

SOUTHSIDE GAZETTE

Southside – An Incredible Place to Learn

Mission Statement: Southside Elementary works together through a partnership of school, home, and community to help all students develop to their full potential in becoming responsible, productive citizens.

Off To An Incredible Start

Our first two weeks of the 2009 – 2010 school year have been a success. The students have transitioned beautifully, and we'd like to thank all our teachers, staff and parents who have helped everything run so smoothly.

Please don't hesitate to call if we can do anything to assist your child in having their best school year ever!

PTO Meetings

A PTO Executive Officer meeting will be held next Monday, August 31st at 2 p.m. For the remainder of the year, meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month at 2 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend. See next week's newsletter for PTO officer introductions.

Makenzi Eaves Wins Drawing Contest

Makenzi Eaves was one of 12 winners from across the commonwealth in the "Homes for Everyone 2010" drawing contest sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Realtors. Her drawing will be featured in an upcoming calendar, and her picture also made the cover. She won a \$150 savings bond, certificate of recognition and a meeting with the governor.



Family Resource Center Helpful Hints

Top 8 ways to “positively” get back into the school groove.

8. Establish a routine (homework time and bedtime)—stick to it!
7. Visit the school.
6. Ask questions—school staff will be happy to answer them.
5. Set high expectations for the new year!
4. Be attentive—listen to what your children are telling you about school.
3. Get involved in school activities.
2. Be positive about school—tell your children of your own good school experiences.
1. Praise your students! Big or small—show them that you’re proud!

For more info, contact Lauren Newsome, FRC Coordinator.

“Woodford’s Got Talent”

WCHS Band Boosters are sponsoring a talent show on Saturday, August 29th at Falling Springs Pavilion. A \$200 cash prize will be awarded to the winner. For more information, call Phyllis Mattingly at 873-8033 or click on the WCHS Band Page at wchs.woodfordschools.org.

New Transportation Procedures

The following procedures will be followed by the Transportation Department when delivering students home from school:

All **preschool, kindergarten, and first grade students** will be delivered by the driver hand-to-hand to the parent/guardian or to the person whose name appears on the student’s pick up list as provided to the driver by each school.

All **second, third, fourth and fifth grade students** will be released by the drivers only with eye contact with an adult parent/guardian (or approved adult). If more than one student gets off at a stop (e.g. cul-de-sac, private drive subdivision, etc.) an adult (per the list of adults on the list provided by each school) must be in eye sight of the bus driver.

If no adult is at the pickup, the driver will call the school to make contact with the parent for instructions on the arrangements for delivering the child to an approved adult (on the list).

If no adult can be reached, the student will remain on the bus and will be delivered to the school where the parent will be contacted to pick up the child at that location.

A list of those people who can take the students off the bus will be provided to the appropriate bus driver. The phone numbers of the students and parents shall be kept updated by the schools by providing bus drivers periodic updated lists.

A contact person will remain at the schools until all children have been delivered by all bus drivers serving that school. In case a student’s parent/guardian or other designated adult are not home to receive the child from the bus, the child will be taken back to the school until the parent arrives to pick up the child.

Siblings of the appropriate age to babysit a brother or sister (12 or older) will be considered an appropriate person to release a child to if that sibling is on the parent-approved pick up list.

Southside Dates to Remember

Aug 24 PTO Executive Meeting