



SFMS Mustangs

Teacher Information

South Fork Middle School has made some changes this school year. Our beloved teacher, Mrs. Gibson, was transferred to the elementary school to teach first grade because of a large kindergarten. Mrs. Morgan is teaching both 6-8 science and physical education while running student council on her own. *(If you would like to volunteer to help do student council activities, call 760-378-1300.)* Mrs. Harwell is teaching sixth grade 1/2 day and 5th grade 1/2 day. Ms. Gregory teaches 5th grade 1/2 day and RSP 1/2 day. Mrs. Pinion teaches 7th grade language arts & math and 8th grade language arts and math. Mrs. Thomey teaches 6-8th grade social studies and serves as vice-principal 1/2 the day.

ESSENTIAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

PHONE NUMBERS:

South Fork Middle School
760-378-1300

South Fork Elementary School
760-378-2211

South Fork District Office
760-378-4000

SFUSD Web Page

www.southforkschool.org

School Times:

Start: 8:10 am
Regular Day Ends: 2:24 pm
Minimum Day Ends: 1:18 pm

Check the monthly school menu/calendar for holidays, minimum days, and school events!!!!

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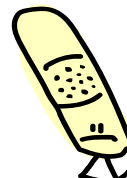
Special points of interest:

- 100 students had perfect attendance for the first month of school. 88% did not miss a day!
- 46 students missed fewer than 4 days of school the entire 2011-2012 school year!
- 14 students had perfect attendance the entire 2011-2012 school year!
- See inside for our last honor roll list!

STUDENTS GET A SHOT IN THE ARM...

The state of California has passed a new law that all students in the 7th grade must have a current T-dap (whooping cough) shot in order to attend school. Please schedule your 6th grade student for their shot

before the beginning of next year AND GET THE RECORD ADMITTED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



6th graders MUST HAVE THEIR IMMUNIZATION RECORDS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2013-2014.

Watch for This...

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS:

October 19: Last day of 1st quarter!
October 25: Parent Conferences:
 1:30-6:00 pm @ SF Elementary
November 6: STOP Bully Assembly
 @ the SFES @ 9:00 am
November 9: Veteran's Appreciation
 Celebration @ SFMS 9:00 am
November 12: Veterans' Day Ob-
 served (Holiday)
November 21: 2nd Quarter Progress
 Reports go HOME!
November 22-23: Thanksgiving
 Holiday!
December 21: Last day of 2nd quar-
 ter, report cards go home, &
 Minimum Day!



Upcoming Attendance Awards:

Each month that your student attends school every day, he or she gets an attendance bracelet and a ticket towards a raffle.

1st Quarter: IPOD Touch

2nd Quarter: WII

3rd Quarter: Nintendo DS

4th Quarter: Nook

Less than 5 EXCUSED absences for
the year:

32 inch flat screen TV

ALL STUDENTS
WHO HAVE NOT
MISSED A DAY
OF SCHOOL IN
AUGUST or SEP-
TEMBER AL-
READY HAVE A
CHANCE TO
WIN
AN
IPOD Touch!
ATTEND
SCHOOL IN
November FOR
ANOTHER
CHANCE TO
WIN!

Starting School Stress

**“A parent’s
attitude has a
strong influence
on how children
view...school.”**

Psychologist Eileen
Kennedy-Moore

Starting a new school year can be stressful for both parents and students. It is normal for students to have trouble sleeping because of excitement or nervousness, but some students experience this for long periods, have decreased appetite, irritability, tantrums, and/or refusal to go to school.

Here are some suggestions from the Parent Teacher Club Organization’s *school-family.com* to help you deal with these frustrations:

1. **BE POSITIVE:** Your child is strongly influenced by how you react.
2. **CREATE ROUTINES:** These help your child to

adjust and lower anxiety when they know what is happening and when. *This is especially important with bed times!!!!*

3. **ESTABLISH FUN TRADITIONS** to mark events in the school year, like eating out after teacher conferences.

