



Spring 2020

## Southside School District Newsletter

Southside Students, Families, Staff and Community Members,

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and positive thoughts. We have so much to be thankful for amidst this crisis. We are extremely proud of the work that Southside staff are doing to support our students, families, and community and equally excited about the students and families that are transitioning to our new formats for learning. Together we can minimize the negative impact of this pandemic on the continued and required education of our students.

Southside has done an exceptional job of providing students and families with resources and lesson plans. The opportunities being provided via internet and through hard-copy are necessary for students to complete the standards that are expected for their current grade level. We will continue to monitor students abilities and performances whenever possible and provide support as needed. We want to partner with our parents. Please contact us with additional information or questions that you may have so that we can provide the appropriate level of support.

Thanks to the efforts of classified, certificated, and administration Southside has communicated with 100% of our students/families. Kids are supporting each other through zoom and chat groups, affording positive examples of social distancing while staying connected. Communication is occurring via email, classroom google, Zoom, Dojo, etc. It's amazing the transition that is happening. Southside has been known for the well prepared students that have come out of it. We will continue to keep the bar at a high level because we believe in our kids and families. Just remember, we're not alone. And do contact us for support as needed.

The Southside website, [southsideschool.org](http://southsideschool.org), is a site that has many community resources and links for Covid updates. We hope that our families and community members find this useful. This newsletter will also offer some suggested behaviors and activities for all. Keep reading for more useful information.

*A special thank you to all of our community partners that have supported schools and our community during this crisis. We also want to recognize and honor all of those on the frontline. You are making a difference.*

Stay safe and healthy!

### Covid-19 Social Distancing

#### Activities

- Make Sensory Bins
- Have an indoor picnic
- Set up a treasure hunt in the back yard
- Have a dance party with the Family
- Put on a fashion show
- Have themed dinners
- Ping Pong (Ping Pong tables are 8ft Long, safe distancing)
- Create a Neighborhood Scavenger hunt (this can be done while Social Distancing with gloves)
- Have a backyard Campfire (Set chairs up 6ft or more apart from each other)
- Read a book about a time and place you don't know about.
- Seize the day. Set some goals and create a plan.



## Staying Healthy during a Pandemic (COVID-19)

The CDC states that “The best way to avoid illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus.” Practicing social-distancing by staying **at least 6 feet away** from others and remaining home as much as possible will help avoid exposure. The CDC also recommends that we all keep ourselves safe by:

- Washing our hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Covering your face with a mask or cloth to avoid spreading the virus
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and wash afterwards
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily
- It is important to remember that even if you are not

feeling sick, you can carry the virus and spread it to others. Practicing the above mentioned precautions will help minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Staying physically active is one of the best ways to keep your mind and body healthy during this stressful time. As the weather becomes nicer, take advantage of it and get out to play yard games and take walks or ride bikes, while still practicing social distancing. Other strategies include meditation, eating a healthy diet and getting plenty of sleep. Remember that all of us, children included, respond differently. You can support your children by talking with them and answering questions, reassure them that they are safe, limit their exposure to news coverage and keep regular routines for learning and family activities. If you need support please reach out to the school for assistance.

Stay Home, Stay Healthy.

Best Wishes to you and your family.



### ASB NEWS

Due to our current situation, Southside ASB elections will now be held at the beginning of our 20-21 school year. The 6th & 7th graders will then have an opportunity to campaign and share their enthusiasm for the position in which they are running for. This will also give the students that are voting an opportunity to see the process in which we elect our ASB officers.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the election process.

Thank you,

Terry Tyler

ASB Advisor

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## 2020-2021 Enrollment / Registration

We are collecting NEW Enrollee information for the 2020-21 School Year.

**Kindergarten / New Enrollees:** Please email or call me with your child(s) *Name, DOB and a Current Phone #, as well as your Email contact information*. A registration packet will then be emailed to you. Please complete and return your Registration Packet via email or US Postal Service. You will be contacted at a later date with more information.

**Returning Students:** You will be required to log into Skyward and update your contact information, emergency contacts and any other changes that need to be made regarding your child. An email will be shared at a later date as to when you may start this process.

***NEW In-District Students*** will automatically be accepted with proof of residency.

***RETURNING Out of District Students*** AND THEIR SIBLINGS will also be accepted unless notified otherwise.

***NEW Out of District Students*** will be put on a waiting list and accepted on a case by case basis and notified by the beginning of the school year.

Feel free to call or email me with any questions you may have. See contact information below.

Take care & stay healthy,

Terry Tyler

Registrar



## Community Resources

- **Mason County Covid-19 Information**  
<https://www.co.mason.wa.us/COVID-19/index.php>
- **Timberland Library**  
<https://www.trl.org/>
- **National Center of Disease Control (CDC)**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



## CHILDCARE SERVICE DURING COVID-19

Childcare services are being offered for Mason General Hospital employees and First Responders at Mt. View Elementary School from 6:45 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. Monday Through Friday. You may contact Shelly Dunnington at (360) 426-1611 ext: 28080 to register.

Please continue to check our website <https://southsideschool.org/> frequently for updates. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support as we work through this challenging time together.

## Up Coming Events Contacts

### **May Day Court Contact**

Emily McKinnon

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### **7th Grade Graduation**

### **Celebration Contacts**

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### **FREE LUNCHES**

In complying with Governor Inslee's directive regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic,

**Southside has been closed to the public since Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and will remain closed for rest of the year.**

Breakfast and lunch is being provided to students and community members who are 18 years and younger in a 'grab and go' manner from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday at the following locations until June 19th

- Bordeaux Elementary School
- Evergreen Elementary School
- Olympic Middle School
- Shelton High School Union Building (SUB)

**ALL SOUTHSIDE STUDENTS are welcome to receive free breakfast and lunches from these locations.**