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# Principal's Newsletter

## December 18, 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**

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

1/4 - Students Return to school

1/18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

1/22 - End of the Second Grading Period

1/25 - Professional Day - No School for students

Dear Southside Families,

We wish all of you the most safe, loving, and enjoyable holiday with your families and friends. We are blessed to know you, teach and care for your children, and to have worked so cooperatively **together** throughout this incredible year.

We are ready to say goodbye to 2020 and to usher in a healthier, happier, more productive 2021 alongside YOU. Thank you for trusting us to help teach and positively impact your most precious children. We hope we can continue to work together to make your children's elementary experience the best in Sarasota.

Sincerely,

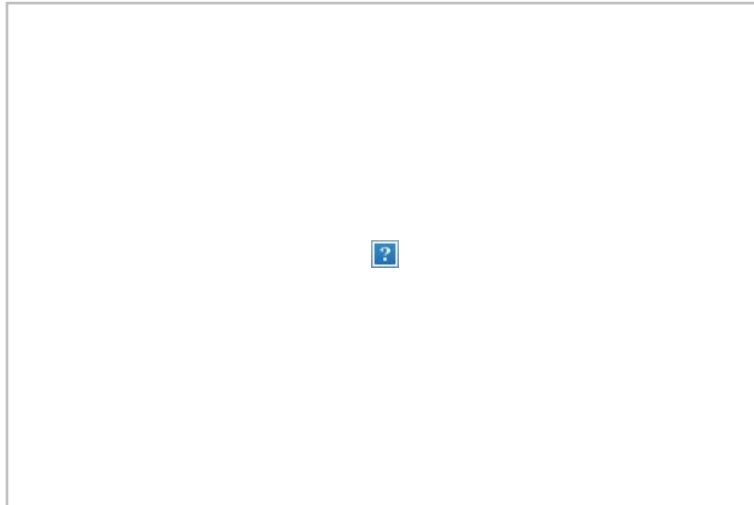
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## WHAT'S NEW AND NOTEWORTHY?

### Facilities Updates

Over the holiday break our district custodial staff will reapply the long-lasting Omni Shield spray. This is an antimicrobial technology and will be applied to touch point surfaces throughout the campus to help maintain sanitization.

Further good news is that Facilities Services has adopted a potable water flushing program to improve the quality of water being provided at Sarasota County Schools. Establishing an ongoing flushing program is one of the most effective ways to ensure the water quality is preserved by decreasing water age. A routine maintenance flushing will occur twice a year. All school buildings will be flushed and at the end of Summer Break, and school buildings built prior to 1986 will be flushed again at the end of Winter Break. Custodial will be on site before students return from break to complete this task.



We are so appreciative to our custodial staff and our district for maintaining high levels of safety for our students!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE?

### Wonderous Portraits

Students in **Mrs. Bass' 4th Grade** class just finished the book, Wonder, and students created their own self- portraits inspired by the artwork on the cover of the book. They also took a personality test to gain a little insight into their own personalities. This helped them choose the words used to describe themselves and those things that mean the most to them within their self-portraits.

