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SOUTHERN LOCAL NEWS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING:

WE are excited to start the school year with a new Superintendent, Mrs. Sigler and a new Director of Special Education, Mrs. Enochs. See inside for a message from them.

Our facilities received upgrades over the summer with a new playground at the Elementary, the addition of the Greenhouse for the FFA program, a fresh paving of the entire parking lot at the school building and more.

We have welcomed some new staff members over the summer and will introduce them through Staff Spotlights on social media.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 25-30
Thanksgiving Break

December 21-January 1
Christmas Break
January4- NO School Professional Development Day

REMINDER

All students online emergency medical forms must be completed online through the Final Forms system. For assistance, please contact the administration building at 330-679-2343 ext. 4200

For more information:

WWW.SOUTHERN.K12.OH.US

Mrs. SIGLER



Dear Southern Local Families and Community,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent of Southern Local Schools and appreciate the warm welcome I have received from our students, staff, families, and community.

As we begin this new year, our focus remains simple—**doing what is best for our students.** We want every student at Southern Local to feel safe, supported, challenged, and valued while receiving the opportunities they need to be successful both in and beyond the classroom.

The strength of Southern Local comes from the people who make up our school community. I have already seen our staff, families, local organizations, and community members working together to make the start of the school year special for our students. That teamwork and commitment are what make Southern Local such a great place to learn and grow.

I look forward to working alongside all of you, celebrating our students and staff, and building upon the many great things happening throughout our district.

Thank you for your continued support of Southern Local Schools. I am excited about what this year will bring and look forward to a wonderful 2026–2027 school year filled with learning, growth, and Southern Local Indian Pride!

Mary Alice Sigler
Superintendent
Southern Local School District

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATES:

Hello everyone,

My name is Jennifer Enochs, and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Director of Special Education at Southern Local School District. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our students, families, staff, and community in this role.

As Director of Special Education, one of my primary goals is to ensure that every student receives the support, services, and opportunities they need to be successful. I believe strongly in creating an inclusive and supportive environment where students are valued for their individual strengths and where their educational needs remain at the center of our decision-making.

I look forward to working closely with our teachers, intervention specialists, related service providers, administrators, and families. Together, we can ensure that our students receive high-quality services while maintaining strong practices and compliance with special education requirements.

I am excited about what we can accomplish together!

Jennifer Enochs
Director of Special Education



SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Southern Local offers students with special needs a variety of in house related services including speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and school psychologist services. Southern Local recieves IDEA Funding annually to help support the special education programming. This funding is used to ensure that we have the appropriate staffing and resources to meet the needs of our students. Southern Local employs 1 school pychologist, 1 occupational therapist, 11 intervention specialists, and 10 classroom behavior specialist. All other special education services are obtained through contracting services with partnerships with Columbiana County Educational Service Center and Jefferson County Educational Service Center.

TITLE I PROGRAM

Title I funds are used to support developmental reading and math programs at the elementary level in Southern Local Schools. Southern Local Schools operates as a school-wide model where Title Reading Teachers, a Math Coach, and Intervention Teachers are used to provide additional assistance to students in the classroom. Title I funds at the Jr./Sr. High are used to provided support programs to supplement and enhance the regular curriculum. Education is a partnership between the communtiy, the school, and home. If you would like to be involved in the learning process, please contact your students building offices to see how you can contribute!

HOMELESS Information

Experiencing homelessness can affect both a student's education and their well-being outside of the classroom. Supporting the whole student, both academically and non-academically, provides stability and opportunities to succeed. If you are experiencing homelessness or are in need of necessary survival items, please contact Mrs. Sampson at the administration building at ext 4203 or one of the building nurses at ext 4009 (Jr/SR High) or ext 4060 (Elem)

The Ohio Department of Education contact is:

Brittany Williams

Homeless Education State Coordinator

614-995-3442

HomelessEducation@education.ohio.gov

Playground Update

When students and staff return to Southern Local Elementary School in a few weeks, they will find many things to do on its new playground, one of several improvements to the Southern Local campus this summer. Produced by Wisconsin-based BCI Burke and sold and installed by Snider Recreation Inc. of North Royalton, Ohio, the $291,750 playground was added to the school district's campus earlier this summer.

While quite striking in bright blue and gold, the school district's official colors, it may not seem different from others at first glance.

But a step onto its grounds reveals it includes many unique features designed to provide all children, including those with special needs, a fun and safe experience at recess. The previous playground installed in the early 2000's was beginning to show its age and needed repairs that lead to this complete overhaul.

In addition to a central play structure with three slides and multiple climbing bars, there also are several satellite pieces, including a set of swings, smaller jungle gym, rotating climber, play concession and market stands that can be used by children of any mobility, a set of fixed bongo drums and Nido Spinners. As well as a communication board for student with special needs who are non-verbal or use aide to communicate. At each side of the playground is a Buddy Bench, where children may sit when they are tired or seeking someone to talk to.





ELEMENTARY NEWS

Celebrating Great Attendance

To promote and celebrate strong attendance habits for this school year, the Elementary school is excited to continue our **Quarterly Attendance Incentive Program**! Students who miss **2 or fewer school days OR who miss less than 14 hours per quarter (for any reason excused OR unexcused)** will be invited to attend a fun, educational, and interactive special assembly or field trip. EVEN medical excuses count towards the 14 hours. Please note that the last incentive will be for anyone who has missed 50 hours or less for the entire school year.

Here's a sneak peek at what's in store:

- **Quarter 1**: An exciting science experience of fire and ice from a Mad Scientist
- **Quarter 2**: A visit from Outback Ray and his exotic reptiles
- **Quarter 3**: Kindergarten and First grade will have a special movie and popcorn time here at the school with a special surprise guest!

2nd-5th grade will attend a theatrical circus performance in Pittsburgh (please note that we will only take older grade levels as younger children may struggle with the long bus ride and a long performance)

- **Year End Reward**: A fun filled bouncy house experience right here at Southern Local for all students who missed 50 hours or less for the entire school year!

CONGRATULATIONS:

Kamden Blatch (4th Grade) who earned a PERFECT SCORE on the Math State Assessment!!

WAY TO GO KAMDEN!!!

Welcome NEW STAFF at the Elementary:

K- Kyley Miller

2nd- Erin Willgohs

4th- Kylie Crowl

Speech- Marlee Porter















ROBOTICS

Students participated in Robotics Camp in August under the direction of Ms. Marquis and Jacob Crawford, an 8th grade student who help the incoming 4th grade students learn to build and program their robots that they built. The goal was to introduce the students to the Vex Robotics system used in the Robotics team competitions and develop and interest in joining the Robotics Team. The robotics team is funded by the Title IV Funding.





JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome NEW Jr/Sr High Staff:
Chemistry: Ayden Leon
Math: Sam Campbell
Language Arts:
Katie Martin




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