



South Newton Parent Newsletter

South Newton is a Title I School



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From The Principal

Dear South Newton Family,

Happy New Year Tigers! Welcome back, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break and has had a good start to the New Year! Thank you parents and volunteers for assisting with class winter parties. The parties were a huge hit and students really enjoyed themselves. Thank you for your time and generosity, it is truly appreciated.

We are quickly approaching our Middle of the Year assessments. Students will take these assessments and our staff will be analyzing the results. We will continue to work hard and use the data to make needed adjustments to support the need of each student. We encourage your support by having your student(s) read at least 15-20 minutes each evening.

Additionally, it's important for students to arrive to school on time. The homeroom period provides students with a smooth transition to a day of learning. At this time, the students review the day's schedule, copy homework assignments, listen to school announcements, get breakfast, and distribute notes and materials from home to their teachers. To provide your children with a positive start to the day, please plan your morning so your child arrives in homeroom before 8:15.

Equally important, is ensuring that students get a good night's sleep each day. The better rested a student is the better their chance at academic success.

We hope that you and your family has a wonderful start to the New Year! Please let us know how we can be of assistance.

Respectfully, Billy Cannon, Principal

Upcoming Events

- January 14-18: Case 21 Benchmark Testing
- January 15: NCCS DIT Meeting (1:30-3:00) Family Lego Night 5pm-7pm
- January 21-Martin Luther King Jr. day- No School for Students and Staff
- January 22-Required Teacher Workday-
 - No School for Students
- February 4-15- Access Testing (ELL Students)



Child Nutrition Information

Parents, please make arrangements to pay off your student's lunch account as soon as possible. We have many students that owe money to the cafeteria. Free and Reduced applications can still be completed if assistance is needed.

You may complete an online application at www.lunchapplication.com. You may also complete a paper application at our central office located at: 605 North Ashe Ave Newton, NC 28658.

If you have already completed an application or received a letter of approval from Newton Conover City Schools, you do not need to complete another application. If you have any questions please contact our Child Nutrition Office at 828-464-3191.



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!

Field Trips:

- **ALL** parents attending field trips must complete a NCCS volunteer form and be approved before the trip. Please allow at least two weeks turn-around time. These applications are sent off for approval so you must allow enough time in order to receive approval before the trip.
- Only South Newton students are permitted on field trips.
- Students must ride the bus to the field trip destination.

Illness:

- Students must be fever free (without fever –reducing medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Make sure emergency numbers are kept up to date in case your child becomes ill during the school day.**
- If your child is sick, please keep them at home. Although we miss them when they are absent, we want to prevent the spreading of illness.

For more details about these two policies and to read about others, read through the handbook and feel free to contact the school with any questions.

**TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS LAW
(G.S. 115C-407) PROHIBITS THE
USE OF TOBACCO ON SCHOOL
GROUNDS OR PARKING LOTS.**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT CIGARETTES
ARE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE DRIV-
ING ON TO SCHOOL CAMPUS.**



Please be prepared to show a photo ID when signing out a student. A state-issued license or identification card must 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.

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 7:45am.
- No student drop-offs in the bus lot or at the top of the hill or on the road.
- 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.
- The tardy bell rings at 8:15am. After this time you must park 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.**

* Pre K parents– please make sure that you park in a designated parking spot in our lot during drop off and pick up times.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!



“A leader is one that knows the way, goes the way, shows the way.” - John Maxwell