

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 oxford t-shirts for this 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 authentic learning opportunities and dedicated staff members 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 EXCELLENT things happening in the Southgate School District:

- ✓ All day preschool and kindergarten classrooms for our families
- ✓ Research-based direct instruction literacy program for K-2 students
- ✓ Middle school test scores that rank in front of many NKY middle schools
- ✓ Born Learning Academy for parents with children ages birth-5
- ✓ Free books for all preschool families through our “Book a Week” Program
- ✓ Artful Reading program that integrates the creative arts into literacy instruction
- ✓ Family engagement events that focus on fun literacy activities for all families
- ✓ Preschool Partnership Grant worth over \$90,000 for necessary resources
- ✓ SRCL Literacy Grant worth over \$450,000 for staff PD and resources
- ✓ IAL Grant worth over \$100,000 for additional STEAM opportunities and resources
- ✓ Offer a top-notch music program that performs at many school/community events
- ✓ Chess Program for grades 2-3 during the school day with an afterschool Chess Club
- ✓ 1 to 1 Reading Program that allows volunteers to mentor students in grades 1-3
- ✓ 1 to 1 Technology for students in grades K-8 with new Chromebooks
- ✓ Research-based character building program for all students in the district
- ✓ Me and My School Summer Learning Program for incoming K students
- ✓ Student incentive programs for reading, math facts, and good character traits
- ✓ Summer enrichment activities including open library hours for all students
- ✓ Numerous extracurricular activities including cross country, cheerleading, basketball, band, chess, books clubs, robotics, student council, Girls on the Run, and Flying Piglet
- ✓ Student Recognition Assemblies that recognize our four pillars of success – Excellence, Character, Growth, & Pride

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!

Proudly Serving Southgate Schools,

Greg Duty