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Principal's Newsletter

January 23, 2021

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.

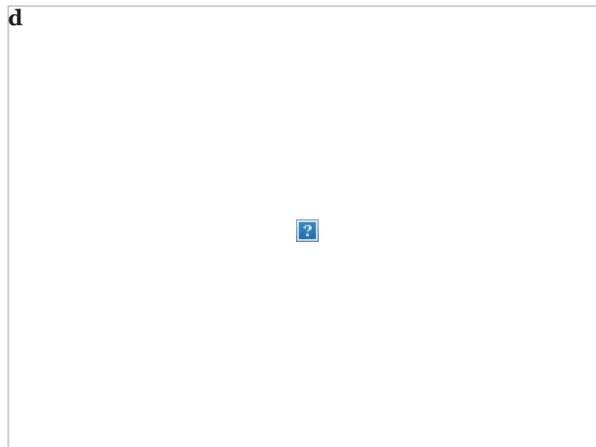
IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/22 - End of the Second Grading Period
- 1/25 - Professional Day - No School for students
- 1/25-1/29 - Celebrate Literacy Week - "Humanity Tells a Story: What's Your Chapter?"
- 1/26 - Students return to school, Quarter 3 begins
- 1/28 - Principal Chat #2 - See information in reminders below

WHAT'S NEW?

Behind-The-Scenes Helpers

We are so excited to share a little about some of our staff members who work to make Southside the best school in the district. This week we introduce to you our long-time day custodian, **Cesar Jenkins**.



Cesar has custodial experience at all school levels. He began in the district at Riverview High School and Sarasota Middle School before finding his way to Southside. Notably, he has worked for five principals at Southside for nearly 26 years! Whew!

Cesar is one of those people who takes care of things before you even have to ask. He anticipates problems and notices potential issues and proactively addresses them. He is also one of the most helpful staff members we have here at Southside. You can count on him to be there to assist when you need him and to do the job well.

Cesar also likes to help people after school and on the weekends. He's probably helped at least half of our staff member's homes in some capacity. He is just an overall great guy, who also enjoys watching drag racing at Desoto Speedway and running races against our fifth-grade students. Fun Fact: He always wins, much to the chagrin of the kids. Next time you see him, make sure to say hello!

Middle School Options - Booker Middle

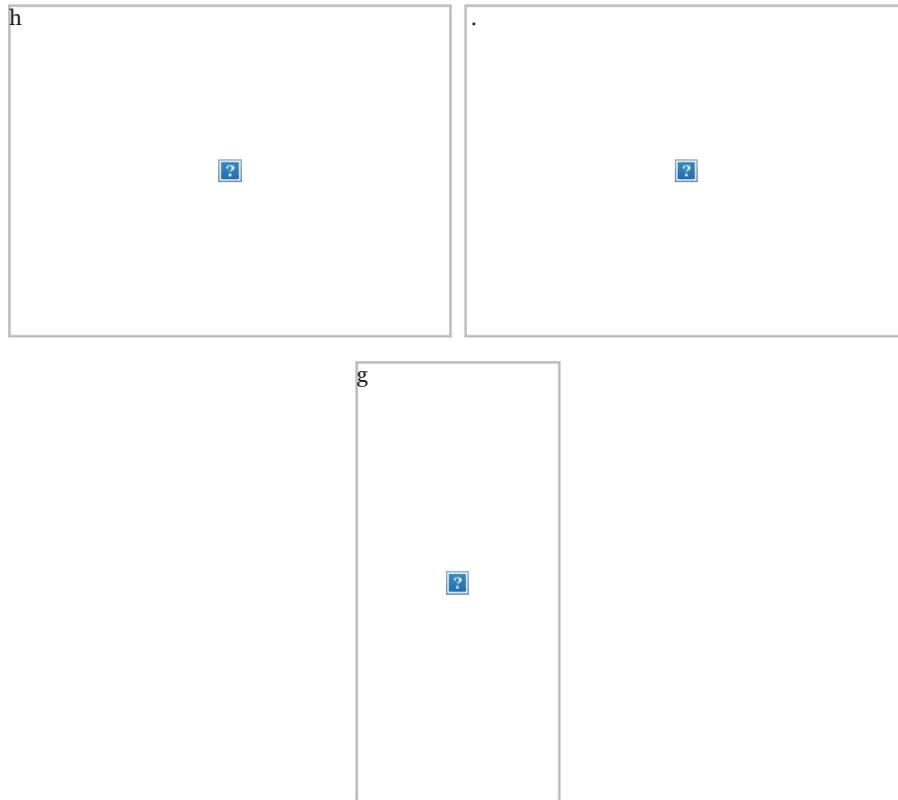
It's hard to believe that our fifth-grade parents are already having to consider options for middle school, but the time has come. There are many great choices in the district to fit every learner's needs. Please take the time to explore all that **Booker Middle** has to offer for middle school students. I worked with Principal, Dr. LaShawn Frost when I was a teacher at Booker Middle so I can attest to the quality of her leadership. I can also tell you first-hand that my 12 years at BMS were wonderful. The diverse student population was one that I cherished. There are so many great programs at Booker. Please consider giving them a call!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE?

