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Principal's Newsletter

December 5, 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

12/5 - SSFA Winter mART online - See flier below

12/7-12/11 - Southside Student Holiday House - Information sent home today

12/14 - PTO Meeting 2:00 PM

12/21-1/3/21 - Winter Break

1/4 - Students Return to school

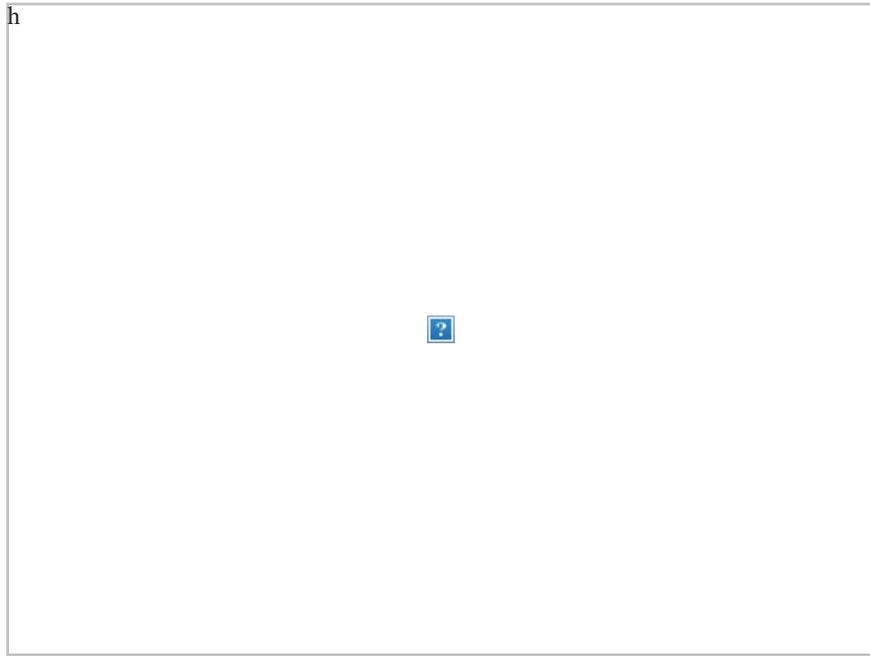
Please read the **important reminders at the end of this newsletter.

WHAT'S NEW AND NOTEWORTHY?

