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# Principal's Newsletter

## November 6, 2020

### **SOUTHSIDE'S**

**VISION:** To learn, to dream, to laugh, to love every child every day - whatever it takes!

**MISSION:** To use data-driven instruction for progress monitoring, so that each student is learning, succeeding and reaching above and beyond their potential every day.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

11/11 - Veteran's Day Virtual Celebration - We will email the link to a special video on Wednesday

11/16 - PTO Meeting - sign up on [southsidepto.org](http://southsidepto.org)

11/18 - Planning Day for Teachers - **NO School**

11/25-11/27 - Thanksgiving Holiday - **NO School**

11/30 - Return to school

### **WHAT'S NEW AND NOTEWORTHY?**

#### **Dismissal on Monday and Tuesday 11/9 -11/10**

Parents, due to potential rain and windy weather possible on Monday and Tuesday of next week, we will be having all parents use the **"parent self check-in" (on the left below)** instead of the "QR CODE check-in." We have found the QR Code will not work in the rain, so to make it easier, we will use the dismissal button.

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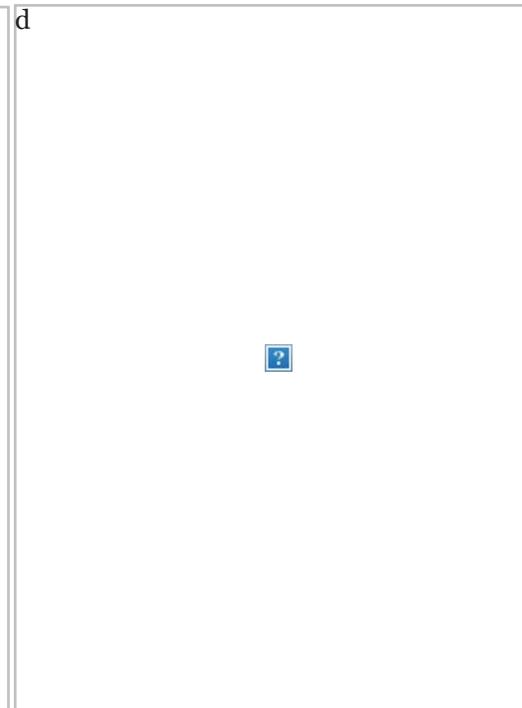
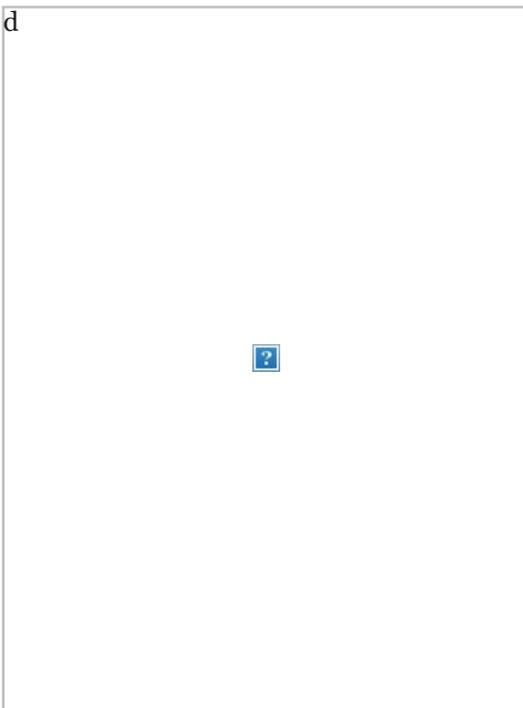
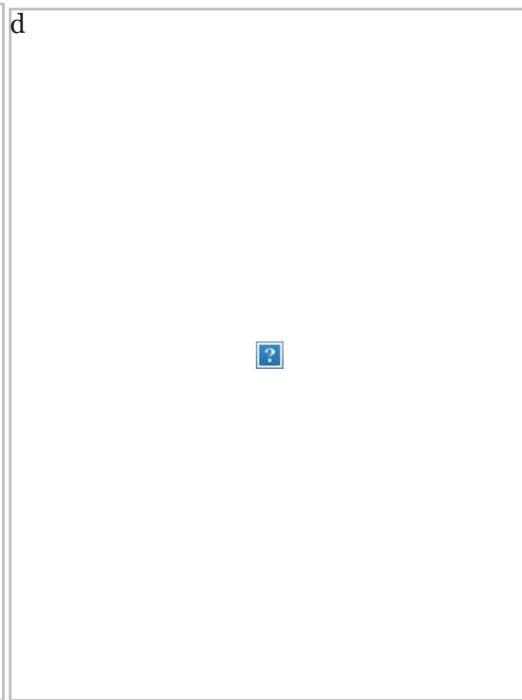
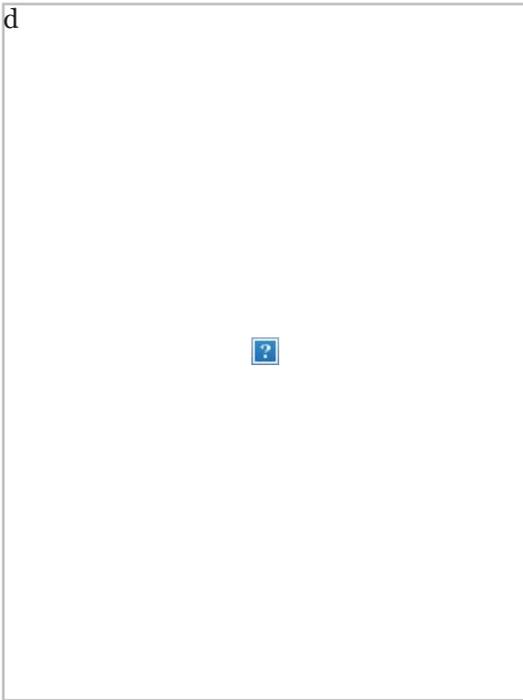
You can see that they look the same except you will not see the option to check in via the code - you will only see the option to check in as shown above on the left. Everything else stays the same.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE?

