

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Lobos!



Lobos News Fall 2017

Message from Principal Goertz:

Dear Students, Parents & Community:

South Middle School is committed to creating challenging learning environments that foster collaborative critical thinking, provide relevant learning experiences and empower self-directed goal setting for students to become STRONG citizens who will succeed in post-secondary opportunities and compete in a global workforce. This mission drives the work and planning we design for our students. Through our Vision we support students to: Learn. Inspire. Lead. Empower. At South Middle School, we are South STRONG! These values support us to develop a collaborative community focused on growth.

Success, Trust, Respect, Optimism, Noble-minded, Grit

We are honored that you have chosen to be a member of the South STRONG Lobo team. Our team is passionate about students, education and confectioining with our community.

If you have questions or concerns, please call us or stop by. We work hard to connect with our parents and community. To meet with an administrator please call us and we will schedule a time to connect. Because our administrative team is often in classrooms, scheduling a time to meet will ensure we are available to you when you come to South.

Our Dean of Climate & Culture, Ms. Green, is available to address safety concerns and discipline issues with the help from our campus monitors: Mr. Angel, Mr. Chuck, Mr. Dave, Ms. Tracee & Mr. LaBorde.

Our Counselor, Ms. Kania, is available to address academic planning, social and emotional development and concerns. We have a new teammate in our mental health department this year, Ms. Lindsay, Student Success Coach, who will be working with students to support them to success. The administrative team, Assistant Principal Mr. Lewis and I, are here to support in any way needed. You can find us at parent events including Parent Opportunity Gap Night, Family Nights, Parent-Teacher conferences, Sporting and Musical Events. For more information about these nights and additional volunteering opportunities, please connect with Ms. Diggs, Family Liaison.

Our entire team works together using Restorative Practices to help meet our mission. We have amazing educators and support staff who are committed to high-quality instruction and positive relationship to help everyone be South STRONG!

We are excited to have you join us for the 2017-18 school year!

Sincerely,
Courtney Goertz, Principal



Important

Dates to Remember

- 9/9- Girls swim@ Gateway 8 am
- 9/12- Fall Title 1 Meeting (6:00-8:00 pm)
- 9/15 - Teacher In-Service, No School for Students
- 9/21- Parent Teacher Conferences (4:30-7:30 pm)
- 9/22- Parent Coffee (8:45-9:45 am)
- 10/3- POG/TOG Night (6:00-8:00 pm)
- 10/10- Choir/Band Concert (6:00-8:00 pm)
- 10/12 - Professional Release Day, Half Day - Early Release
- 10/12-Student Organized WEB event for 6th grade students (11:45-1:30 pm)
- 10/13 - Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- 10/16-10/20 - Fall Recess, No School for Students
- 10/27- Quarterly Awards- All grades (ALL DAY)
- 11/8- SAAC Meeting (6:00-8:00 pm)
- 11/10 - Professional Release Day, Half Day - Early Release
- 11/10- Student Organized WEB event for 6th grade students (11:45-1:30 pm)
- 11/17- Parent Coffee (8:45-9:45 am)
- 11/22 - Parent Conference Exchange Day, No School for Students
- 11/23-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break, No School for Students
- 11/29- Parent Teacher Conferences (4:30-7:30 pm)
- 12/15- Student Organized WEB event for 6th grade students (11:45-1:30 pm)
- 12/20- Parent Coffee (8:45-9:45 am)
- 12/21 - Professional Release Day, Half Day - Early Release
- 12/22 - Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- 12/25/2017-1/5/2018 - Winter Recess, No School for Students

Mark Your Calendars!!!

South and RISE Colorado Present
Parent & Teen Opportunity Gap Night

**Tuesday October 3rd 6:00-8:00 pm
at South Middle School**

Don't miss it!
****Food **Door Prizes **Childcare
for children 3-9 yrs old**

We are South
Strong!

S-Success

T-Trust

R-Respect

O-Optimism

N-Noble Minded

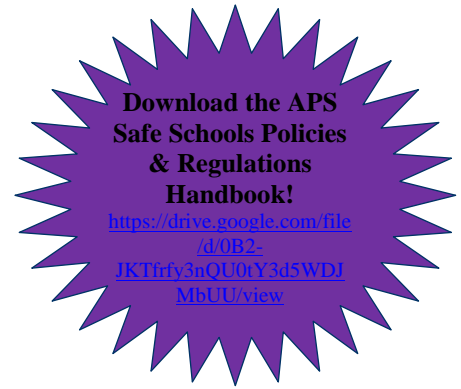
G-Grit

DON'T FORGET.....

Parent/Teacher conferences; September 21st 4:30-7:30 pm

Please take this opportunity to check in with teachers. Conferences are limited to 10 minutes and Spanish interpreters are available. Please contact Mrs. Diggs if you need interpretation in another language.

