

SOUTH SCHOOL

January 22, 2023

Dear South Families,

Well, that week flew by, especially with our delayed start on Friday. As a reminder, for 2-hour delays, staffing outside begins at 10:45. Please do not drop off your children any earlier. Breakfast will not be served on these days as lunches begin shortly after we begin. Thank you to Mr. Steve for making sure all of the snow was removed and the ice was cleared! Students had a blast playing in the snow at recess. Thank you for sending them with the appropriate gear.

Thank you to the PTO for providing so many curriculum enrichment activities for our students this month. Please see the great pictures below.

Take Care,

Brenda Lee, Principal

Kathy Caron, Assistant Principal

THANK YOU TO THE PTO FOR JANUARY'S CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT



Kindergarten

Marty Kelley - Author and
Illustrator



Third Grade

Susan B. Anthony



SECOND GRADE

Discovery Museum - Science

GRADE 3 STRINGS - INFORMANCE THIS WEEK

Happy New Year! I hope your family had a wonderfully relaxing vacation! Now that we're back and approaching the middle of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend an in-person 3rd Grade Strings Parents Informance on Monday, January 23, 10:25-11:10 AM, in the Cafeteria.



CHANGE: Please arrive by 10:15 at the Kindergarten Lobby door.
There will be a staff member to let you in and you will head right to the cafeteria.

I will have several helpful handouts to give parents at the Informance. In addition, I plan to offer an additional district-wide virtual informance for 3rd Grade parents one evening during the following week for parents who are unable to attend the in-person event in their building. I will be happy to answer any additional questions at that time. A link to join will be sent ahead of time. Please watch for it in your email.

Best,
Mrs. Diehl

ENROLLING OUR NEWEST SOUTH TIGERS SOON!

January 2023

Dear families of incoming Kindergarten students:

We share in your excitement for your child to enroll in Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year and look forward to them being a part of the Andover Public School community in September.

Kindergarten registration will begin on Wednesday, February 1st to Friday, February 17th. Please access the [Kindergarten Student Registration link](#) on our website.

To find which school your child will attend, review our district map at [this link](#). Following your registration, please contact your school directly to make an appointment to submit your registration paperwork.

For your reference, student eligibility requirements are as follows:

Kindergarten:

As per School Committee Policy ([Policy JF](#): Residency, School Admission, Entrance Age), children must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2023 and entering Kindergarten in the Andover Public Schools for the first time.

First Grade: (New to Andover / Andover Public Schools)

Children must be age 6 on or before August 31, 2023 and enrolling in the Andover Public Schools for the first time or transferring from another school district or private school.

If a child moves to Andover from another community during their public school **kindergarten** year, they will be allowed to continue in kindergarten and will be allowed to enter grade 1 of the following year if the kindergarten year is successfully completed.

The first day of school for Pre-K and Kindergarten students is Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

We look forward to meeting all our incoming students and families in the new school year!

Sincerely,
Julie M. Riley, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning
Andover Public Schools

SOUTH'S COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB

Clothing Donation Drive at South Elementary School South Elementary School is hosting a clothing drive in partnership with Catie's Closet to help children in need in the Merrimack Valley.

Please consider donating clothing to help students in over 50 local schools. Donate new or gently used clothing by bringing them to the lobby at South

Starts: Monday, January 9th Ends: Wednesday, February 1st

Clothes - jeans / pants / sweatpants / long-sleeve t-shirts / short-sleeve t-shirts/ sweatshirts / sweaters / coats / new socks & underwear

Toiletries – toothpaste / toothbrushes / deodorant / shampoo / soap / body wash / shaving cream / razors

Please drop off all donations to front lobby.

www.catiescloset.org



ACCESS TESTING FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS



ACCESS Testing for English Language Students

ACCESS Testing will start on January 9th. Students in grades 1-5, will take 4 tests: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. All tests should be completed by February 9, 2023. By Fall of 2023, families will receive Individual Student Reports that provide information about how your child is progressing. Please reach out to our Sarah Rose with any questions.

MCAS DATES



English Language Arts:

Gr. 5: April 4 & 5

Gr. 4: April 10 & 11

Gr. 3: April 12 & 13

Math:

Gr. 5: May 8 & 9

Gr. 4: May 10 & 11

Gr. 3: May 16 & 17

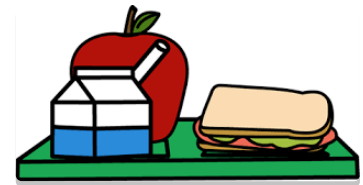
Science:

Gr. 5: May 18 & 19

LUNCH

All students are able to receive 1 free breakfast and 1 free lunch daily during the 2022-2023 school year. Lunches will need be preordered. Please see the FAQ linke below for further information and the menu.

[Menu](#)



UPCOMING DATES, MEETINGS, ETC.

- **Monday, January 23rd** ~ 3rd grade Musical Informance @ 10:25
- **Tuesday, January 24th** ~ First Term Ends
- **Wednesday, January 25th** ~ Second Term Begins
- **Wednesday, February 8th** ~ Report Cards Posted
- **Monday, February 20th - Friday, February 24th** ~ Winter Break



PTO NEWS

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If interested please fill out the form below.