### Elementary Election Excitement...EVERYWHERE!

Southside Panthers participated in different types of elections or election activities this week in order to simulate our important civic right and duty to vote.

First, students in **Miss Jones' Kindergarten class** held a special election in which the students voted for their very own Kindergarten class president!! They learned about the process of voting, the three branches of government, and they had a brief lesson on the electoral college as well. Such a fun lesson!

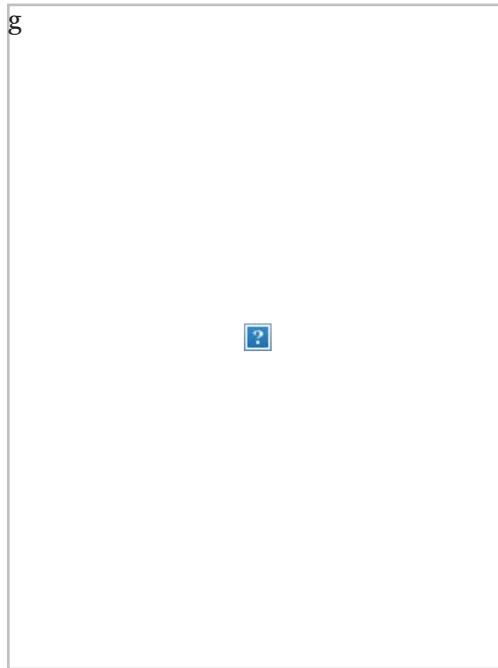
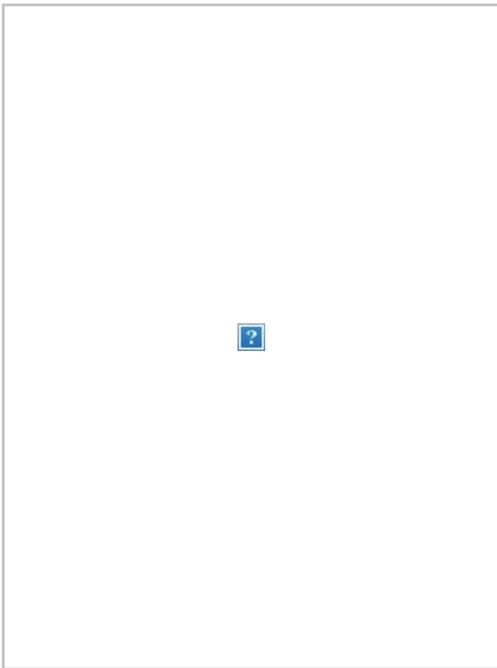


Next, **students in grades K-5** Voted for their favorite MOVIE NIGHT movie! The three choices were Onward, Sonic the Hedgehog, and Trolls World Tour. Sonic the Hedgehog won with **53% of the vote!** Stay tuned for more on this year's Movie Night sponsored by our Southside Foundation for the Arts.

