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## South Street School - Odds & Ends

#### **School Hours**

The school hours for K-2 at South Street School are 9:15 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.

## **School Transportation**

**Morning Drop-Off** - Students who take the bus should plan to be at the bus stop at least ten minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. For those parents choosing to drive their children to school, morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up will be at the WEST Entrance through the Main Foyer doors. **Please do not arrive any earlier than 9:05.** There will be plenty of smiles and friendly faces to greet the children as they get off the bus or are dropped off at school.

**Dismissal** - Our dismissal begins at 3:30 P.M. for our children, and release of classes will be staggered to limit congestion in the hallways and while boarding buses. The classroom teacher will release your child to their bus driver as they pass by. If your child is a walker, parents should park in the *WEST Lot* (closest to Waterdrinker) and **arrive by 3:25.** Please park in the designated visitor spots when picking up your child.

If your child rides the bus, please *make sure there is an* **adult** *present at the bus stop* when your child is dropped off at the end of the day. Parents should *call the Main Office* describing any changes to the dismissal procedure for the day and have your child give their note to the classroom teacher.

#### Absences/Tardies

Please make sure you call the attendance office at **631-801-3144** when your child is absent. If your child is absent, an automated call goes out to your house, work, or cell phone if you haven't called the school before 10:00 A.M. Once your child returns to school, please send in a note with him/her stating the dates and reason(s) why they were absent from school. If your child arrives late to school (anytime after 9:20), he/she must be signed into school **by an adult** at the main entrance.

#### **Early Dismissal**

We strongly encourage parents to try and schedule all activities and appointments after the school day. If it is an emergency and you need to pick up your child prior to the end of the school day, you should do so before 2:45 P.M. due to safety precautions. To make this process as smooth as possible, please *call the Main Office* and we will make note of the reason and specific time you will be picking them up. Children will only be released to parents/guardians or emergency contacts. **Photo Identification** is required when releasing children to ensure your child's safety. Please be aware that family members, neighbors, babysitters, etc. *under the age of 18* **cannot** pick up your child under any circumstances.

### **Emergency Contact**

Please review and update your *Emergency Contact Information* in Infinite Campus as soon as possible. Also, please give careful consideration to the additional names you submit; these persons should be easily accessible to the school, and people to whom you will entrust the care of your child in the event we are unable to reach you in an emergency.

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# **Allergy Awareness**

Dear South Street School Families,

Food allergies have become more prevalent in recent years. Some students have severe allergies. Contact with an allergen can lead to anaphylaxis, which is a sudden, severe allergic reaction that can lead to difficulty breathing. Preventing anaphylaxis can only be done through a team approach with the school, students and parents. For the safety of the students, we all need to be allergy aware.

Our district has evaluated best practices in order to promote a healthy and safe learning environment for everyone. We endeavor to reduce an allergic child's exposure to allergens within the school setting, while acknowledging that it is not possible to guarantee an allergen-free environment. We have established an Allergy Awareness policy which is available on the school district website. We encourage you to view this.

All classes will, hence-forward, be considered Allergy Aware. We request that you avoid sending in food items containing peanuts and tree nuts. For example, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches; Nutella; granola bars or cereal bars that contain nuts. Similar limitations may be made in the event in a classroom of a child with a severe egg and milk allergy, as the need arises. Additionally, our district will continue to abide by our practice of celebrations that do not include food for birthdays and special celebrations

As a district, we will be taking the following steps to educate our students and staff:

**Students:** An allergy awareness lesson will be provided by our school nurse to all of our elementary students at a later date. This is being done to provide information about food allergies. It is also being conducted to help improve acceptance of this condition, and to help manage social issues associated with this. In this lesson, the following will be addressed:

- 1. Students should not share food.
- 2. Food allergies are serious and should not be joked about.
- 3. Wash your hands before & after eating to minimize the spread of foods that have allergens.
- 4. Get help immediately if a friend with a food allergy becomes ill.
- 5. Bring in alternatives to foods for celebrations (crafts, stickers etc)

#### Staff:

- A presentation will be provided at the beginning of the school year which will include information about our Allergy Awareness Program, and building protocols for an allergy emergency.
- 2. Epipen training will be provided to all staff.
- 3. A meeting with custodial staff to review the areas that need to be thoroughly cleaned due to food allergies.
- 4. All faculty and staff will be encouraged to consult with school nurse about any special projects to avoid contact with potential allergens.

Thank you for your kind understanding of this important health matter. Your assistance in this matter is essential. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the health office to speak with our school nurse.

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## **Chromebooks**

The ESMCSD has a one-to-one Chromebook initiative for all students in grades K through 12. For students who already have their Chromebooks, please perform the steps below to prepare for the new year. If your child is new to ESMCSD, a Chromebook will be assigned to your child during the first days of school.

Follow these simple steps a week before classes start to ensure it's prepared for the first day.

## Step 1: Charge It Up

Plug the Chromebook into its charger and a power outlet. This will bring it out of its "battery disconnect" state and ensure it has enough power. Let it charge for at least one hour.

## Step 2: Power On and Connect to Wi-Fi

Turn on the device and connect it to your home's Wi-Fi network.

## Step 3: Sign In and Update

Have your child sign in with their **@student.esmonline.org** account. The Chromebook will automatically detect their profile and begin updating to the latest version of Chrome OS. It doesn't hurt to restart the computer a few times to help make sure all updates have been installed.

Once these steps are complete, the Chromebook is all set for the first day of school. Just remember to have your child bring it with them every day!

## Thank you!

Technology Department

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# Important South Street School Phone Numbers:

(Feel free to tape inside a kitchen cabinet)

Main Office	(631) 801 - 3144
Food Services	(631) 801 - 3340
Nurse's Office	(631) 801 - 3156
Special Education/504	(631) 801 - 3040
Technology (+ ChromeBooks)	(631) 801 - 3043
Transportation	(631) 801 - 3009