars (K-4th grade) to stop at the stop sign on Manning Drive just before they turn on Paschall Blvd. After pre-kinder dismisses then the regular car rider line (K-4th grades) may pull forward to the edge of the circle drive on Paschall Blvd. Please do not pull into the circle drive until you are motioned up as staff begin to walk outside. This allows for emergency vehicles to enter the drive should they need to.

Pick Up Procedures for Car Riders: Every vehicle must have a car rider tag visibly hanging on the rearview mirror all the way through the car rider line in order to pick up a student. Once your student is loaded in the car you may remove your tag, so that we know your child is loaded. You may want to ask for extra tags if you will have a grandparent or other people picking up your child. If the car tag is not visible or not in the vehicle, the person picking up your child will not be allowed to enter the circle and they will have to park and show their ID to verify they are allowed to pick a child up. ***As you pull into the circle, you may form two lines in the afternoon only. Please pull all the way into the circle to the far orange cone, and we will bring your child to you. Make sure you inform anyone who may pick up your child to stay inside the vehicle.*** Please remember: before you complain, have you asked how you may help or volunteer?

Help Us To KEEP ALL STUDENTS SAFE!!!!

Please remember that it is against the law to use your cell phone in a school zone. Actual accidents have occurred from distracted drivers. Please do not text or talk on your cell phone once you enter the school zone.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HARMED SOMEONE'S CHILD OR A STAFF MEMBER BECAUSE OF A PHONE? Thank you in advance by helping to keep our students and staff safe.

Reminder to those who do not normally pick up your child.

Please inform those who do not normally pick up your child that if they do not have a Southside Car tag that we will not put a child in the car with them without checking their ID. So often we try to explain that we do not know who they are and therefore need to check their ID and their response is, "Well, I can see them right there, I know who they are". The line is then held up because we try to explain that we are unable to just put kids in cars with adults because we deal with a few non-custodial parent/grandparent issues and they still argue with us which slows the line down. Ultimately, they end up showing their ID and we safely get the child to them but it holds up the line for everyone else trying to follow the procedure. Also, if you will let them know to watch the adults and follow our directions that it will go much smoother for them and everyone. Remind them that everyone is there for the same purpose and our job is to get children out to cars and loaded safely. Remind them to be patient with the process.