Sports News:



Basketball Tryouts for grades 5-8 will be from November 5-8. Boys will practice Monday and Wednesdays. Girls will practice Tuesday and Thursdays.

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SCHEDULE:

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Prices:
 ★ Adult: \$2.00
 ★ Child (0-middle
 ★ school): \$1.00
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4th Quarter Honor Roll from 2011-2012!!

Platinum Honor Roll:

Tylee Hogue
 Hannah Hurley
 Faith Marshall
 Maddison McMullen
 Hayley Peterson
 Nyla Sepulveda
 Jesse Boswell-Lee
 Tyler Cappello
 Gabriella Damron
 Morgan Green
 Skylar Newton
 Angelina Sanchez
 Isabella Sunderland
 Juliana Thom
 Devon Vittoria
 Daniel Wray
 Cole Behm
 Rebecca Bowen
 Dakota Harbuck
 Sadie Mollenauer
 Abigail Opferman
 Aurora Sunderland
 Tori Hogue

Ricky Moreno
 Brittany Smith
 Ashley Yasin

Gold Honor Roll:

Samantha Helms
 Jeromy Jost
 Peter Moerke
 Kassy Opferman
 Kaylie Torres
 Chase Watson
 Gordon Wray
 Taylor Alldredge
 Hayley Bevan
 Kaitlyn Booher
 Stephen D'Amico
 Serenity Durham
 Bryanna Ege
 Mariah Embree
 Mark Fulkerson
 Zeno LaGrand
 Theresa Lail
 Katie Lamping
 Revel Marshall
 Cristal Anzaldo

Dylan Harbuck
 Zachary Hendrickson
 Samantha Hurley
 Jacob McCullough
 Jessica Melby
 Cherish Reed
 Skye Simunovich
 Emil Priesol
 Corie Bergsma
 Sharri Cazares
 Charlotte Davenport
 Mackensie Eirich
 Ashlee Garcia
 Justin June
 Phillip McAfee

Silver Honor Roll:

Garrett Carothers
 Desiree Chapman
 Rachel Driskell
 Morgan Olson
 Elizabeth Alexander
 Levi Elie
 Brittany Mazzarini
 Mackenzie Weghorst

Chris Denys
 Anastasia Dickson
 Kimberly Garcia
 Jordan Jost
 Brandon LaMaster
 Luis Mendoza
 Marlana Sanchez
 Dustin Avila
 Payton Booher
 Gordon Carter
 Harleigh Harbuck
 Austin Hurley
 Timber Miriah
 Bryson Morse
 Jacob Reeves
 Destinee Roose
 Sean Wilson



Percentage of students that we want to make honor roll for 1st Quarter!



“Fun”d Raisers!

South Fork Middle School and South Fork Elementary School just finished our first big fund raiser. We sold items through Uncle Jerry’s T’s. The student council makes 40% of the purchase price of each item and students can earn prizes for the number of items that they sell. These monies are used to pay for additional school activities, such as assem-

blies, Zero rewards, dances, sport team transportation, Magic Mountain, and graduation. Additional funds are used to pay for Camp KEEP and other educational activities.

South Fork PTC is holding the Book Fair, open October 22 through 26, and will be running the Holiday Shop for students

to purchase small family gifts in December.

Other fund raisers will be available through Student Council and PTC throughout the school year.

Check the school website for the monthly calendar, menu, etc.
www.southforkschool.org

Awesome Attendance

Did you know that 88% of our students didn’t miss a single day of school the month of August? They already qualify to win one of our great quarterly prizes! Last year, 46 students missed fewer than 4 days of school the entire year and 14 students came to school

every day! Ten percent of our students had perfect attendance! Overall, the middle school had 96% attendance for the first month of this year! Help keep your student in school by keeping good bed times, encouraging them to wash their hands, and eat right.

Did you know...