Garden Fun

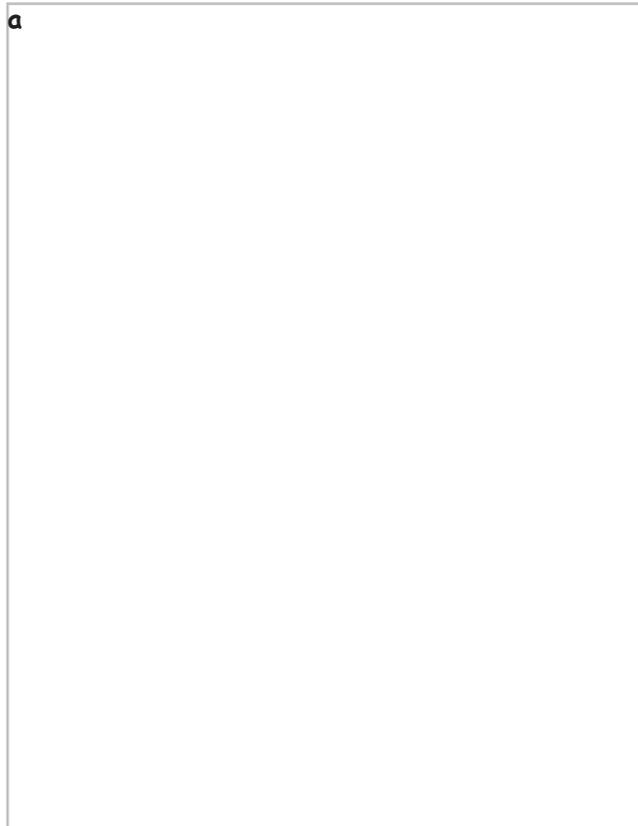
In Mrs. Daughtry's science lab today, Mrs. Swink's second grade class interviewed Magiscope inventor, Dennis Brock. Mr. Brock lives right here in Sarasota and happily zoomed in to talk with the kids. He told them the steps that you take when inventing an idea and emphasized to never give up! For those who don't know, Magiscopes are made by hand and one at a time. They can be used outside or inside and are incredibly durable. They are simple to use and don't require electricity, which makes them perfect for students of all ages.



Mr. Brock Zooming in with the students in Mrs. Swink's class.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Mark Your Calendars



Carline

Please ask your child's teacher for a **yellow hang tag** if you need one. The line moves less smoothly and efficiently when we have to stop cars to determine who the car is in the line for.

Walkways

We still have parents walking the wrong way in front of the school. Please follow the **BLUE directional arrows** on the sidewalks and walk with the flow of traffic while on campus. Traffic on school sidewalks is one directional. Thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend!



"The arts is not just a way out. It's a way in. It's a way in to your humanity. It is a way in to the beauty of the world. It's a way in to finding your power. That's what it is."

-Debbie Allen

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