



SOUTHVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLWIDE INFORMATION for PARENTS

Link: [Elementary Schools Student Handbook](#)

At Southview, we strive each day to guide our learners so they may become SELF-DIRECTED LEARNERS.

Link: [Learn About Our District 110 Brand](#)

It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings. - Ann Landers

USING A GRADUAL RELEASE OF INDEPENDENCE WE:

Guide students to be self-directed learners;

Guide students to self-regulate their emotions;

Guide students in mastering their skills to make a positive difference in our world;

Guide students in building confidence to be contributing members of our world.

WE INTENTIONALLY ENSURE IN EACH CHILD:

Self-awareness, like knowing your strengths and limitations;

Self-management, like being able to stay in control and persevere through challenges;

Social awareness, like understanding and empathizing with others;

Relationship skills, like being able to work in teams and resolve conflicts;

Responsible decision-making, like making ethical and safe choices.

BY THE END OF 5TH GRADE, EACH CHILD WILL BE A:

Confident person who has a strong sense of right and wrong, is adaptable and resilient, knows herself/himself, is discerning in judgment, thinks independently and critically, and communicates effectively;

Self-directed learner who questions, reflects, perseveres, and takes responsibility for her/his own learning;

Active contributor who is able to work effectively in teams, is innovative, exercises initiative, takes calculated risks, and strives for excellence;

Concerned citizen who has a strong sense of civic responsibility, is informed about local, national, and the world, and takes an active part in bettering the lives of others around her/him.

LEARN ~ RESPECT ~ BELONG

LEARN: *Learning is Learner-Driven*

Reading, writing, and mathematics combined with Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, and Digital Literacy, Social Skills, and Leadership develop a strong foundation for learning. We also teach our students to fully participate in today's global community by mastering the following:

- Empowered Learner
- Digital Citizen
- Knowledge Constructor
- Innovative Designer
- Computational Thinker
- Creative Communicator
- Global Collaborator

We intentionally teach our learners to work creatively with others by communicating and creating new ideas, being open to diverse perspectives, demonstrating originality, viewing failure as part of the process, and reflection. Through authentic, personalized, and active learning we inspire innovation by acting on creative ideas and contributing to a field. Resource: [ISTE Standards](#)

OUR WORK, AS TEACHERS, IS GUIDED BY:

Relationships: Do my teachers, and others who might serve as my teachers, know about me and my interests and talents?

Relevance: Do I find what the school is teaching to be relevant to my interests?

Authenticity: Is the learning and work I do regarded as significant outside of school by experts, my family, community members, and employers?

Choice: Do I have real choices about what, when, and how I will learn and demonstrate my competence?

Challenge: Do I feel appropriately challenged in my learning and work?

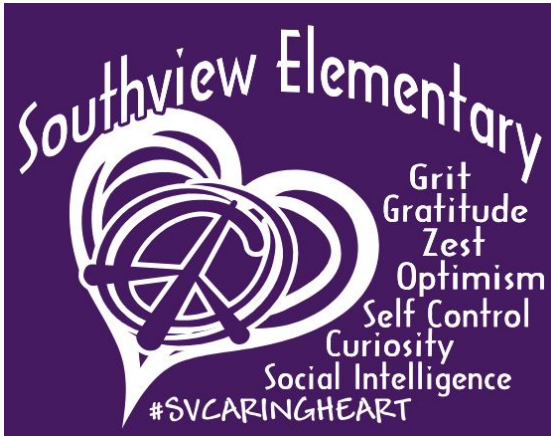
Play: Do I have opportunities to explore and to make mistakes, and learn from them, without being branded as a failure?

Practice: Do I have opportunities to engage in deep and sustained practice of those skills I need to learn?

Time: Do I have sufficient time to learn at my own pace?

Timing: Can I pursue my learning out of the standard sequence?

RESPECT: Our school is Caring



At Southview we teach students respect, kindness, and compassion through our Caring Heart program. We intentionally teach our students that by holding CARING thoughts, sharing CARING words, and habitually taking CARING action, we create a community of respect for ourselves and others.

