



# South Lake Elementary School

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### Welcome Back To SLES

Welcome back to South Lake Elementary School. We are looking forward to an excellent school year. As we complete the third week of school, we can proudly say that we have had a safe and smooth opening of school. Thank you for all of your help. We will need your continued support throughout the school year.

### School Hours

Please bring your child to school on time. Students may arrive at school no earlier than 8:30 a.m. as there is no adult supervision until then. School begins at 8:50 am. At that time students should be in their classroom having breakfast. **Students who arrive to school late miss important instructions about their work day by their teacher.**

### Student Absences and Early Dismissals

**When your child is absent, please call to notify the office.** Upon your child's return to school, a note to the teacher is required indicating the reason for the absence. If your child is absent due to illness for five or more days, a doctor's note is required.

An automated call will be generated to the home or contact number anytime your child is entered as absent in the MCPS attendance computer system.

**If you plan to pick up your child early from school,** a written note to the teacher is required with the time and

reason for the early dismissal. If someone other than yourself or someone listed on your child's emergency information form will pick up your child then the note must include that person's name and phone number and they will be required to show photo identification before your child is permitted to be released to them. If you forget to send a note with your child in the morning, please fax a note to the office.

### Required Information

It is imperative that the school have **current and accurate contact information** for your child. If there is an **emergency** or if your **child becomes ill** at school we must be able to contact you or designated persons listed on your child's **Student Emergency Information Form**. **Please update the office whenever this information changes.**

South Lake is a Title I school and the federal funding we receive for student programs is based on the percentage of students who receive **free and reduced meals**. If you have not already done so, please make certain that you **complete a FARMS application form and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.**

### Student Illness

**Children who are ill should stay at home** until they have been symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to school. These symptoms include fever of 100 degrees or

higher, cough and/or sore throat or vomiting. If your child continues to run a fever for more than 24 hours you should consult a physician. Upon returning to school children will be required to stop by the health room to be cleared to return to class. **Students are not permitted to take any medication at school without the "Authorization to Administer Prescribed Medication" form (MCPS #525-13)** which can be obtained from the school's health room. Please remind your children to use healthy hygiene practices while at home and at school by washing their hands often, covering their nose and mouth by coughing or sneezing into their elbows. Students should also not share food or beverages when they are ill.

The Health Room is looking for **parent volunteers** to assist them with the seasonal flu clinic on September 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents will assist with bringing students to and from classes. Please contact Mrs. Brenner in the health room if you are available.

### Appropriate School Attire

Please make certain to be aware of any weather changes so that your child comes to school dressed accordingly. Students should also wear comfortable shoes (closed toed) that will prevent them from hurting themselves at recess or during physical education (P.E.) instruction. Hats and hoods are not permitted to be worn in school except for religious practices.

### IMPORTANT DATES

September 17 & 18, 2009

Grade 3 - field trip to the Kingsley Environmental Center. Patni/Crowell and Ramos/Niedelman attend on 17th & Yarmas and Clark on the 18th.

September 28, 2009

HOLIDAY- YOM KIPPOR  
No school for staff & students

September 29, 2009

PTA Family Night: 4:00—9:00 pm at LEDO'S PIZZA in Montgomery Village. (portion of proceeds goes to SL PTA for student programs).

September 30, 2009

"*Seasonal Flu*" Clinic - 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Only students who have turned in a signed permission slip will receive the *Flu Mist* (nasal vaccine).

October 1, 2009

Head Start parent meeting from 9:15—11:00 a.m. in staff lounge.

October 2, 2009

Early Dismissal Day  
Head Start & K-5 students dismissed at 12:35 p.m. (after lunch is served) and AM Pre-K students dismissed at 10:30 a.m.

October 6, 2009

PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. All parents welcomed (interpreters available).