

Southern Wells Raider Review

Southern Wells Elementary
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Student Motto: Work Hard in Difficult Times...Stay Strong



Principal's Pen

Southern Wells Elementary School appreciates open and timely communication. We work to create a positive partnership between parents and the school, to enhance the wellbeing and learning opportunities for our students.

Email is a convenient method of communication that can save time when used effectively. It is particularly useful in those instances when communication during regular work hours is not possible. We encourage you to send emails when you have a question regarding work, school activities, or your child's effort.

Staff are encouraged to respond to all email within a reasonable timeframe. Teachers may choose to send or respond to work related emails at the time of their choosing, but there is no expectation to respond outside of work hours (7:45AM-3:15PM). Often an email that is received requires some time to gather information to reply properly.

Emails regarding car-riding/bus/transportation should be sent to both Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Blevins – rcollins@swraiders.com and tblevins@swraiders.com. Changes in transportation need to be sent prior to 2:00PM and must be done via email/note. This insures that the email is seen and students/teachers are notified in time to make the necessary adjustments.

Should you change your email address – phone number or address – please contact the office so that we can continue to communicate with you. We appreciate your support!



Raider of the Day

The following students were recognized as Raiders of the Day: Rowyn Hartley, Drake Hicks, Carter Elzey, Noah Neuenschwander, Bella Rogers, Lane McCune, Wyatt Hicks, Lyla Lyons, Makyla Prior, Jazzmen Mills, Russell Frauhiger, Emree Mounsey, Royal Frauhiger, Kayson Dillon, Mason Edmonds, Catalina Ramirez, Landon Johnson, Marshall Simpson, Olivia Hoffacker, and Christian Kirby



PIE News

The annual Walk-a-Thon was held on October 2nd. We have raised \$4,211. The top fundraisers were: 1st place was Briggs Fiechter, 2nd Hazel Leas and 3rd Lane McClure. Mrs. Moser class raised the most money and will be getting the ice cream party. We appreciate all the hard work the Raider families have put into collecting money for this year! Thank you!!

Every year, during conference time, P.I.E. is happy to provide the teachers with a meal. We appreciate all the teachers and know they are working hard for our children.

We are still collecting Box Tops. There have been a few changes to the Box Top program, but we are still accepting clean clipped Box Tops. Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. You can download the Box Tops for Education app through the Apple Store or Google Play. If you need more information please check out the website www.boxtops4education.com or contact a PIE member.

Don't forget to register your Kroger card. Kroger donates 5% of its sales to customers who sign up for the community rewards program. Just go online to www.kroger.com/account/enrollcommunityrewardsnow and link your card to Southern Wells Elementary. You will know your card is linked when it shows on the bottom of your receipt that community rewards go to SW. Anyone can do this, so please share with your family and friends.

The Coffel's Market receipt program has been discontinued because of Coffel's Market changing ownership. Collecting receipts is no longer needed. Thank you to all who have done so in the past.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8th at 7:00p. Due to restrictions this year, the meeting will be held at Jenna Frauhiger's home. Please contact Jenna at (260) 827.8943 for the address. We would love to have you join us at the meeting and help us plan some fun events for the year. If you can't attend a meeting but have questions or ideas, please contact one of the officers.

2020-2021 P.I.E. Officers: President- Chella Leas (260) 804.0602, Vice President- Jenna Fraughier(260) 827.8943, Treasurer- Caryn Johnson (260) 417.2306, Secretary- Jessica Fiechter (260) 273-0534



Parent/Teacher Conference

On Thursday, October 15th and Monday, October 19th, SWES will hold its Parent/Teacher Conferences. A form was sent home with students asking parents for the best time of day to have a phone or Zoom conference with their child's teacher. Please return that form to school ASAP if you haven't already done so. Once all of them have been returned, teachers will then schedule students for conferences. Please be watching for a sheet coming home with the date and time for your student's conference. The phone or Zoom conferences will run from 3:30 - 7:00pm both evenings. There will be no in-person conferences at school. Students will attend school full days on the 15th and 19th but there will be no school on October 21st – 23rd for Fall Break.