If you have not turned in your student's Annual Field trip agreement form, please stop by the main office and pick up a form. Thank You!



**COMPASS CLASSES
BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18TH**

**DETAILS COMING
SOON!**

Fall Title 1 Meeting

Please join us for information about South's Title 1 program, Free food and childcare is provided!
Tuesday Sept. 12, 5:30-7:00 pm

Parent Coffee

Friday, Sept 22, 8:45-9:45 am
Parent Portal Workshop
Learn how to use this helpful online tool to monitor your student's grades and attendance.

Notes from the Nurse:

A reminder that all 6th grade students require a TDAP upon entry to 6th grade. This is a change from previous years when the requirement was when students turned 11.

Shots for Tots and Teens:

Sept 9th at the Hoffman fire house. Low cost Immunizations at Aurora Fire Station #2. 12600 Hoffman Blvd. 2nd Saturday of each month, no appointment needed. Parent must be present and must bring immunization records. For more info, call 303-451-0123 School based clinics at Laredo and Crawford Elementary give immunizations but you will need to make an appointment. They use a sliding scale if you have no insurance. Please send the nurse a copy of any immunizations your child receives.

If your child needs to take medication at school a doctor's note is required. Please send it into the nurse along with the medication. The medication needs to be in the original bottle with student's name on it and instructions on how to administer. Thank You!

Nurse Carmel Devlin



**South Middle School
8th Period Homework
Support!**

Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (except early release days).

- 4:05-5:00 pm
- Meet in the media center
- All students are welcome!
- Get help with your homework, study skills and test taking skills.

Stop by the main office to request additional information!

Helpful Links:

Have you recently changed your address?
Use our new Online Address Change Tool! (Just stop by South and we will walk you through the process if needed).
<http://aurorak12.org/2016/05/11/online-address-change-tool/>

Don't Delay, Update Your Address TODAY!

Middle School Athletics

All 7th & 8th grade students MUST have a current sports physical to participate! Please contact Athletic Directors; Mr. Morley and Mr. Taylor for more information.

- Track
- Girls Swim
- Wrestling
- Girls Soccer
- Volleyball
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Broncos Futures Football

- August 10-Sept 16
- August 10-Sept 16
- Sept. 19-October 28
- Sept 19.- October 28
- October 31-December 16
- January 8-February 24
- March 5th-April 28th
- March 5th-April 28th
- March 4th-May 2nd



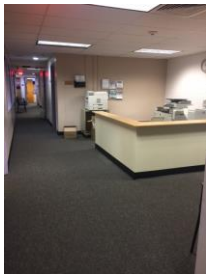
WEB Fundraiser!

During the month of September, WEB leaders will be selling Butter Braids to raise money for future WEB events. Orders will be delivered to the school before Fall Break. Mmmm!



Summer Construction at South!

This past summer, the main office and Media Center underwent some construction. We have brand NEW Carpet in both our Main Office and Media Center.



Along with new carpet, we have expanded our Conference room and created an additional office space within the Main Office. Come by and check it out!

We are also very excited to share the brand new Community Resource Room, located in South's Media Center.

Please stop by and take a peek into this room, as it is a room made especially for you, and this is where you will find our wonderful Parent Liaison, Ms. Diggs. She is settling into the Community room and would love to show it to you. This is where our Parent/Community volunteers make things happen! And it is where we keep many resources for the community.



Other News you can use!

School Messenger Text Messaging

APS is offering a new way to keep you informed about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

If your cell phone is on file at your child's school, you can now sign up to receive Text Message Notifications.

All you have to do is *text the word "Yes" or "Y"* to 67587, and you are in!

The only requirement to receive text messages is that you have a valid cell phone number on file in Parent Portal. Please contact South's main office if you need to update your cell phone number. We are excited to offer this new service in addition to the phone and email notifications you are already receiving. Please note that although APS does not charge for this service, message and/or data rates may apply.



South's Off-Campus Policy

Dear Parents/Guardians,
In order to ensure all South Middle School students' safety and security, We want to remind you that our school office hours are 8:00 am-4:30 pm. Therefore, we require that all south students be either in an after school activity/program or off- campus no later than 4:20 pm daily. As soon as the end of day bell rings, students have the opportunity to use our office and classroom phones to call home and/or head to an after school program.

A final announcement is made at 4:20 pm every day, advising students to be off-campus, whether it'd be waiting by the front gates for pick-up or heading home.

Any students that are found on campus and not in a program or with an adult **will receive as a consequence, Saturday school.**

We will continue to reinforce this policy throughout the 2017-2018 school year. Please call the main office if you have a specific concern or any questions regarding this policy.

Thank you!