



# South Park Cougar Courier

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Lynne Brunjak, Principal

## Dates to Remember

- **8/31** all scholars begin school
- **9/7** Labor Day No School
- **9/8** Preschool Scholars Begin
- **9/8 - 9/9** Paperwork Drop-off in the Loop 9 AM-10 AM and 1 PM - 2 PM

Check out our webpage at

<http://southpark.pueblocitieschools.us/> for the latest school news and events.



What to wear?

- **Monday-College Day**
  - Wear NEU shirt
  - Wear college t-shirt
  - Wear the colors of your college
- **Tuesday -Regular Day**
  - Shorts-need to be longer than your fingertips
  - No spaghetti straps or sleeveless
  - No flip flops may be worn
  - No bra straps showing
  - Shirts must touch the pants
- **Wednesday-Dress-up Day**
  - blue/yellow
  - Wear your best clothes
  - Dress for success
  - If you have PE, bring tennis shoes
- **Thursday-Spirit Day**
  - Wear a South Park Spirit shirt
  - Wear your college t-shirt
  - Wear the colors of the school
    - blue/yellow

(Please note that these options are not mandatory.)

## **Scholar: a person who has an aptitude for study** Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Scholars of South Park:

**Welcome back to the 2020-21 school year.** We have a great year in store for your scholars. Our school is dedicated to keeping all of our scholars connected to one another whether they attend in-person or online because we are stronger together. I know that this year looks different, but South Park is a strong community and we will persevere.

**Terry Montoya** is our new secretary. She is so excited to be a part of our Cougar family. Give her a warm greeting when you see her or talk to her on the phone.

**South Park** will be continuing to institute the No Excuses University. This means that every scholar will be made aware of the opportunity of College/University. Each classroom has a specific College/University. You can buy your scholar a t-shirt to wear on Mondays. We will be selling No Excuses t-shirts in September to all of our scholars if they would like to purchase one.

**Attendance** is a vital part of the school day. We need your scholars here every day and on time. School begins at 7:45 a.m. and the teachers begin teaching at this time. It is very important that scholars do not miss time from school. Start time for online scholars is 7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. for K-2nd and 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for 3rd-5th. Attendance will be taken everyday both for our in person and our online scholars.

If you have any questions or concerns about our new policies or about your scholar, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Lynne Brunjak, Principal

## Office News

Please return the paperwork that was sent home by **Wednesday, September 9, 2020**. It is important we have the current contact information for our scholars.

For your convenience we are offering two drop-off days on September 8th and 9th from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.- 2 p.m. in the drive through loop.



## Counselor Corner

I would like to introduce myself as your new school counselor. My name is Leanna Catalano and I am the former secretary at South Park. I recently obtained my degree to be a school counselor and I am very excited to continue my journey at South Park in a different capacity. I am here to support every scholar with their academic, social/emotional, and career development.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed regarding your child's needs at 719-423-3482.

## Online Scholars

Scholars that are enrolled in the 100% online learning program can receive school breakfast and lunch each week. To participate in the meal program, all **orders must be placed each week by Wednesday for each child** through the pickup option on the [Pueblo Nutrislice website](#). A week's worth of meals will be picked up on each Friday at one of the five designated locations: Centennial, Central, East, South, and Risley middle school.

If a student is going to be absent on ANY day, please contact the office to let us know as this will allow us to code and track attendance appropriately.

## PRAISE IS ALIVE AT SOUTH PARK!

**P**-positive  
**R**-respectful  
**A**-accepting  
**I**-integrity  
**S**-safety  
**E**-equality



## **Online scholars entering class will be:**

### **Safe**

- Choose a distraction free space
- Use equipment as intended
- Use kind words and faces

### **Respectful**

- Video on at all times
- Audio off

### **Responsible**

- Be on time and ready to learn
- Start class charged or plugged in
- Have materials ready

## **Online Scholars during class will be:**

### **Safe**

- Ask in chat if you need help
- Use kind words and faces

### **Respectful**

- Video on at all times
- Audio off
- Answer questions in chat box on cue
- Answer polls promptly

### **Responsible**

- Ask questions (voice or chat) when you have them
- Be present – avoid multitasking



# In-Person Scholars

## Lunchroom Procedures:

- All scholars receive free breakfast and lunch
- Please do not pack pop in your child's lunch
- **Children do not have access to a microwave this year due to Covid-19.**



**Mask Wearing** is a must at all District 60 schools. The scholars are doing a great job. Please remind them to continue doing this for the safety of themselves and others.



## ENTERING THE SCHOOL IN THE MORNING

- Scholars may enter their classroom doors at 7:35 a.m.
- Please do not bring your scholar to school prior to 7:35 a.m. We do not have supervision until that time.
- **PARENTS:** This year due to Covid-19 all scholars will enter and exit through their own classroom doors. If you arrive after 7:55 a.m., please bring your scholar to the front of the building so they may get a tardy pass. Parents will not be allowed to go to their child's classroom for any reason.