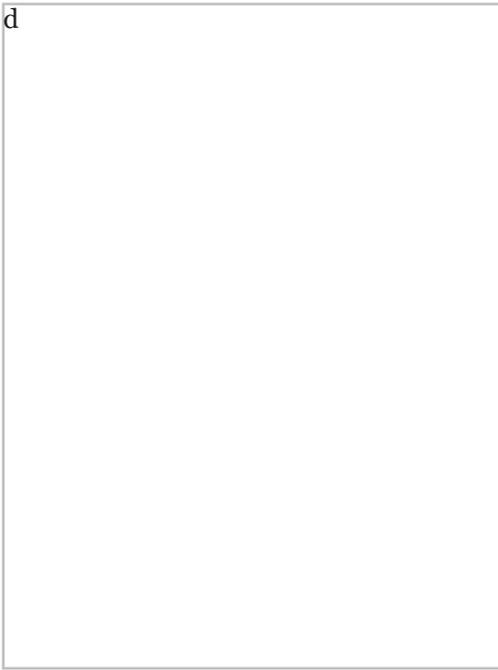
Sonic the Hedgehog (film) - Wikipedia



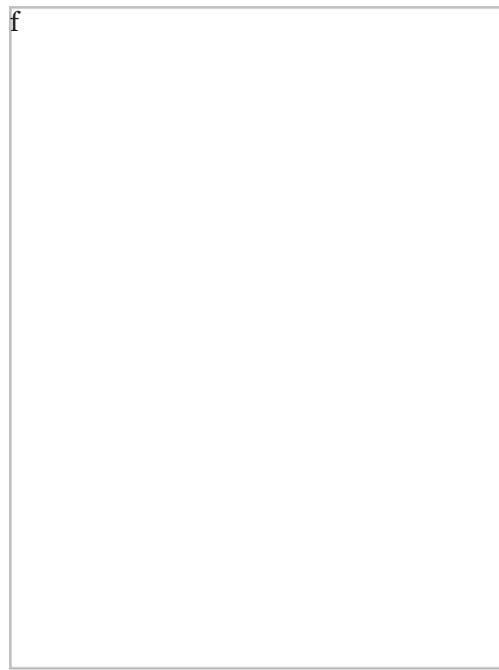
Here are some of the **Kindergarten students in "Mrs. SoPro's" class** who placed their ballot in the ballot box and received and proudly wore their "I Voted" stickers.



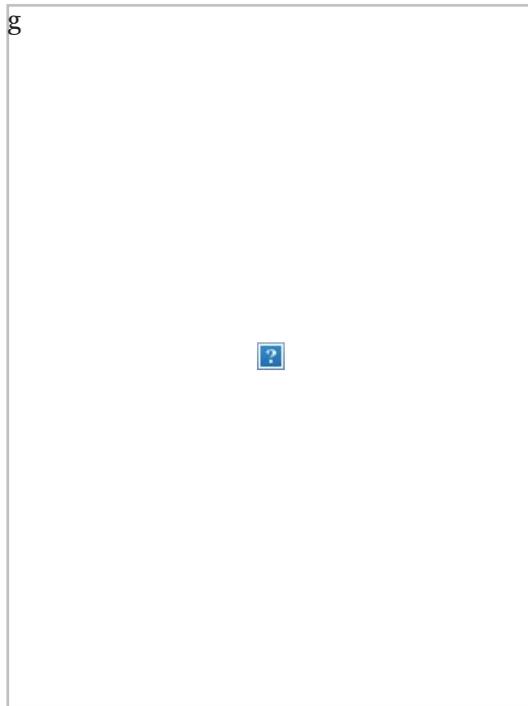
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Next, **Fifth Grade students in Mrs. Eicher and Casanas' classes** shared their Presidential Persuasion projects. Students chose who they would like to nominate for President, researched about them, then created a persuasive campaign poster telling others why he/she should be president. The pictures below show the students presenting these to their peers, including the remote learners. Students will soon get to practice their right to vote on who of these chosen people should be President!