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### **Secret Santofficer**

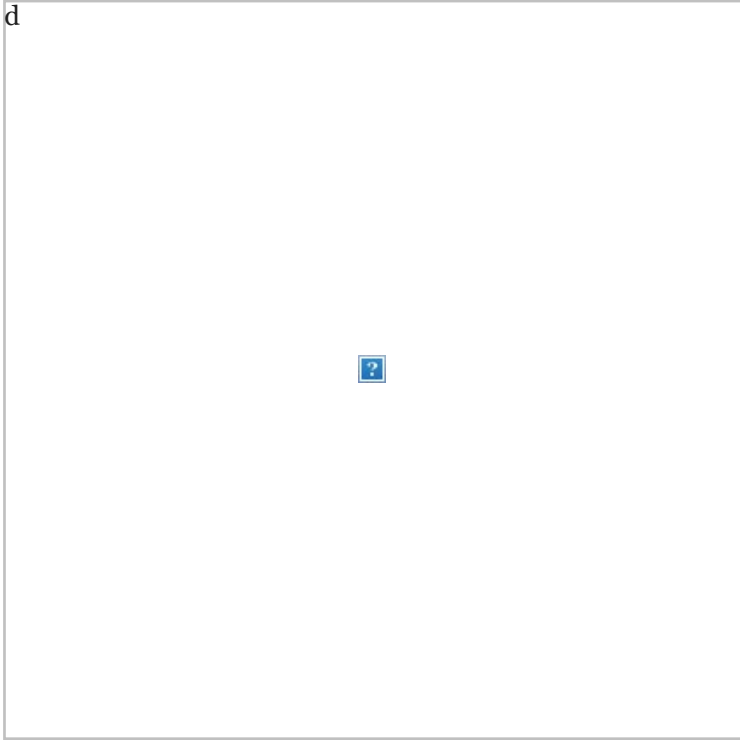
What happens when parent volunteers are restricted from helping with our teachers with their class parties??? You recruit the school police officer to help! Our wonderful Officer Ward came to the rescue in **Mrs. Davidson's 2nd Grade** class this week and helped to secretly set up and supervise a fun holiday activity. The kids had a great time and we were all very thankful for his help! Thank you, Officer Ward!

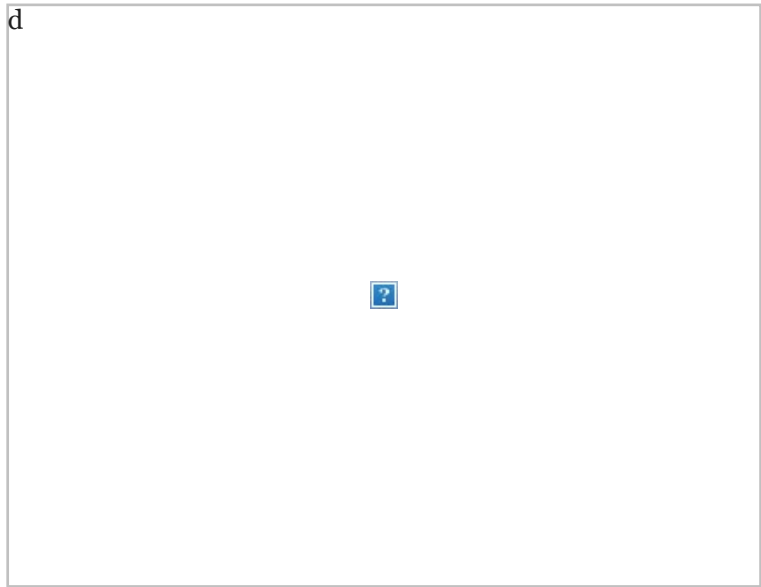
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Stealthily Stashing Goodies