## PICKING UP THE SCHOLARS IN THE AFTERNOON

- All scholars will be released through their own outside classroom doors.
  - Kdg 2:50 p.m.
  - 1st 2:55 p.m.
  - 2nd/3rd 3:00 p.m.
  - 4th/5th 3:05 p.m.
- No scholars will be released prior to the bell ringing
- Please have siblings make a plan to where they will meet each other if they get out at different times

## Changes in School Policy Due to Covid-19

- If your child has a fever or any symptom related to Covid-19, they will be placed in an isolation room with adult supervision and will be sent home. This is for the safety of your child and others.
- No morning clubs or after school activities
- No detention
- Scholars are not permitted to bring food that needs to be heated for lunch
- Birthdays:
  - You may contact your scholar's teacher and let them know that you would like treats for your scholar's birthday
  - You may give money to your scholar's teacher to purchase items for your scholar
  - This will lower the contact rate among all of our scholars
- No parents will be allowed into the classroom or the building other than the office area
- Everyone entering the building will have their temperature taken and will be asked a series of questions
- All scholars must take home their devices every night and charge them. These devices must be returned to school each day ready to use

## Discipline Colors:

Purple-outstanding  
Blue-great choice  
Green-ready to learn  
Yellow-reminder  
Orange-stop and think  
Red-contact home



## No Excuses Chant

***South Park Cougars  
Rise above the rest  
Home of No Excuses  
We strive to do our best.***

***Every scholar matters  
Success is in our soul  
Learning is our future  
And college is our goal.***

***College bound Cougars College bound Cougars***

***NEU NEU NEU***

## **P.E. Class with Mr. Vertovec**

Hello, my name is Matt Vertovec. I am the PE teacher at South Park. I am very excited to be a part of the South Park Community and am looking forward to working with our scholars! All of our in-person scholars are on a rotating schedule to attend PE class and our 3rd - 5th grade online scholars receive PE instruction via their device.

PE classes are an important part of the South Park Curriculum. Studies show that physical activity improves cognitive learning, increases self-confidence, and can make a positive impact on a scholar's overall performance.

### ***These are our goals at South Park:***

Our overall objective at South Park is to provide our scholars with the skills and opportunities to embrace the importance of healthy choices for life. Our goals are:

- To highlight the importance of working toward and maintaining a healthy fitness level.
- To teach the rules, strategies, and necessary skills of a game or activity.
- To emphasize the self-satisfaction of giving your best effort, regardless of the score.
- To guide all scholars to an awareness of their abilities, their capabilities and their potentials.
- To promote positive student interactions through activity, learning the importance of sportsmanship and being a significant part of the team.

### ***These are our expectations:***

- All scholars will listen and follow the instructor's directions.
- All scholars will try their best in all activities.
- All scholars will cooperate and work well with their classmates and instructor.
- All scholars will display a positive attitude while maintaining self-control.
- All scholars will participate in the activities scheduled unless a written reason is given. If an illness or injury persists, please have a doctor write a note explaining the restrictions your child has, as well as the duration of the injury or illness.
- All scholars must wear tennis shoes in P.E.

### ***This is how we accomplish our goals:***

**1. Movement Concepts and Skills** - This is the learning of how the body moves in relationship to space and other people.

**2. Locomotor Concepts and Skills** - Children learn about the different ways of getting from one starting point to another. This includes walking, galloping, skipping, jumping (two feet), hopping (one foot), leaping, sliding, running, and crawling.

**3. Manipulative Concepts and Skills** - Basic to proficient skill development of throwing (underhand tossing and overhand throwing), catching, rolling, dribbling (with hands and feet), kicking, and striking (with hands and implements).

**4. Personal and Social Responsibility Concepts** - These are the skills that require the class to be safe and orderly when working with others using teamwork, cooperation sportsmanship, and fair play. The students will be striving to stay active, involved, and engaged, all while exercising and having fun with a variety of different people each and every day.

### ***This is the Parent's Role:***

#### **Gym Shoes: Help your child remember their tennis shoes.**

Your child will need gym shoes (sneakers, tennis shoes) to participate in activities. They must have a flat bottom (no heel) and the foot must be fully covered. Sandals, Crocs, clogs, dress shoes, boots and any heeled shoes are not appropriate for class. One way to always have your child prepared is to have an extra pair of gym shoes kept at school, in the classroom or in a backpack.

#### **Notes for Not Participating**

If your scholar needs to be excused from physical activity, please include a dated note from a doctor or parent/guardian explaining the reason and an estimated time when your child may rejoin participation. These can be given to the classroom teacher or the PE teacher.

#### **Proper Clothing**

Encourage your scholar to wear clothing that allows for easy movement and various positions and levels. Students will often be on the gym floor or outside on the grass. Proper clothing can help your child to achieve their maximum potential in activity.

### **Communication with Mr. Vertovec**

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns, questions, or just information that needs to be exchanged. My office number is **549-7609**.