

Helping Children Achieve Their Full Potential



SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT /PRINCIPAL

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August 6th, 2024

To Students and Parents of Southside School,

I hope this letter finds you well and you are enjoying a hot yet beautiful summer. It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter to welcome you back to campus for the 2024-2025 school year. The Bulldog staff is excited to start the year with new activities and a positive school climate. I am looking forward to working with you and the highly respected and dedicated staff. The staff is preparing for the year and working collaboratively, focusing on delivering each student a meaningful 21st century learning experience.

If you are new to Southside school, I want to be the first to welcome you to the Bulldog family. I think you will quickly realize what a special place Southside is by the inclusive and family atmosphere created by our long traditions and supportive staff members. We are in our fourth year of using our academic intervention program of IXL. Our student management system, Aeries, has become our primary platform for school to parent communications and student information.

We will continue our after-school programs this year with the YMCA and homework club. Please look for information about the enrollment process for both programs.

Next, I would like to re-introduce our student positive behavior program called “Bulldog CARES”. This is our school wide positive behavior system to recognize and reward students for demonstrating character, respect, citizenship, and leadership. Our goal is creating learning environments, both in and out of the classroom, that teach and support students in making appropriate decisions and building positive character traits.

Our goals for this 2024-2025 school year are to focus on increased student attendance, addressing student achievement, school culture and climate, strengthening our communication systems, and a safe and secure campus.

Here is what to expect on the first day of school:

-School starts at 8:00 a.m. Please arrive 15-20 minutes before school to give yourself time to locate your new classroom.

- Please account for the heavy traffic in our small front parking lot, before and after school.
- When you get to school, please find your classroom and introduce yourself to your new teacher.

We have a minimum day schedule is for the first week of school:

- o 8/13-8/16 Minimum day 12:05 release

Parents, please look into getting involved in our school parent organization and in becoming a classroom parent leader. We have a very supportive and energetic **SPC (Southside Parent Club)** which supports many projects and activities on campus. Please email: southsideparentclub@gmail.com. They are very active in the Bulldog family.

Grade	Teacher Name	Email	Room #
TK	Wendy Abercrombie	wabercrombie@sbcoe.org	Room D
K	Jenna Cruz	jcruz@sbcoe.org	Room F
1	Sarah Radon	sradon@sbcoe.org	P-4
2	Joanna Glass	joglass@sbcoe.org	Room C
3	Suzanne Howard	showard@sbcoe.org	P-6
4	John Glass	jglass@sbcoe.org	P-5
5	Mary Casalegno	mcasalegno@sbcvoe.org	P-3
6	Dena Gregory	dgregory@sbcoe.org	P-1
7	Shannon Romiti	sromiti@sbcoe.org	Room A
8	Jilissa Phillips	jphillips@sbcoe.org	P-2
ART	Allison Barnes	abarnes@abcoe.org	Art Center
PE	Amanda Humphreys	ahumphreys@sbcoe.org	Room B

Regular Year Bell schedule for the year

Grade (s)	School Start Time	Regular End Time	Thursday Early Release
Transitional Kinder	8:00am	2:15pm	12:05pm
Kinder (K)	8:00am	2:15pm	12:05pm
Grades 1-3	8:00am	2:15pm	12:05pm
Grades 4-8	8:00am	3:00pm	12:05pm

I look forward to meeting each one of you and I know we are going to have a great year.

Go Bulldogs!

P.S. Please remind your parents that the tentative Back to School Night is **August 29th** and Student Picture Day is **October 4th**, please make a note of it.