The Southview Caring Heart Program teaches children to master the following 7 traits kids need to succeed in school and life: Resource: [How Children Succeed by Paul Tough](#)

Grit ~ Curiosity ~ Self-control ~ Social intelligence ~ Zest ~ Optimism ~ Gratitude

BELONG: Wildcat Pride

Full Participation ~ Mutual Understanding ~ Inclusive Solutions ~ Shared Responsibility

We strive each day to create an environment that is welcoming and connects staff, students and family to the school community. An environment in which there is almost no issue that cannot be resolved, leads to better ideas and solutions, encourages people to be responsible for and committed to building a better world.

We are working together for stronger individuals, stronger groups and stronger agreements with:

1. A culture that is *welcoming*,
2. A culture in which the *conditions for learning are ever-present*,
3. A culture in which we examine *how our behaviors affect us, others, and our world*,
4. A culture in which there is a shared belief that we are a *part of something special and great*, and
5. A culture in which the language creates and facilitates *personal pride, purpose and power*.

DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

7:45 – 8:00 a.m. Morning Student Drop-off and Recess

We encourage all students to participate in morning recess. This time gives children an opportunity to socialize with friends, play, and get some fresh air. It's a healthy way to start the school day!

Parent Drop off (Parking Lot): An assistant will be available every morning to assist your child out of the car and direct them to the playground. Safety continues to be a concern during morning parking lot drop off. It is our expectation that everyone will follow the routines we have set up for drop off.

Playground supervision begins at 7:45 a.m.

Please note: In order to be on time, students must be seated and ready for student announcements.

8:00 a.m.

Students enter the school building. Students must be seated in the classroom for student announcements in order to be on time for school.

8:10 a.m.

Video Morning Announcements begin.

Monday Video Announcements will be emailed to all Southview Families.

2:45 p.m. Student Dismissal

Busses leave the school by 2:45 p.m.

Teachers walk their students to the busses every day.

Parent/Guardian pick up is in the First Grade Commons during 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Please park in the SV Parking lot and enter the building to pick up your child(ren).

We will unlock the doors to the First Grade Commons at 2:40 p.m.

WILDCAT READS - WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday all Southview students participate in an all school read called Wildcat Reads.

We are reading long and strong for 20 minutes (8:10-8:30 a.m.).

READING IS VERY IMPORTANT!

All students must have a book in their backpacks at all times!

Make reading fun and special in your home! Students who read fluently succeed in school!

Give the gift of reading to your child by making time for reading every evening in your home!

Please note: Morning recess will be extended on Wednesdays.

SAFETY AT SOUTHVIEW

Safety is a priority at all District ONE10 schools!

When you visit Southview Elementary please enter through the office, sign in and put on a visitor name tag. Please sign out in the office when leaving. Thank you!

NO PARKING ZONES

For the safety of our students always use the SV Parking Lot for drop-off and pick-up. Please do not park in the bus zones. Throughout the day buses and vans continue to use the bus zones for field trips, special activities, and special classes.

LANYARDS AND BADGES

All staff at Southview wear either a Lanyard or Badge. Students are taught to look for the lanyard or badge if they are seeking assistance from an adult.

SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLAN

We are committed to maintaining an environment of safety and security for our students, staff, parents, and public. We regularly participate in the following drills throughout the year:

- 5 Fire Drills
- 5 Lock Down Drills
- 2 Tornado Drills

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

MN weather can change very quickly please! Please be prepared for cooler weather in the fall with light jackets and sweatshirts. Full winter gear (winter jacket, snow pants, winter boots, hat and mittens) is required as soon as we experience cold weather and snow. Students will be outside for recess at zero degree temperature.

END OF THE SCHOOL DAY CHANGES

Written parent permission (a note from home) is required for any changes in student dismissal at the end of the school day. *Keep your child safe –send a note to school.*

VERY IMPORTANT: For last minute changes, please call the school office.

EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

TECHNOLOGY IN CLASSROOMS

All students Grades K-5 will have access to one electronic device per 2 students for school use. The devices will remain in school and will be used by students under the supervision of our school staff. Gr. 5 students participate in the BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) to school plan. Detailed information is provided on our school website: www.isd110.org

In order to make learning personal, students in Grades 3-5 are invited to bring their own technology devices to school. This allows each learner to use a device that fits him/her the best! When sending a personal device to school, it must meet District 110 requirements.