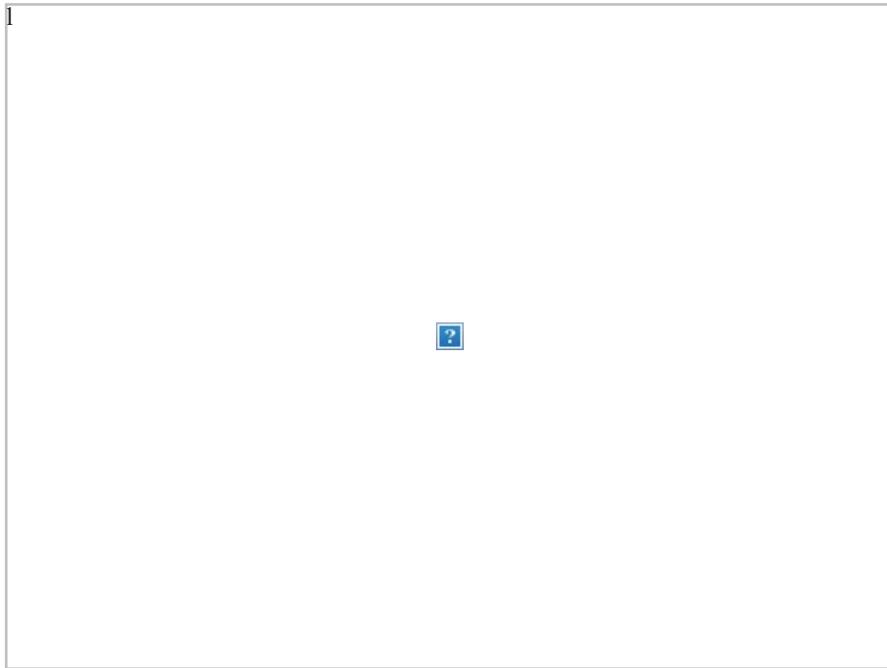
Pizza and Poinsettias

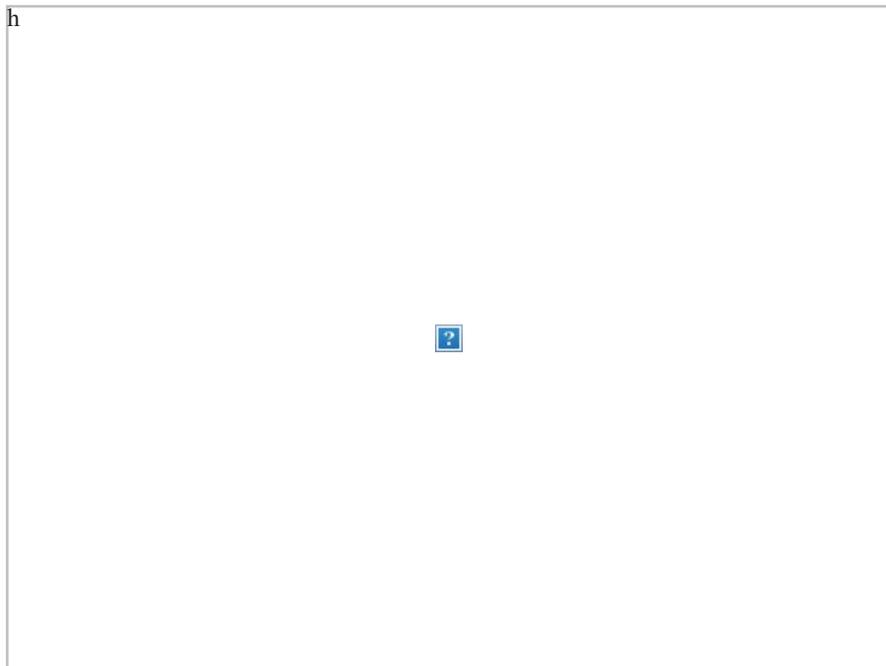
A wonderful tradition started by former principal, Steve Dragon, continued this year for our Southside staff. We met outside in the courtyard to gather - safely distanced - and enjoy some "family" time! In addition to pizza from Origin and poinsettias, we added an ornament exchange. We love our Southside family! Thank you to Christen Ralich for organizing the event.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE?

