



South Newton Parent Newsletter

South Newton is a Title I School 

September 2018



From The Principal

On behalf of the staff at South Newton Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a difference in your child's education.

As we begin a new school year, our focus of improving instruction in all areas for all students will continue to be at the heart of all we do. We will honor and value the individual talents of your child and promote the development of leadership skills that will serve your child for a lifetime through the implementation of our "Leader In Me" model. Incorporating The Leader in Me practices within our school's environment and curriculum will help our students become ready to succeed in life. Critical skills and characteristics such as: trustworthiness, a strong work ethic, motivation, problem-solving skills, goal setting, effective interpersonal skills, a sense of teamwork, academic achievement and valuing diversity in a global market develop the WHOLE child-- socially, emotionally, academically and ethically. We will foster a school climate that promotes everyday greatness!

How can you support our efforts? Simply use the same language. By hearing the same language at home and at school, we send a strong message of what we believe is important and that we are on the same team. When parents and schools work together, the sky's the limit! Each month you will receive a "Habits at Home" newsletter. This newsletter is filled with information about what we are learning and ideas for incorporating the Habits into your home.

We look forward to a year of learning, leading, and growing that will enable our children to do and be their best.

Respectfully, Billy Cannon, Principal



Did you Know?

Thanks to a "Universal Breakfast" federal grant, ALL students at South Newton receive breakfast at no charge.

Find the menu on the NCCS website, <http://www.newton-conover.org/> under "Departments"- "Child Nutrition"- "Menus"

A reminder that Meal Applications **MUST** be completed each school year for those wishing to receive meal benefits. Only **ONE** application is needed for an entire household.

Meal benefits from the previous year will only carry over for a limited time. Beginning in October, households that have not turned in a new application will pay full price for all meals until a new application is received. Parents will be responsible for all charges.

Are you connected by ClassDojo?

ClassDojo is used school wide as a communication tool between school and home. We can instantly share messages, updates, and photos from school. You will be able to monitor your child's behavior, celebrate the positive choices your child is making and you will have a direct line of communication by being able to message your child's teacher.

You can use it on any device: it is a simple, free mobile app for iOS and Android and can also be used from a computer at www.classdojo.com. To join, please send your email or cell phone number to the teacher. Our school goal is for every family to join!





Your child's safety is of our utmost concern. Please adhere to school drop-off and pick-up practices that are put in place for the safety of our students.

- Please drive slowly as you enter and exit the car rider line.
- Children may not be dropped off before 7:45 am.
- No student drop offs in the bus lot or at the top of the hill or on the road.
- No left turns into the parking lot.
- Stay in your car at all times; do not walk up to the building to drop off or pick up your child. You must go through the car rider line.

There are no sign outs after 2:45 unless for emergencies. All students must be picked up by 3:40

- The tardy bell rings at 8:15. After this time you must park in a spot and walk your child in to the front office to be signed in.
- At afternoon pick-up, your car tag must be displayed on your rear view mirror or you will be asked to come inside for a tag and to verify that you have permission to pick up the child.
- Changes in afternoon transportation must be in writing. We will not accept changes over the phone.
- Please be prepared to show a photo ID when signing out a student. Also, we require a state issued license or identification card to be scanned when entering the school building.

We appreciate your support as we continue to implement safety steps in order to protect our most valuable occupants, your children.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

TITLE I

What Does It Mean To Be A Title I School?

Title I is the largest federally funded program for our nation's schools. Title I programs generally offer smaller classes, intervention resources, after school programs, additional teachers, assistants and support staff, additional training for school staff and a variety of teaching methods, materials and mentoring for students.

Funding supports Title I Schoolwide Programs and Targeted Assistance Programs, depending on the percentage of students that receive free and reduced lunch and how the school wants to function. Newton-Conover City Schools serve schools at or above 50% poverty level. Schoolwide programs have flexibility in using their Title I funds, in conjunction with other funds in the school, to upgrade the operation of the entire school.