SPECIALIST CLASSES

Southview offers our learners experiences in Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, Media, Technology, and Social Skills.

Tennis shoes are required for PE classes. Bring your tennis shoes to school every day or keep a pair in your locker.

OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

All students will experience a science lesson outdoors at the District 110 School Forest behind Bayview Elementary School. The project comes to us from Three Rivers Park Program. Environmental/Outdoor Education and is sponsored by the Southview PTO.

AUTHOR AND WRITING RESIDENCY

K-2 learners will have the opportunity to experience author visits. Grade 3-5 learners will have the opportunity to expand their writing skills with a one week writing residency. Residencies are sponsored by the Southview PTO.

CREATING A NEW CYCLE OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

K-3 learners will have the opportunity to learn about and practice wellness and active lifestyles. Grades 4 & 5 will participate in Cycle Health events and a Personal Power and Wholeness Residency.

FIELD TRIP PLAN

A field trip is considered to be a learning experience directly related to the curriculum. Each grade level is scheduled for a field trip during the school year. At Southview, we are extending our field trip program by giving our students an experience with the arts. Students will have the opportunity to attend a play or music concert. These field trips will be determined as the year progresses. The classroom teacher will provide further information and details as students prepare for their field trip.

GRADE LEVEL T-SHIRT

All learners and staff wear the Grade Level T-shirt for the Fit-A-Thon Fall Fundraiser, Caring Heart Days, Field Trips, and Track & Field.

ASSESSMENTS, PROGRESS, AND TIMELY FEEDBACK

All Southview students are assessed formally in reading, math, and social-emotional behavior three times per year (fall, winter, spring).

Progress is monitored regularly.

Formal assessment data is shared with parents at Parent/Teacher conferences in November and February.

SCHEDULING YOUR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

Parent/Teacher conference scheduling is done using Pick-A-Time software.

You will receive an email from Pick-A-Time with instructions on how to schedule your conferences.

REPORT CARDS

Our school has a trimester reporting period. You can view your child's report card online at the end of each trimester in the Infinite Campus Family Portal.

Along with the report card, the following assessments will be administered to accurately monitor student achievement. These assessments will allow teachers the opportunity to identify the strengths and areas of growth for each learner and provide accurate re-teach and/or expanded experiences.

Student Assessments:

- K-5 DEVELOPMENTAL READING ASSESSMENT (DRA)
- K-5 SOCIAL, ACADEMIC, EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR RISK SCREENER (SAEBRS)
- 1-5 CBM - READING FLUENCY ASSESSMENTS
- K-1 EARLY READING & EARLY MATH ASSESSMENTS
- 2-5 aREADING & aMATH
- 3-5 MINNESOTA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS (MCA)

CAFE 110 - BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM

SCHOOLWIDE MORNING BREAK

CAFE 110 Breakfast Bar (includes milk) is available for all students. There is no sign up needed to participate in Breakfast Bar.

All students receive a 15 minute morning break daily between 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (exact time subject to change due to field trips, school programs, etc.).

Students may bring a healthy snack from home or access the school Breakfast Bar.

Breakfast Bar for kindergarten students is free. Grades 1-5 breakfast cost will be deducted from the student's lunch account.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Students may bring a healthy lunch from home or access the school lunch program. Lunch cost will be deducted from the student's lunch account.

GUEST LUNCHESES

If you would like to eat school lunch please call the office by 9:00 a.m. to reserve a lunch. The guest lunch fee will be deducted from the student's lunch account. *Reservations are required to insure lunch availability.*

STUDENT HEALTH

All medication (inhalers, medicine, cough drops, etc.) should be brought directly to the nurse's office.

If your child has a fever or vomits, school policy states the student must stay home for 24 hours after the fever breaks or the last episode of vomiting.

If you are not sure of whether to send your child to school due to illness, please call Nurse Whitney at 952-442-0623.

When a student loses a tooth at school he/she will visit the nurse for a tooth necklace.