Reminders from the Office

- Please be sure that the office has good working cell number so that parents can be reached. Many times the office or nurse try to contact parents only to find out the number is not a working number or the voicemail is full or not set up. It's very important to be able to contact parents in case of an emergency.
- November 3rd is Election Day. SWES will be using this day as an eLearning Day. School will not be in session.
- On November 4th, SWES will be on a one hour delay for a teacher in-service. School will begin at 9:00am. The school will be having one hour delays the first Wednesday of every **other** month. Please be sure to refer to your school calendar that was sent home at the beginning of the school year if you have any questions.



Guidance Notes

Guidance lessons: This month we will begin learning about our brain, with the goal being that students will gain understanding of their emotions and reasons they may have different emotions. Students will learn about the hormone, Cortisol and how stress play affects our brain and bodies. The class will discuss what to do when we feel negative emotions and what we can do to lessen our anxiety levels.

Counseling: If you are interested in your child receiving case management and/or counseling services from Bowen Center or Park Center, please contact Miss Wilson for details and a referral. These services can benefit students in a variety of ways, including helping with stress and anxiety, anger management, and social skills. Students with Medicaid insurance often qualify for free services.



Lunchroom News

Hope the year is going well. In the lunchroom all the students seem to be adjusting well to the lunch program. The students have done a great job this year remembering their lunch numbers. Please parents with a kindergartner practice their number with them. They could use a little extra help.

Starting back on September 16th we implemented free lunches and breakfast for all students. The USDA granted a waiver to allow this to happen through December of 2020 or till the money runs out, whichever happens first. You still need to apply for free and reduced lunches if you would like textbook assistance. This is a good time to clear up any negative balance that your student might have in their lunch acct. This way you can start with a clean slate come January.

The Breakfast program is picking up because everyone can eat for free. If your student would like to join us for breakfast he or she is more than welcome. We offer what is on the menu for the hot entrée and one other choice of a cold breakfast plus their fruit and milk. On Monday, they can choose the hot item or pop tart. Tuesday is the hot item or muffin. Wednesday is the hot item or cereal bowl. Thursday is the hot item or donut. Friday is the hot item or celebration bar. Everything we serve for breakfast is whole grain. All your student needs to do is come straight to the cafeteria off the bus. If your child rides the Warren bus then we are ready to serve breakfast when they get here. If your child is a car rider then they can come to the cafeteria at 7:30am. Remember, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It gives your student that extra boost to have a good day of learning. If they miss breakfast at home then encourage them to eat at school.

October 12-16 is National School Lunch Week. Watch for upcoming events and activities during that week.

The school lunch program is through Titan. If you have not already done so, please go into Titan family portal and set up your student acct. All students from one family are on the same account. Just keep clicking on add student. This is your only way to keep track of what your student is doing at lunch. You can make online payments to the lunch program. Fill out free and reduced applications. Check your student history on there if you have any questions about where all the money is going. You do not have to make online payments. You can still send money to school with your student. The online payment is a convenience for people who like to do that. There is a \$2.60 fee charged to your bank acct for using this. Titan can be found on the school website under quick links.

Call or email me if you have any questions or concerns. To contact me by phone just call the school and my extension is 1137. My email address is cmossburg@swraiders.com. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Chris Mossburg, FSD

October

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| 8 | PIE Meeting @ Jenna Frauhiger's house @ 7pm |
| 15 & 19 | Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:30pm – 7:00pm, no in-person conferences) |
| 21 – 23 | Fall break |

November

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| 3 | Election Day (School will not be in session – eLearning Day) |
| 4 | One hour delay for teacher in-service (school will begin @ 9am) |
| 25-27 | Thanksgiving break |