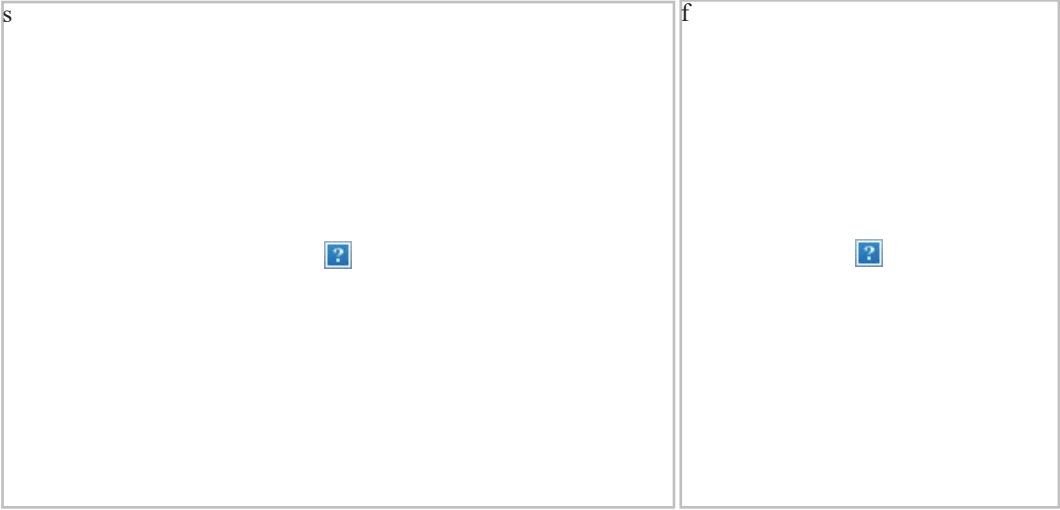
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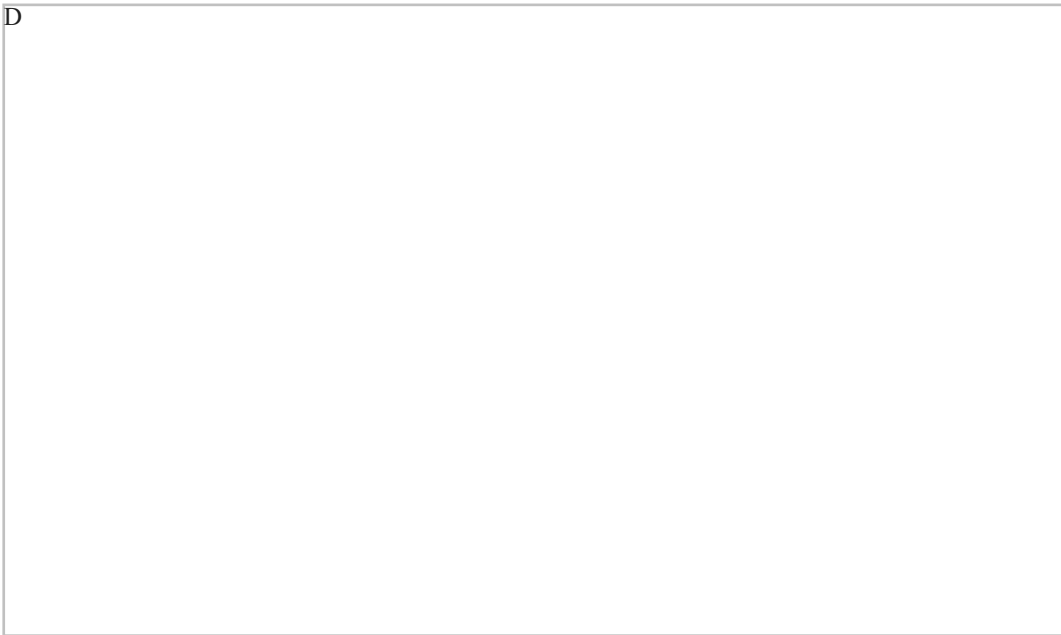


**Holiday Happiness**

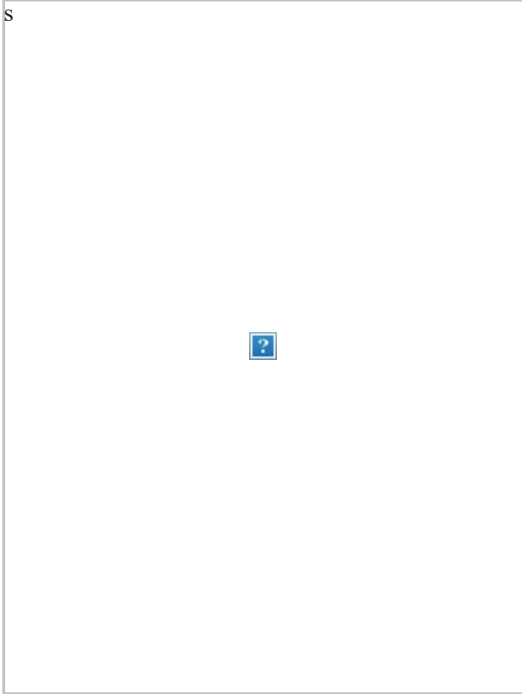
Students in **Music Class with Mr. G.** enjoyed playing holiday music and surprising their teacher, **Mrs. Pedler**, by creating a personalized gift. Teachers and administration helped spread some holiday happiness by wearing spirited shirts, hand-delivering small gifts, and sponsoring lunch for the staff from **Knick's Tavern.**