Please notify and ensure our Health Office is fully informed about your child's medical history and current medical diagnosis and medication at all times. Thank you for keeping us updated for the safety of your child.

CELEBRATING OUR LEARNERS

PRINCIPAL CARES

All students will be recognized at “Principal Cares” one time during the school year. Students will be invited for academic or behavioral achievements per teacher nominations.

Purpose: Academic and/or Behavioral Achievements

LUNCH WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Students in Grade One and New students to Southview will eat lunch with the Principal once during the school year.

Purpose: Belonging at Southview

BIRTHDAYS

We recognize students on their birthday by reading their name on video announcements. Students also receive a small birthday memento.

Purpose: Belonging at Southview

CARING HEART

Classrooms exhibiting school wide behavior expectations will receive the caring heart. Classrooms are nominated by school personnel and/or students.

Purpose: Respect

WARM FUZZIES

We give out warm fuzzies to share our gratitude and compliments. We invite everyone to pass on the warm fuzzy in an effort to continue sending gratitude and positivity into the world.

Purpose: Caring Heart Gratitude

SERVICE AWARD

Students who go above and beyond in providing service or doing a special project that benefits another will receive the Southview Service Award at the end of the school year. Students must be nominated using the form provided in the school office.

Purpose: Sharing our Caring Hearts for Service

END OF YEAR AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM

- SAFETY PATROL
- STUDENT COUNCIL
- FRANK THE MAILBOX
- TECH SQUAD
- CREATE SQUAD
- ALL STATE ELEMENTARY HONOR CHOIR
- GRADE 5: 40 BOOK AWARD

CAPTURING OUR MEMORIES

SOUTHVIEW YEARBOOK

Photographs will be taken all year as the yearbook pages get put together. Orders for the Southview Yearbook will be available in January. Yearbooks will be published and sent home with students at the end of May.

SOUTHVIEW VIDEOS

We will capture our school memories with an end of the year video. We will also provide bookend videos (Kindergarten and Grade 5) at the end of the school year. Parents/students will view each video during the Kindergarten Graduation and the Fifth Grade Farewell.

HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

SOUTHVIEW WEBPAGE

Please check the Southview web page to stay updated on all school information.

GOOGLE CALENDAR

All Southview Events are posted on the Southview Family Google calendar. Please subscribe to this calendar and check the attachment in each event for detailed information.

WEEKLY NEWS - THE SOUTHVIEW SCOOP

Weekly news is sent to you on Fridays via your email.

SCHOOLGY

Teachers utilize Schoology for sharing classroom information. Students utilize Schoology for accessing classroom information and assignments.

INFINITE CAMPUS FAMILY PORTAL

Please make sure you have an Infinite Campus account. Attendance, grades, report cards, teacher placements, and emails are available to parents via Infinite Campus.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, etc.

RED TAKE HOME FOLDER

All students will bring home the Red Take Home Folder every day. The folder will include homework and flyers from school.

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLANNER

Grade 1-5 students will bring home the Student Assignment Planner every day with the Red Take Home Folder. Please check the planner for assignments and important messages from the classroom teacher.

EMAIL/PHONE MESSAGES

Please give our teachers 48 hours to respond to your messages. Teachers do not have access to email or voicemail during the school day. **Important: Time sensitive messages should be called into the school office.**

ABSENCES & TARDIES

We expect all students to be in school every day and on time.

If your child is absent or tardy, please call the school office by 8:30 a.m. If we do not receive a phone call from you, we will call to inquire about a reason for the absence or tardy.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We love parent involvement at Southview! Here are ideas on how to be involved:

- Read to the classroom.
- Have lunch with your child.
- Attend school events.
- Attend parent/teacher conferences.
- Volunteer at school events.
- Stay updated in your child's classroom by reading information the teacher provides.
- Stay updated on school news by checking the website, reading weekly communication, following us on social media.
- Help your child with homework. Sign their Assignment Planner.
- Read to and with your children every evening.
- Practice math facts with your children every day.
- Attend the Fall and Spring Parent Information Meeting sponsored by the SV PTO
- Help the SV PTO