

Southgate Independent School District

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT GREG DUTY

“Excellence, Character, Growth, & Pride”

If you happen to see our students or staff sporting our new red t-shirts for the 2017-2018 school year, you will notice four key words stated on the back of them. The four pillars that we continue to focus on in our district are Excellence, Character, Growth, & Pride. There is no doubt that the educational experience that we can offer our students is a unique one that is almost impossible to replicate. Our small class sizes and one to one technology opportunities make our district very special. We encourage everyone to take notice of our great school system as we are making legitimate strides as a TEAM.

Here are a few of the amazing things happening in the Southgate School District:

- ✓ We offered learning opportunities this summer including *Me and My School* for incoming kindergarten students and *Scholastic Lit Camp* for 2nd and 3rd graders.
- ✓ Our middle school students performed very well on the achievement portion of the K-PREP assessment last spring putting them in front of most NKY middle schools.
- ✓ Our staff attended Kagan Training as we continue to focus on student engagement.
- ✓ The district has received another Preschool Partnership Grant worth over \$110,000.
- ✓ Preschool families will get age-appropriate books through our “Book a Week” Program as we continue to focus on early childhood development.
- ✓ We completed a major building renovation in our preschool classrooms with new flooring/walls, fresh paint, new bathrooms, and student furniture.
- ✓ Our middle school band program continues to excel and will be performing at our annual Veteran’s Day Ceremony.
- ✓ We are now offering important wrap-around services with a kindergarten enrichment program, after-school program, and full-day preschool option.
- ✓ All 2nd graders and 3rd graders are learning to play chess, and there’s a chess club.
- ✓ 1 to 1 Reading Program continues with some students getting a reading mentor.
- ✓ Cross country team finished strong with an individual regional runner-up finish.
- ✓ The district hired a full-time counselor to help focus on student character development, mental health needs, data analysis, and continuous growth.

We will continue to work together to achieve academic excellence while developing strong character in every student...every day. Our students and staff could use your help so please contact the main office at 441-0743 to see what you can do to make a difference in the lives of our children. As always, it’s a great day to be a Southgate Lion!