



Suder Elementary School Council Newsletter

A newsletter from Parents to Parents

December 2016



Wishing You
Peace & Joy this
Holiday Season!

School Council: How to get involved?

School Council is a school advisory body that consists of parents, community members, teachers and school administrators. Members meet and share ideas for school improvement. Some topics that school councils address:

- Student Learning
- School Improvement Plans
- Curriculum and Assessments

Your ideas on school improvement are needed!

Here's how YOU can become a member of School Council:

Complete a School Council Training Class. Contact the S.Trnett Cathy Professional Learning Center at 770-473-2795 for information on class dates and times.

Student Council



The Student Council is for students only. The students share ideas, interests and concerns with teachers and the principal. They also work with the School Council. On November 2, 2016, five *super* students were inducted into the Suder Student Council.

★ Amalie Laing, Amaya Payne-Campbell, Leo Brissette, Dominic Brissette, and Ja'maya Sheppard.

Congratulations Future Leaders!

Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP)

The CSIP is the school improvement strategy. It details student progress and achievement gaps based on the Georgia Milestone Assessment. Parental involvement is a major part of student progress.

Review the Suder CSIP and find out how YOU can make a difference!



The CSIP can be viewed on the Suder website:
http://122.clayton.k12.ga.us/about/school_improvement_plan.

Latest Educational Headlines: Facts on Attendance & Discipline

Getting our students prepared for success is an important parental responsibility.

According to a study completed by the U.S. Department of Education, student attendance and discipline have a direct impact on student achievement and graduation rates.

- ▶ Chronic absences are defined as missing 2 or more days per month from school. This adds up to over a year of classroom instruction missed by the time of graduation.
- ▶ Too many *Excused Absences* hurt too!
- ▶ Every minute matters! Being 10 minutes late each day adds up to missing more than 33 hours of instructional time per year.
- ▶ Student discipline problems can lead to students being removed from the classroom. This adds up to lost instructional time for the student.

Parents let's do our part to help our children succeed in the areas of attendance and discipline!

"Coming together is the beginning...keeping together is progress...working together is success!"

GET the facts...GET connected...GET INVOLVED!

- ◆ Volunteer at school
- ◆ Keep in touch with your student's teacher
- ◆ Express high education expectations
- ◆ Attend school meetings, functions, and events
- ◆ Seek out information
- ◆ Be an active part of decision making committees
- ◆ Participate in workshops that are offered
- ◆ Provide a rich learning environment at home
- ◆ Invite the community to partner with the school
- ◆ Join PTA

A message from ...

Suder's NEW Parent Liaison

Dear Suder Parents, My name is Crystal Crawford and I am your Parent Liaison. I am very excited to begin this journey with you; working alongside you so that you may become a partner in the educational process.

My goals are to motivate, empower and assist you by creating wonderful programs and events that adhere to the curriculum in addition to being innovative and memorable.

Our focus for the 2016-2017 school year is to actively involve parents in their child's attendance, homework, daily school activities, assistance with resources, and to strive for higher learning and community involvement.

Please join me in this mission through volunteering, attending monthly PTA meetings and with positive communication and feedback. Together, we can make this a parental involvement school year to remember!

I have an open door policy, so please feel free to stop by the Parent Resource Center in room 143 and I will be glad to assist you with any questions you may have.

I look forward to partnering with you!

Ms. Crawford

Lift Your Voices

Do you still have questions about School Council or maybe you just want to share your ideas on how parents can assist with school improvement? Contact the School Council: suder.schoolcouncil@gmail.com



Together we all succeed.



Upcoming Events

- **Council Meetings begin @ 8:00 AM:**
Jan 5, 2017 & Mar 2, 2017
- **Semester break:** Dec 19, 2016 – Jan 2, 2017
- **MLK Day:** Jan 16, 2017

Principal's Update



Dear Parents, It's hard to believe that we are approaching the halfway mark for this school year. As we close the year 2016, I would like to address areas to target for improvement as we move into the year 2017.

Attendance: Please be mindful that student attendance plays a vital role in your child's success and the overall success of the school. We are seeing increases in student absences, tardiness, early checkouts, and late pick-ups. Attendance issues can have detrimental effects on academic achievement. Students that arrive late will need to be escorted and signed in at the front office by parents. We are seeing students arriving to school late and unescorted for proper check-ins.

Behavior: Although we are all excited about the approaching Semester Break, we must stay focused and minimize behavior issues.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a safe and restful semester break. We eagerly await students return on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. *Dr. Sharon Jones*

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