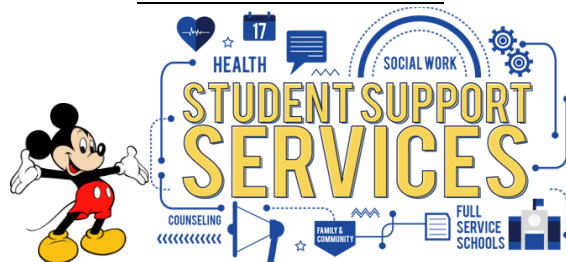


October 2021 Newsletter



UNITY SPIRIT WEEK! (Oct 18-22)

October is *National Bullying Prevention Month*. Schools, organizations and communities are raising awareness of bullying prevention and teaching students how to respond effectively to bullying situations. Southern Middle School's Bullying Prevention Month is kicking off and students will participate in different lessons, discussions and group activities through Student Advisory to promote kindness, acceptance and inclusion at our school! We have some fun and educational activities to spread awareness about bullying and show our Bulldog PRIDE including Pledging to be an Upstander, a Bullying Prevention Unity Door Decorating Contest, Unity Spirit Week and more! Check out our **UNITY SPIRIT WEEK (Oct 18-22) FLYER** attached where our goal is to ALL unite to put an end to bullying and make Southern NO place for hate! During Unity Spirit Week, we will join other schools around the country by participating in **National Unity Day** on Wednesday October 20th! On October 20th, we are asking students AND staff to UNITE and wear ORANGE! Be creative and go all out! Wear an Orange shirt, Orange mask, Orange pants, Orange socks, Orange face paint, Orange hat or even an Orange wig if you want! Together, through a united effort of kindness, we will help take a united stance to promote acceptance, inclusion and put an end to Bullying at Southern Middle School!

Attention 8th Grade Parents/Students:

Magnet Information Sessions/Application: SAVE THE DATES!

All 8th Grade students were mailed an information letter from the AACPS Magnet Office. Students and Parents should take time to learn about the five different High School Magnet Programs that AACPS offers: International Baccalaureate (IB), S.T.E.M, Bio Medical and Allied Health (BMAH), Performing Visual Arts (PVA), and Center of Applied Technology-South.

Applications for these programs open October 11, 2021 at noon and November 22, 2021 at noon. Virtual Information Session dates and links can be found on our Southern Middle website and link below:

<https://www.aacps.org/cms/lib/MD02215556/Centricity/Domain/269/Magnet%20Information%20Session%202021%20chart.pdf>

For more information, please visit the AACPS Magnet Website to explore specific High School Magnet Programs and their upcoming events: <https://www.aacps.org/magnet>

8th Grade CAT-South (Career and Technology) OPEN HOUSE & Field Trip

***See FLYERS Attached for CAT-South OPEN HOUSE EVENT OCTOBER 6th from 6-8PM!!!!**

*We are excited to announce that our 8th grade is tentatively scheduled for our CAT-South Field Trip on November 16th! *More Info to come!*

1st MARKING PERIOD INTERIM REPORT: 10/11/21

Please continue to encourage your student to excel academically by completing all required assignments, maintain organization, attend class each day on time, utilize tutoring resources (FLEX Time & After School help days) and prepare for tests and quizzes. We, as you do, want your student to reach their goals and be successful!

*If you have any questions about a specific class, please *contact the teacher directly* as teachers are consistently updating grades.

The Children's Guild:
Counseling Services @ SMS

Southern Middle School has a School Based Mental Health Clinician through The Children's Guild who is available to help children and their families address emotional and behavioral challenges. If you qualify for Medical Assistance, you could receive these services for **FREE**. Please contact your child's School Counselor for more information.