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# Principal's Newsletter

May 8, 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**

5/25 - Southside Spirit Day

5/31 - Memorial Day

6/9 - Kindergarten and 5th Grade Advancement Ceremonies

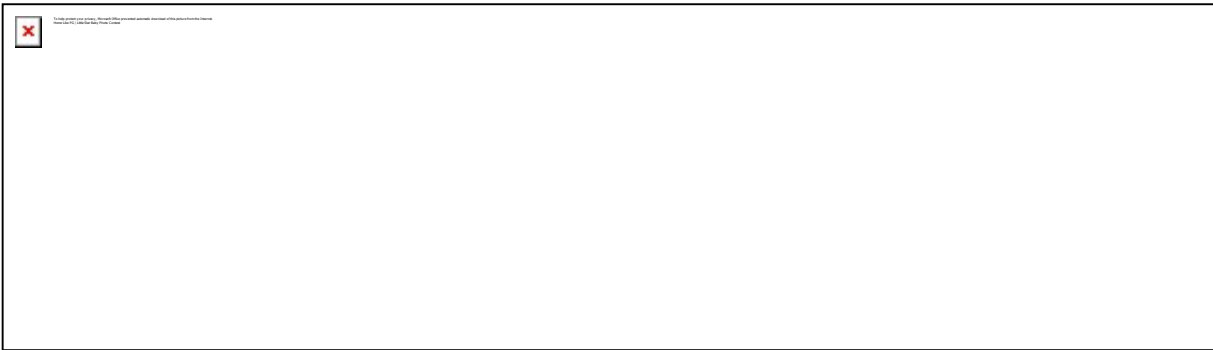
6/11 - Last Day of School

April/May FSA Testing - Calendars are below

## **WHAT'S NEW?**

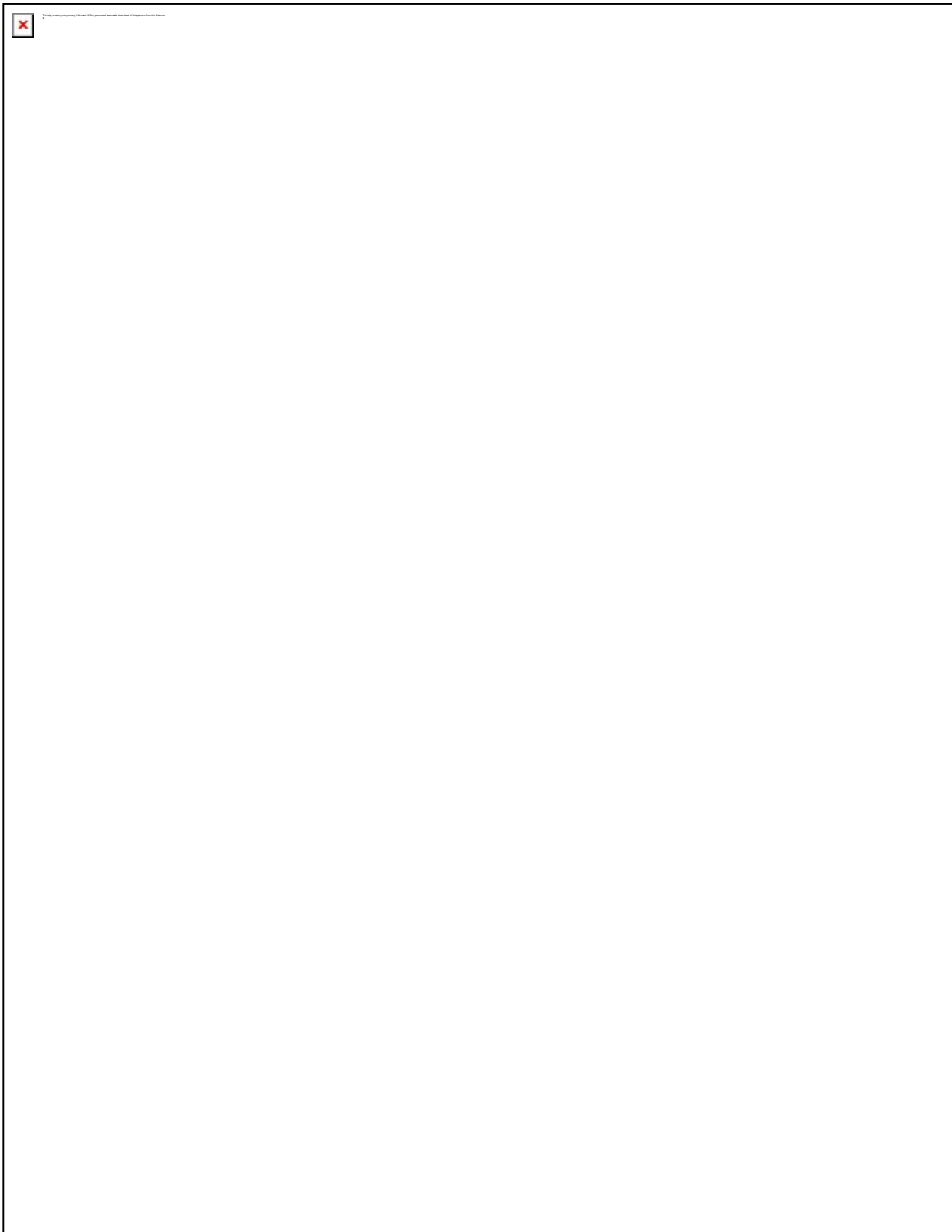
### **Welcome to our Newest Southside Staff Member**