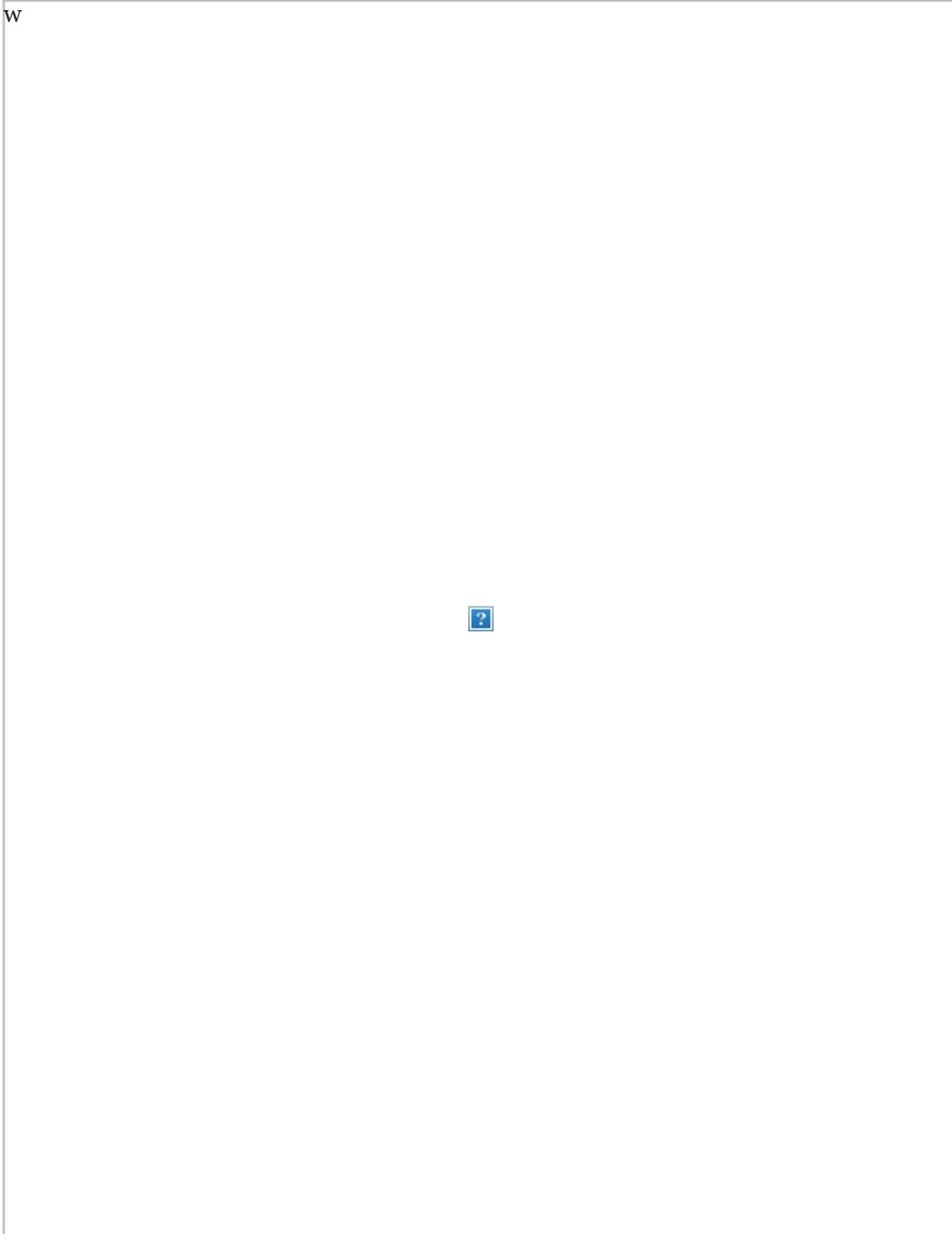
SSFA Annual Winter mART

Please visit www.southsidefoundation.org today to order some inexpensive gifts for loved ones and friends with featured art by our very own Southside Students!

Primary: Zak Linehan-Teyke, Maci Melderis, Norah Pawloski, Tessa Distler, Mia Spiro, Jase Baldwin, Adam Ponte, Peter Fenton, Pierce Schwager, King Butler, Jullian

Yunis, Arch Long, Audrey Wallin, Hattie Gamble, and Elliot Mathes

Intermediate: Celia Collier, Rocco Giovannone, Katie Livingston, Ben Fairweather, and Colton Murse



Southside Snowflakes Wall 2020

This year our amazing PTO and Guidance Staff are once again spearheading our annual Southside Snowflakes. In a normal year, the Snowflake wall is in the front office for all to see and choose from. This year, families can choose a family and purchase gifts online for

the family directly through AMAZON!

Please visit https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17g44xyxemkm6?ref_=wl_share.

When you arrive on the site, you will see items listed. Next to each item you will see a comment bubble which tells you how to label the item - example: "Child C5" on the gift. This indicates for the staff which family you chose and which child in the family the gift goes to, so please make sure you pay attention to that piece.

We are so grateful to all of you who choose to participate!

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Important Reminders - ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Please remember that we are one of only two elementary schools that allows parents to walk up to the school during arrival and dismissal. We worked closely with district staff to develop a plan for safely distancing our families using signage, which we purchased and placed at strategic locations around the school to provide clarity for parents and students. When we all work together, our plan and system for keeping everyone safe, regardless of how we all feel about the urgency of following these steps, works.

Additionally, our district has a mask policy in place. Visitors to the school, including school board property such as the grassy areas in front of the school and sidewalks near the front office, must wear a face covering. Please do not come to arrival or dismissal without a face covering. It is an uncomfortable situation for staff and for other families. This does not represent our Southside philosophy.

Lastly, the playground is still unavailable for use after school. We cannot ensure families will be socially distanced and we do not have staff to supervise that area to make sure families are socially distanced. Additionally, we have an after-school program and after-school clubs that use the area after school. I know that for many of you this is your neighborhood playground, and I definitely know it is so tempting for our littles when they are able to use it during the day, but this is not unlike other schools at this time.

We really appreciate all of you helping us in regards to these policies and procedures. They won't last forever, and we can't make this work without you.

Have a wonderful weekend! Stay safe!



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