

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Peek Of The Week

#TogetherWeSOAR

A word from our Principal

Greetings #EagleNation!

We have successfully completed the first nine weeks of this school year with in-person learning following a pandemic. Although we've had a few bumps in the road, I am very proud of how well our students have adjusted to being back in the building following safety guidelines and are working towards meeting academic expectations.

On Tuesday, September 28th, SWMS held its first school-wide election to vote for School Council Officers for each grade level. I am very proud of how well the process went. The candidates did a good job of campaigning. It was a great experience for the students to go to the polling site and be able to cast their vote for the candidate of their choice. The newly elected officers will be working closely with administration to address the concerns of the student body.

As we continue to work with students daily on having positive interactions with their peers, they are rising to the challenge of seeking adult assistance to handle conflicts. During the month of October, we will focus on ways to prevent bullying for National Bullying Prevention Month. We will also have activities for Red Ribbon Week on our fight against drugs.

We are asking parents to encourage your children to stay focused on their academic performance and getting involved in school activities. We have many more exciting activities coming up. Stay tuned to our website, call-outs, and newsletters for the latest and greatest happenings at Southwest Middle School where we S.O.A.R into excellence!!

Tips for Students:

- Be a FRIEND
- SCHOOL before leisure!
- Get plenty of rest
- Take calming breaths
- Listen to music during free time
- Get organized
- Eat a healthy diet



Word/Character trait of the month:

INTEGRITY-The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness. **Integrity** consists of doing what is right even when it's hard or when no one is looking. **Integrity** is also knowing the difference between right and wrong and choosing to do the right thing. You can practice **integrity** by always setting positive examples, practicing accountability, and following the rules everywhere you go. It may not always be easy to practice **integrity**, but your reward will be in knowing that you were always honest and that you always did what was right. YOU ROCK! ☺



NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

October has been designated as National Bullying Prevention Month. Throughout the month, the nationwide campaign focuses on raising awareness on bullying through campaigns and activities that promote standing against the unwanted acts of aggression that bullies exert on their victims. We will host school wide activities throughout the month to include participating in Unity Day (October 20th). On Unity

Day staff and students will be encouraged to wear orange to represent #UNITY and standing against bullying.



Updates

October is National Bullying Prevention Month!

Reminders

- Masks are **REQUIRED** at all times while in the building.
- Wash hands frequently and practice social distancing.
- Cell phone usage is **NOT PERMITTED** during the school day!

Upcoming Events

- October 8th-11th: Fall Break
- October 13th & 20th: SEL Surveys
- October 15th: Report Cards issued/available online. Make sure your Parent Access Account is active.
- October 18th-22nd: No Place For Hate Kickoff
- October 20, 2021: Unity Day Students & Staff will wear **ORANGE** shirts to stand against BULLYING.
- October 21, 2021 @ 6 PM: Parent Meeting
- October 25th-29th: Red Ribbon Week

Important Links

Request to see your Counselor:
<https://forms.gle/owtcs9Fu9t9goJNV6>

Contact Your Counselor

912-395-3540 (option 2)

- Ms. Schoenfeld- 6th Grade
- Kirby.Schoenfeld@sccpss.com
- Ms. Rogers- 7th Grade, Lead Counselor
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