Please join our staff in welcoming its newest member, **Coach Jayde Morgan!** Coach, Morgan is an absolute treasure. She has built an amazing PE program in the seven months she has been with us bringing so many new games and activities for our students to enjoy. She incorporates reading, math and science in her lessons and they are seriously FUN!! You can read about one such activity below - or - you could just ask your child! We are thrilled to call her an official Southside Panther!!



## **iReady Summer Challenge for Rising 5th Grade Students**

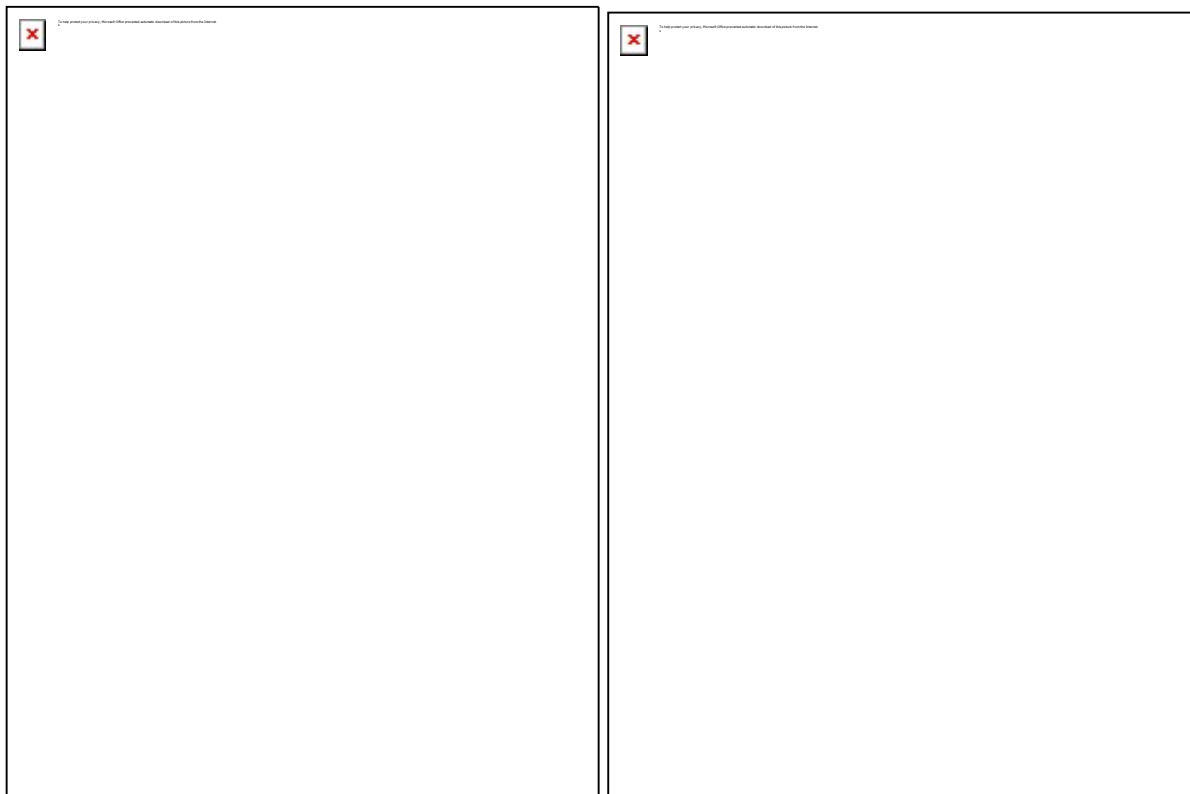
We are encouraging all of our current fifth-graders to participate in this summer activity:



