

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Lobos!



Lobos News Spring 2018

Message from Principal Goertz:

Parents, Guardians and Community,

We are in full swing of our assessment season. Our students and staff have worked so hard this year and we welcome the opportunity to show off all of our hard work to our state, city and community!

South STRONG staff has begun to plan for the 2018-19 school year! This time of year is exciting as we plan for all the experiences we want our students to have through the summer and next school year. Please join our parent coffees and SAAC meetings to share your thoughts! This is the time to understand areas we have grown in, learn about the ways we are continuing to improve and plan for new experiences we want our students to have including planning for their future behind middle school and high school.

While safety and security continues to be a challenge across our nation, South Middle School continues to improve our safety procedures and security. In addition to our 5 campus monitors, Aurora Public Security officers and in partnership with the Aurora Police Department, we are installing additional cameras to increase the areas we monitor. Our doors will have new, enhanced technology including new locking mechanisms and videoing. We have increased the staff who monitor our cameras daily from one to four. While we are increasing the security of our campus, it continues to be most important that our students and community communicate information to our staff. Please encourage our students to report any suspicious information, even if there is doubt, to our staff. We also use the Safe-2-Tell services which allows anonymous reporting.

Aurora Public Schools Mission:

In partnership with our community, we accelerate learning for all students to develop the knowledge, skills and character necessary to shape successful futures.

Aurora Public Schools Vision:

Every student shapes a successful future.

South Middle School Mission:

We create 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.

South Middle School Vision:

Learn. Inspire. Lead. Empower.

South Middle School STRONG Values:

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

MIS #1:

Identify, implement, and monitor systems and skills necessary for highly effective professional development initiatives aimed at improving teacher/leader effectiveness.

MIS #2

Identify, implement and monitor systems and structures for student data reporting and standards based unit/lesson planning.

MIS #3

Identify implement and monitor the trajectory of talent growth using systems and skills necessary for highly effective observation and feedback aimed at improving teacher effectiveness.

Upcoming changes to Student Registration!

Parents:

For the 2018-1019 school year Aurora Public Schools is introducing an electronic option for updating annual registration forms. You will be able to verify your address, phone numbers, email addresses. For each student you will be able to update emergency contacts, health card and annual permissions.

* What can you do to prepare? Make sure that your email address on file is correct.

* How can I check my email address?

Login in to your parent portal account and verify your email address.

*Don't know your parent portal login?

Contact Ms. Diggs, at extension 25805.



Important

Dates to Remember

- April 10- Family Learning Night 2 5:45-8:00 pm
- April 20- Parent Coffee 8:45am
- April 26- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 9:00am
- May 1- 5th Grade Family Night and Wellness Expo 5:30-7:00p
- May 4- Half day early release
- May 10- Instrumental/Choir Concert
- May 18- Parent Coffee 8:45am
- May 23- 8th grade continuation
- May 24- Last Day of School!

South has a New APP!

Download our Mobile App for Free!

Stay in touch with South Middle School while on the go.

APP FEATURES:

- News/ Noticias
- Notifications
- Calendar/Calendario
- Absence/Ausencia
- Staff/Facultad
- Resources/ Recursos



**8th Grade Popcorn Fundraiser
April 3-19**



Please consider supporting our 8th graders who are raising money for their end of year trip to Elich Gardens. Your family, friends and co-workers will LOVE **Double Good** popcorn!!! Order forms will go home with students the week of April 2nd and orders are due to Mrs. Diggs by April 19th.

Mark Your Calendars!!!

South and RISE Colorado Present
Family Learning Night 2
Tuesday April 10th
5:45-8:00 pm at South Middle School

Science, Mental Health and Parenting Workshops
Refreshments and childcare provided!
Contact Family Liaison Kim Diggs for more info. 303-364-7623

We are South Strong!

S-Success

T-Trust

R-Respect

O-Optimism

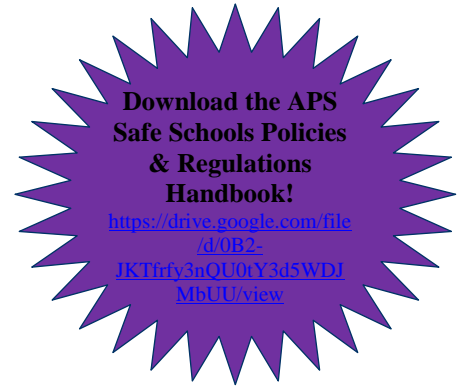
N-Noble Minded

G-Grit



7TH/8TH GRADE HEALTH CLASSES:

Letters are going home the first week of April to explain the health classes which will be taught later this month. Sexual health and reproduction will be covered in these classes for 7th and 8th graders. Parents may choose not to have their student participate in this class by signing and returning the letter. Please contact us if you have any questions!

**Parent Coffees 8:45 am**

-April 20th
-May 18th

Contact Family Liaison Kim Diggs for more information or to suggest a topic!

Thank you Volunteers!

Our amazing parent volunteers have contributed almost **100 hours** of their time to our school!

Special thanks to South STRONG dad; Kevin Mosaafa and Ronald Jones, Jr.

We also want to thank our Community Partners: Peace Mennonite Church, Parkview UCC, King Soopers, Brad Martin(Santa), Skate City, Aurora Youth Options, Asian Pacific Development Center.

Together we are South STRONG!

Notes from the Nurse:**South Families:**

All 7th graders and all students new to the district received vision and hearing screenings in February. Any student who didn't pass had a referral mailed home. If your student received a referral please schedule an appointment for an evaluation and return the form to the nurse as soon as possible.

Thank you to all the parents who made sure your child received their required vaccines. If your child still needs a vaccine please send in a copy once your child has received them.

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!

SAVE THE DATE!
**5th Grade Family Night
and
Health and Wellness Expo at South**

Tuesday May 1st
5:30-7:00 pm

Please see attached flyer!



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Please take a look at the attached Resources!

- Keeping Kids Healthy and Ready to Learn
- Family Learning Night #2
- Boys' Soccer Schedule
- Girls' Basketball Schedule
- Health & Wellness Expo
- 5th Grade Night
- South has a new App

Dress Code Reminder!

Springtime is always a good time to review your students clothing choices with South Middle School's clothing guidelines. Aurora Public Schools has established guidelines which state that "student dress that is potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school" will not be allowed. When considering spring and summer clothes please remember the following guidelines:

- No sleeveless shirts, tank-tops or "muscle shirts"
- No shorts/skirts shorter than the tips of your fingers when your arms hang to your side.
- Clothing may not be too tight, too sheer or too revealing (includes low-cut or midriff baring shirts)
- Blouses & dresses must have sleeves that cover the top of the shoulder
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- Leggings and yoga pants may only be worn if you have a shirt, skirt or shorts worn over them that reaches to your fingertips or below.
- Clothing that has holes, rips or tears more than 4-inches above the knee; this includes "distressed/destroyed" jeans.
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- No t-shirts with gang, drug or inappropriate advertisements, logos or pictures
- No sagging
- Headwear including hats, caps, and do-rags may not be worn at anytime during the school day.

South Middle School's administrators reserve the right to determine if any clothing is inappropriate and to ask the student to call home for a change of clothing or loan the student an appropriate attire to comply with dress code. If a student consistently wears inappropriate clothing other disciplinary consequences will be enforced.

Attachments:

- Parent Portal- Verify address
- South has a new App!
- Keeping Kids Healthy & Ready to Learn

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!