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Principal's Newsletter

March 6, 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

- 3/1-3/14 - Virtual Book Fair - See Information Below
- 3/12 - Dress Down Day - College and Career! See Flier Below
- 3/15-3/19 - Spring Break - No School
- 3/22 - PTO Board Meeting 2:00 PM
- 3/23 - Jog-a-Thon T-Shirt Contest Drawing Due!!
- 3/24 - FSA Testing Q & A NIGHT 6-7 PM - See Information Below
- 3/25 - Medal of Honor Day
- 3/26 - ANNIE Kids Watch Party - See Information Below

WHAT'S NEW?

Helping Traffic Flow - Especially on Rainy Days

As you are well aware, for maximum traffic flow we allow parents the option to turn right or left when exiting onto Webber Street at morning drop off and afternoon dismissal. However, on some days, **especially rainy days**, parents can't turn right (West) due to a long line of traffic backed up from the Osprey light.

We would like to request that parents take an alternate route to Osprey before dropping off in the morning - especially on rainy days - that does not involve driving westbound in front of the school.

We believe this would at least help our current situation, if not solve it. Thank you for this consideration!!

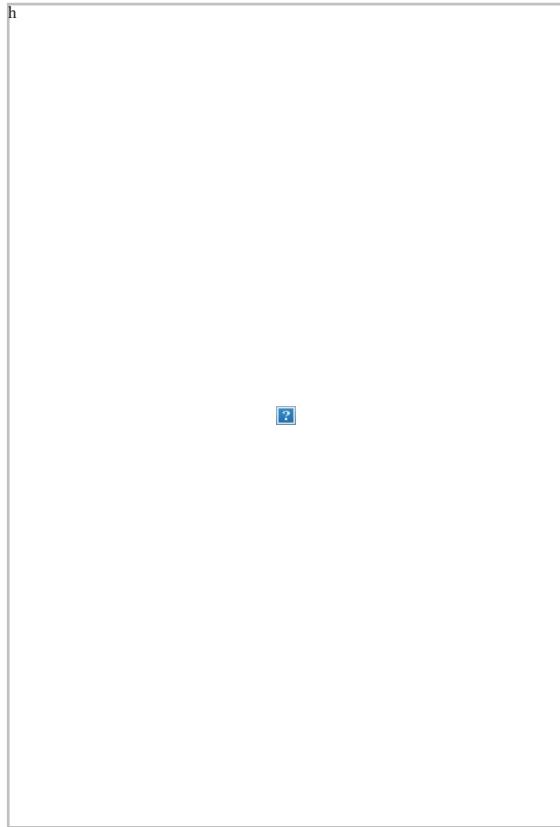
A Request to our 5th Grade Parents

Attention 5th Grade Parents!!

The 5th Grade Graduation Committee is looking for a tech-savvy volunteer to create the slide show of our beloved 5th graders to show at graduation. This would involve parents emailing you photos of their children to include in the presentation and you setting it to music. If interested, please email Sasha Rosin at sasharosin40@gmail.com. We appreciate your support!

Jog-A-Thon and T-Shirt Contest

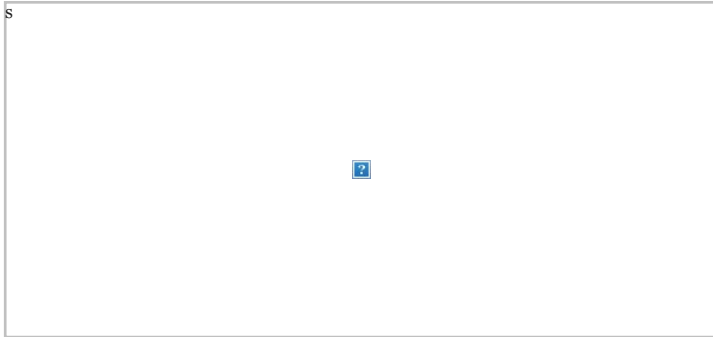
All Jog-a-Thon information should have been sent home yesterday in your child's backpack. We are SO EXCITED to be able to continue this fun event this year. While parents will still not be allowed on campus, you will be allowed to observe and cheer on your child/children along the fence on Webber, Osprey, and along playground track in our carline and parking area - with appropriate masks and courtesy for others.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE?

Read Across America Day

This week, children in Mrs. Green's class celebrated Read Across America Day by having a volunteer from our community come into her Zoom room and read the book, *Tomás and the Library Lady*. They celebrated literacy as they embraced cultural differences. They had discussions that were rich in literature and empathy. Through the Embracing Our Differences program, students were able to keep these books so they can continue to read about Tomás and share his story with others for years to come. Thank you, Mrs. Green!



Seuss Week

Students and staff had so much fun celebrating Seuss Week at Southside. Please enjoy a few photos from the week below.

The first Grade Team participating in Cat in the Hat Day

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Third-grade teachers Mr. Freeman and Miss Taylor nailed their Wacky Wednesday outfits!