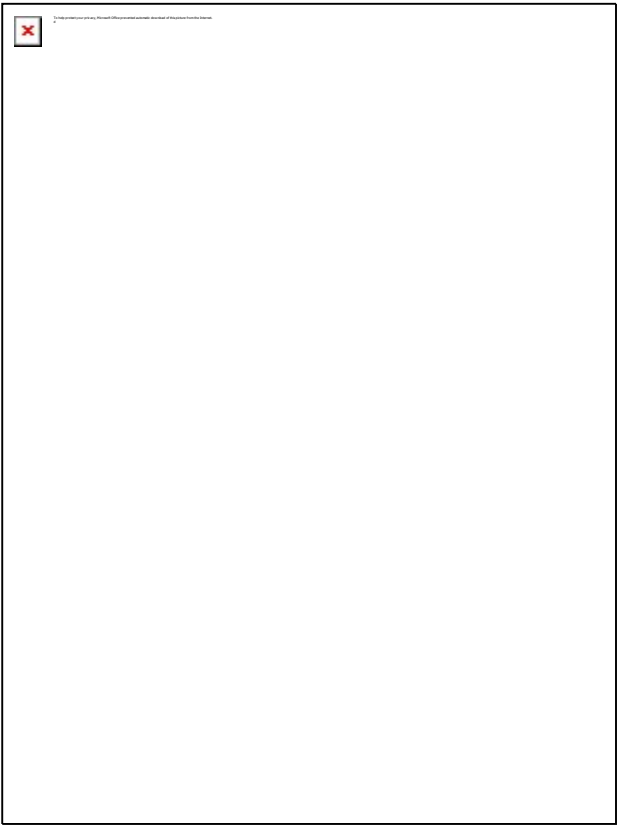
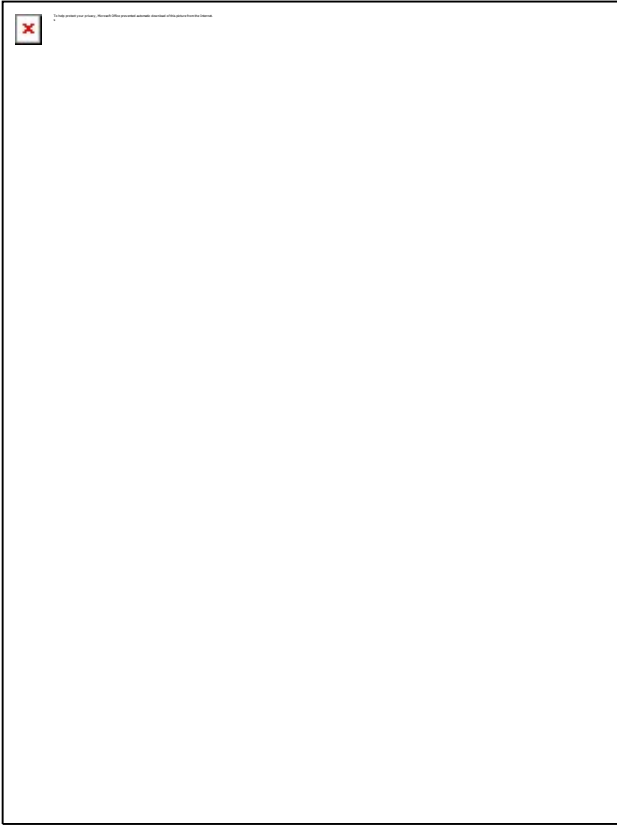
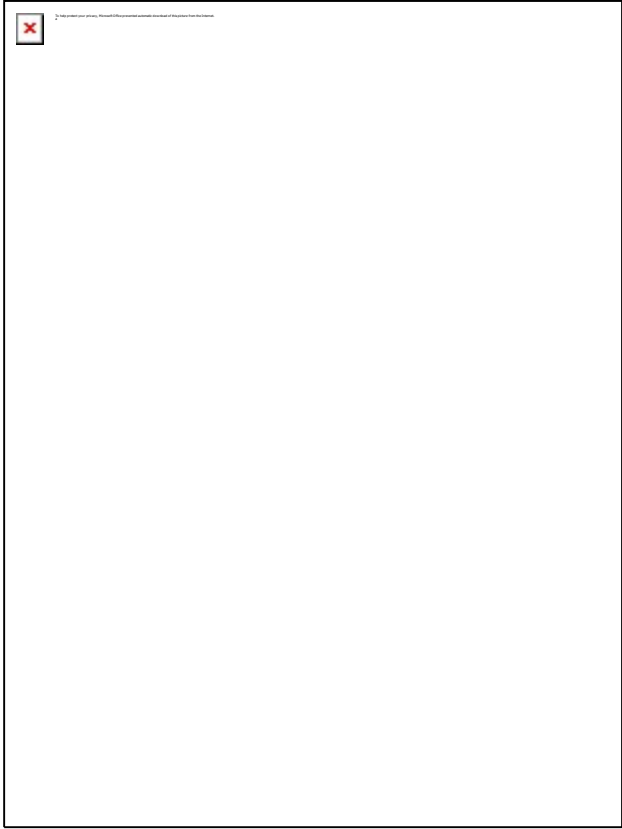