Students who attend school 95% of the time are more likely to test proficient on state tests, succeed in their regular academics, graduate from high school, and gain employment!

Kids in school succeed!

Did you know...

Students who participate in extra curricular school activities, such as sports, student council, fund raisers, and lunch-time activities, are more likely to enjoy school and feel school spirit!



South Fork Middle School Mustangs Succeed in School!

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South Fork Students Succeed!

IF YOU NEED INSURANCE OR INFORMATION ABOUT IMMUNIZATION PROVIDERS, call: 760-378-1300

We're on the web!

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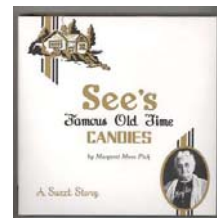
Fine Food, Family, & Fun

PTC meets the first Monday of each month in the elementary school cafeteria at 3:00 pm. We could always use extra volunteers and helpers to work events! The next meeting will be November 5th.

Also starting on November 19th is the semi-annual See's Candy Sales. Orders must be turned in by December 5th. Candy will be delivered by December 19th. Look for fliers coming home with your student and order some



candy for the holidays! Remember, funds raised go directly to things needed by teachers and students!



BOOK FAIR AT

South Fork Elementary:
Monday, October 22-26,
2012

Upcoming Events:
See's Candy Sales
Holiday Shop

Principal's Closing:

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please be advised that cell phones are being stolen at our Middle School.

It is a sad fact that cell phones are a coveted item among our students.

In some cases the cell phone has been left in the restroom accidentally and then never found. In other cases students may give the cell phone to a friend to hold and then it is lost or stolen. The administrators and teachers at South Fork do everything we can LEGALLY DO to locate the stolen items, but many times the item has already left our campus before we hear about the theft. In fact, it has proven to be difficult to find stolen cell phones.

Please be aware that South Fork School District is not responsible for lost or stolen items as stated in our Student Handbook:

"Cell phones, MP players, and other electronics are not allowed at school. Said items will be confiscated and brought to the school office for parent/guardian pickup. South Fork School is not responsible for lost or stolen items including cell phones or electronic items."

The Middle School secretary will no longer hold cell phones for "Safe Keeping" for students during the school day.

Here is the cell phone procedure if a student is using a cell phone on campus during school hours:

1st time: Teacher or staff member will confiscate the phone and may return it at end of class period/break period/recess period.

2nd time: Teacher will turn in phone to school office administrator. The phone may be returned at end of school day to the student.

3rd time: Teacher will turn in phone to school office administrator. Phone must be picked up by a parent/guardian.



Confiscated phones will be kept in the Principal's Office.

South Fork Union School District is not financially responsible for any phone confiscated because a student has broken the "no cell phones at school" rule.

The cell phone issue continues to be complicated. I am aware that we live in a rural area and parents want to be able to contact their child. It is not our policy to search students for cell phones. If the phone is left in the back pack in a safe place, the phone usually survives the day at school. Teachers, staff members, and students usually don't notice the cell phone. However, if a student has the cell phone out during instructional time or recess time, then the school staff has been instructed to confiscate the phone following the procedures above.

Here is where it gets complicated. The students tend to want to show other students their cell phone or tell other students about their new cell phone. Then backpacks get stacked outside of classroom doors or left on the playground. That may be when cell phones seem to disappear. In other cases the cell phone is in the backpack and in plain view. The cell phone is not disturbing the instructional time or recess time, but another individual sees the phone. The owner walks away for a short time and does not realize that the phone is gone until later.

It is sad to say that the cell phone owner must take every precaution to protect the cell phone from being lost or stolen. South Fork School District is not responsible for replacing any lost, stolen, or confiscated cell phones.

Please take time to discuss this matter with your child and impress upon him/her the importance of protecting the family's financial investment in the cell phone. In addition, many times pictures of happy family memories are also lost.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Sherry Nichols, MS
Superintendent/Principal