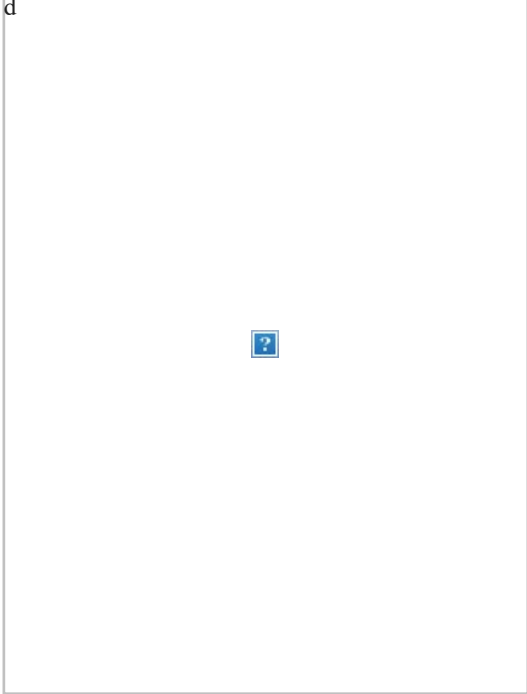
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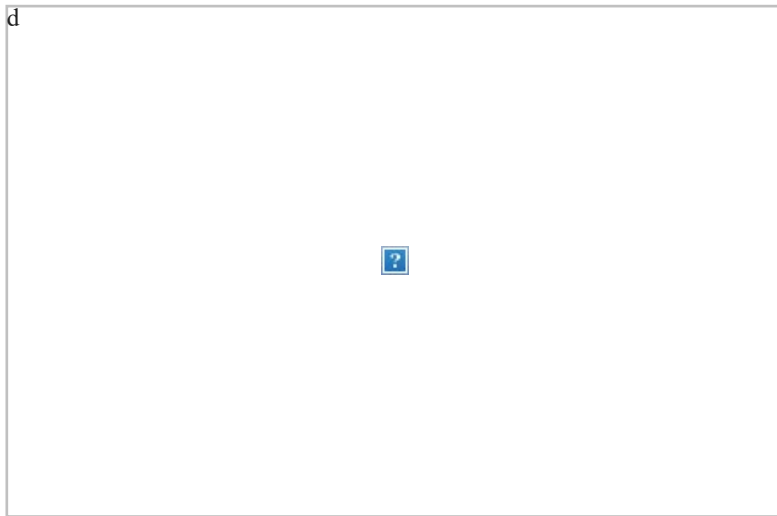
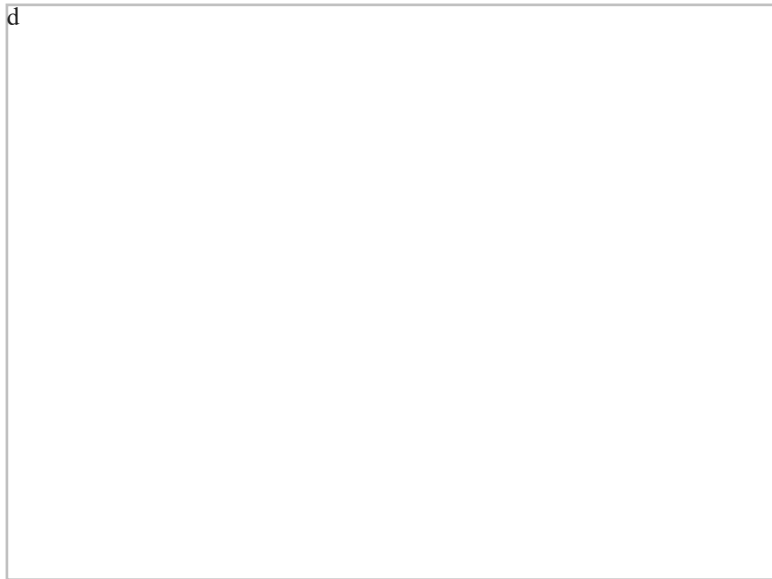


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A GREAT way to end 2020 - with laughs, smiles, food, and fun activities this week!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Stay safe!**



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