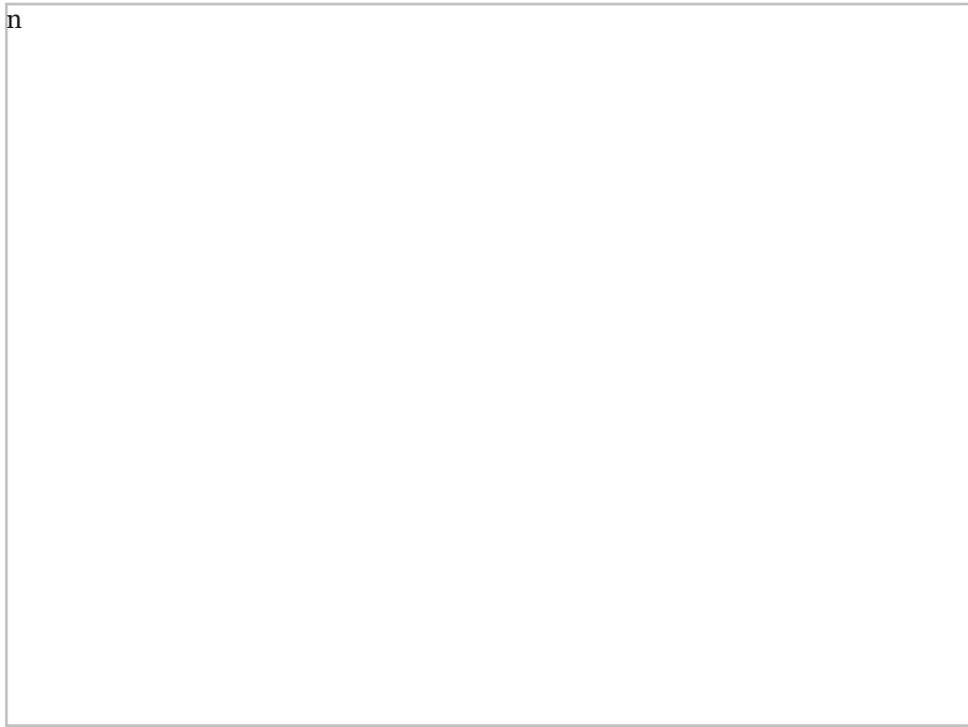
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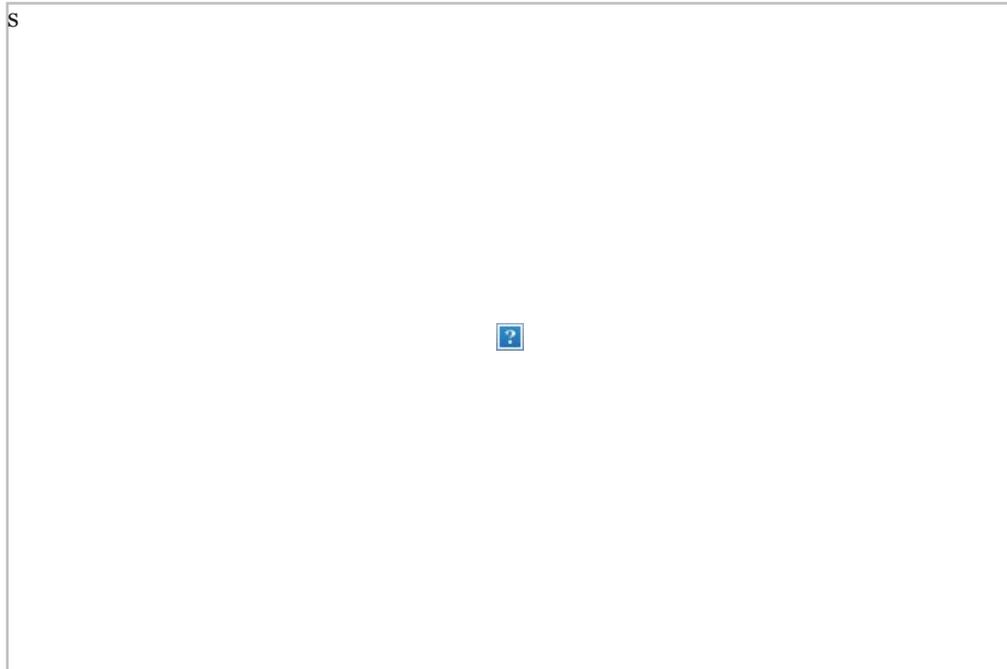


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Lastly, many classes on the **2nd Grade Team** held a Candy Election and voted for their favorite candy candidates. The two finalists were Starburst and Sour Patch, but ultimately, Sour Patch won! Here are some of **Mrs. Davidson's** students with their "Vote For" posters.

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## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### **Father's Being Involved (FBI)**

Calling all DADS!! The FBI supports our Southside PTO and SSFA by participating in various events which are normally held at the school, such as our Fall Festival, Movie Night, and Spring Fling Dance. This is a fun and easy way to be involved in your child's elementary experience. Please email: [jennifer.nzeza@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:jennifer.nzeza@sarasotacountyschools.net) if interested. Thank you!

**Have a wonderful weekend! Stay safe!**

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