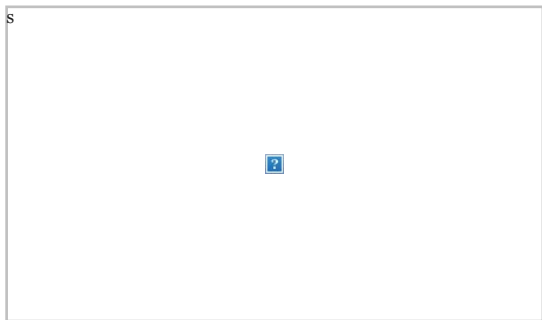
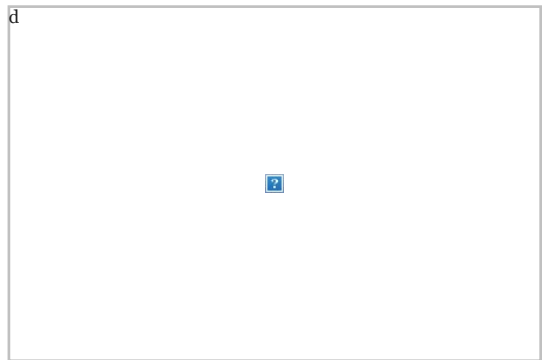
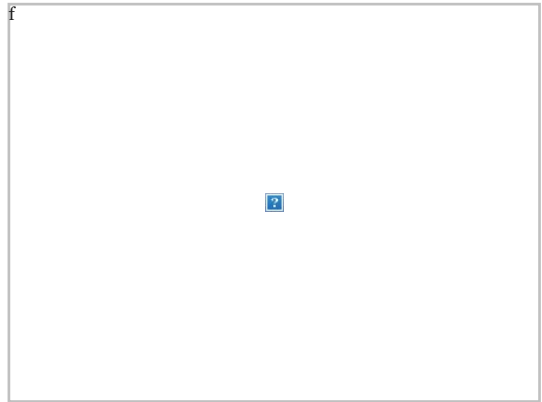
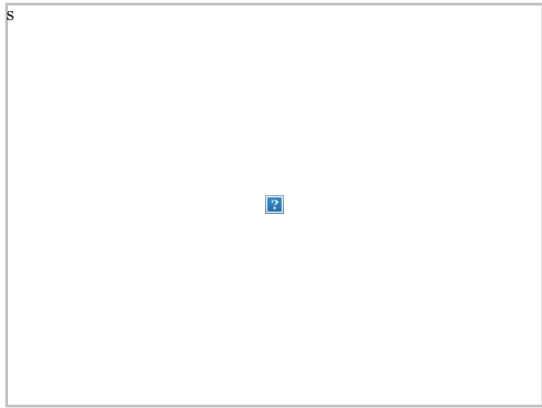
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Kindergarten teachers Miss Jones, Mrs. Sobolewski, Mrs. Buffaloe looked purrfect on If I Ran the Zoo Day.

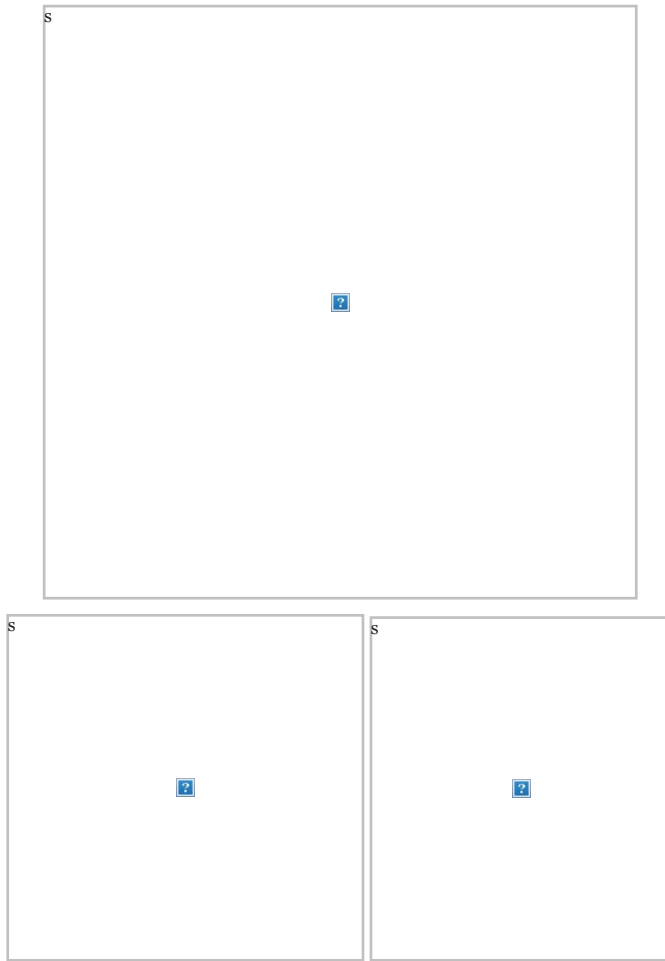
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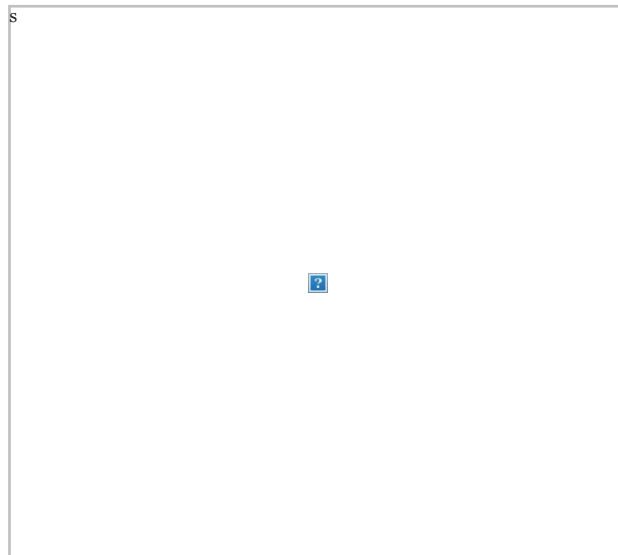
Properties of Matter Fun with Flocabulary