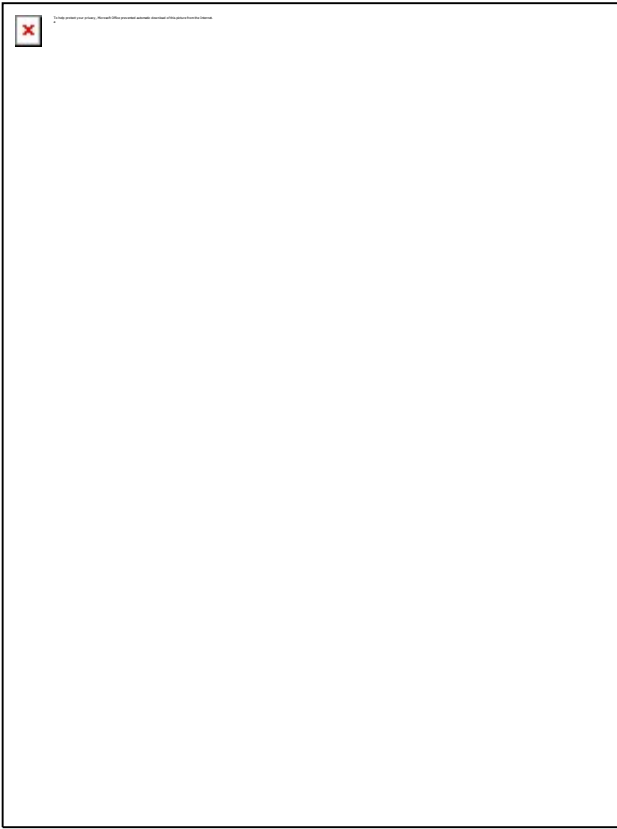
# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE

## Ahoy Fellow Fishing Enthusiasts

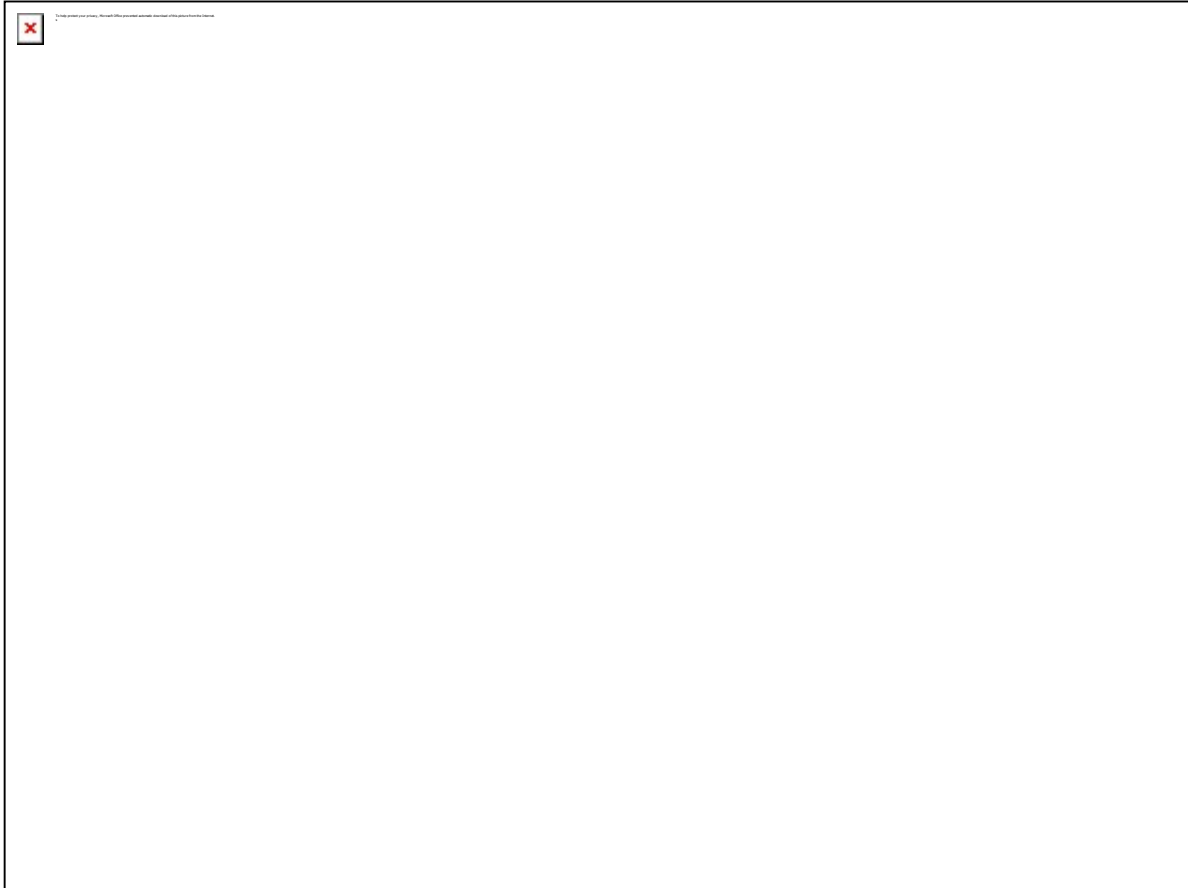
During their current P.E. rotation students practiced fishing on the Astro Turf! Fishing is a hobby enjoyed by young and old alike! Besides being fun, the fishing unit teaches movement, coordination, and social skills. Students cast their lines using push button rods or a spinning reel in hopes of "catching" magnetic saltwater fish from the simulated version of the Florida Gulf. Students had the opportunity to catch a variety of fish, sharks, and sadly enough, trash such as soda cans and nets!



The boys and girls used their official saltwater regulation charts to look up their catch before deciding if it was a keeper. If the fish was not in season or didn't meet the legal length requirements, it was "released" back into the water. Students use their fishing logs to document everything they apprehended; this included using the chart to identify, measure, and record everything caught that day.



On Fridays, each class participated in a fishing tournament. At the end of the rotation, their catch was averaged, based on the largest catch, total number caught, and by the combined length. Each grade will have one class room winner and receive a fishing trophy to be displayed in their home room. After completing their fishing unit, students are rewarded with an official Southside Fishing License and the opportunity to hold prehistoric megalodon shark teeth!



**Now that's an experience worth "keeping." Pun intended!**

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**



## Advancement Ceremonies

**Fifth-Grade Advancement Ceremony:** We are SO excited for our 5th grade ceremony. There will be a few "firsts" for the students to enjoy. Our amazing PTO is working hard behind the scenes to make this event a wonderful experience for our kiddos!

**Date:** Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 9:15 AM

**Location:** Southside Cafeteria (students) and Live Stream (parents)

**Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony** We have also begun planning for our Kindergarten cuties' ceremony. More information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 1:30 PM

**Location:** Southside Cafeteria (students) and Live Stream (parents)

**Have a FANTASTIC weekend!**

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