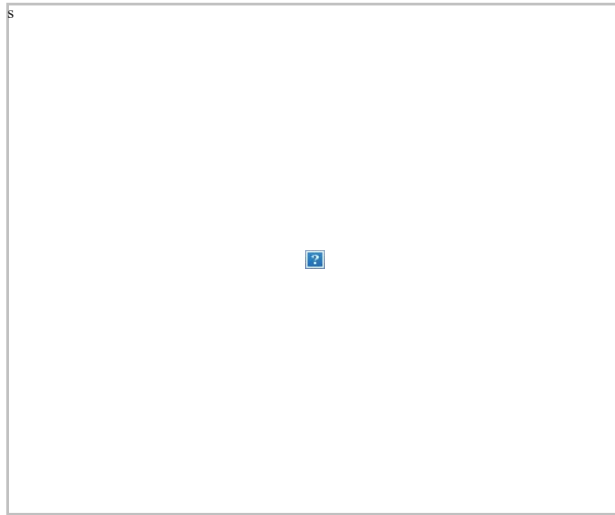
The students in [Mrs. Casanas](#) and [Mrs. Eicher's class](#) are learning how to classify matter based on the properties of the matter such as: state, magnetism, density, mass, color, temperature, conductivity, and solubility. The students danced and sang along to a Flocabulary that covers the four states of matter-solid, liquid, gas, and plasma and the characteristics of each through a hip-hop song.



Colossal Fossil Exploration

Mrs. Davidson's second graders had an awesome morning with parent and anthropologist, Dr. Maranda Kles. She joined the classroom via Zoom to share a slideshow and her expertise on all things, fossils. This was an engaging and enjoyable way to bring an expert into the classroom, virtually. These second graders are well on their way to becoming fossil experts themselves. We want to thank Dr. Kles for making our learning more meaningful!





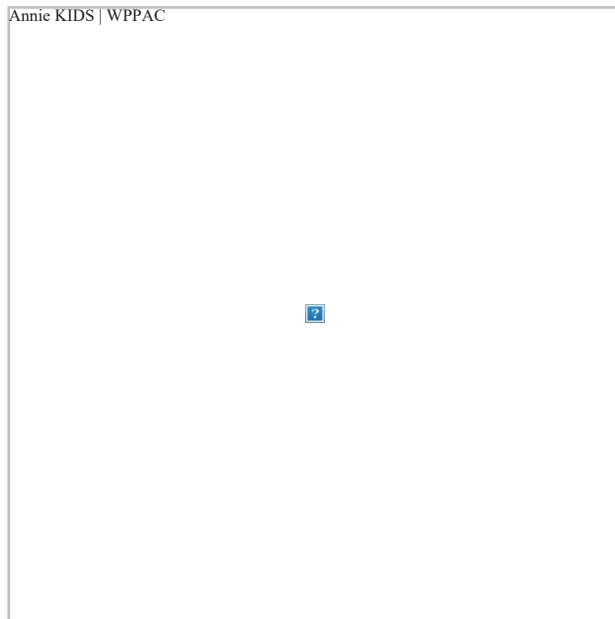
IMPORTANT REMINDERS

ANNIE Kids Watch Party on the Green

Get Ready! Friday, March 26th we'll be on the turf to celebrate our Art's Team and students' hard work in the creation of Annie Kids!

Parents will be able to purchase a spot on the turf for their family. Spots will be distanced for safety and masks will be required. All final purchasing information will be shared in next week's newsletter and on the SSFA Website.

We can't wait to see you on March 26th! !



PTO Virtual Book Fair - GOING ON NOW!

Have your kiddos been asking for something good to read? Well, thanks to our PTO, our online Book Fair is coming soon! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book-only purchases over \$25. Click on the link below!

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=southsideelementaryschool39>

FSA Testing Q & A NIGHT

Is this the first year your child will take the Florida Standards Assessment Test? Do you have questions about the composition of the test, its length, how remote learners will be assessed, or something else? Join us on Wednesday, March 24th via Zoom for an informational question and answer night.

5th Grade Parents - 6:00-6:30 PM

3rd-4th Grade Parents - 6:30-7:00 PM

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A Zoom link will be shared soon!

Have a fantastic weekend!

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