



High Quality Learning



Welcome Back Students and Staff!!!



By Calvin Trader, Director of Facilities and Operations

Southmoreland started the school year with some newly updated improvements: All buildings had some classrooms repainted as needed.

Primary Center

- Exterior pressure washed
- Exterior wall torn down and re-laid
- New mulch installed

Scottdale Elementary/Middle School

- Seven new roof top units were installed
- Gym floors redone and/or cleaned
- Overgrown hedges removed

High School

- New roof in process
- New carpet cleaner purchased and in use
- Mr. Sharek's classroom replaced leaky pipe
- Dedicated handicap parking lot
- Boys locker room floor repainted

Fieldhouse

- Completely painted inside and out

HERE'S WHAT'S UP!

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WELCOME

From the Superintendent

Dr. Jason Boone



As the Superintendent of Southmoreland School District, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all students, staff, parents, and community members.

We are committed to providing our students with an excellent education that prepares them for success in the future. Our dedicated teachers, administrators, and staff work tirelessly to ensure that our students receive the best possible learning experience. We believe that every student has unique talents and strengths, and it is our responsibility to help them reach their full potential.

We are proud of the achievements of our students and staff, and we continue to work towards improving the quality of education in our district. We have made significant investments in technology and infrastructure to ensure that our students have access to the latest educational tools and resources. We also offer a wide range of extracurricular activities and programs to provide our students with a well-rounded education.

We believe that education is a collaborative effort between the school, the home, and the community. We encourage parents and community members to get involved in our schools and to support our students in their educational endeavors.

Thank you for your continued support of Southmoreland School District. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students and in our community.





reading instruction to students in grades K-5. The Reading Program supplements the classroom reading program through small group instruction and flexible grouping strategies for students with specific reading skill weaknesses.

ESSA and Right to Know

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law in December, 2015, reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) which includes right to know requests. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials.

Title I Federal Programs

*by Dr. Daniel Clara,
Assistant to the Superintendent*

Title I Program

Federal programs are intended to supplement rather than supplant the regular curriculum of the Southmoreland School District.

Please click on [this link](#) to view our annual Title I Federal Programs Parent presentation.

Title I Remedial Reading

The purpose of the program is the improvement of skills of elementary students whose achievement level is below the general achievement of their peer group. Remedial Reading Resource Program
Title I funds are used to provide remedial

Title I School Policy

Please click on the link below to read the individual school Parent Involvement Policy and Compacts.

[Southmoreland Primary Center Parent Involvement Policy](#)

[Southmoreland Primary Center Parent Compact](#)

[Southmoreland Elementary Parent Involvement Policy](#)

[Southmoreland Elementary Parent Compact](#)

Please click on the link below to read the District-Wide Parent Involvement Policy.

[Southmoreland School District Parent Involvement Policy](#)

Title I Right To Know Letters

[SPC RTK Letter 2324](#)

[SES RTK Letter 2324](#)





ONLINE REGISTRATION



New Online Registration



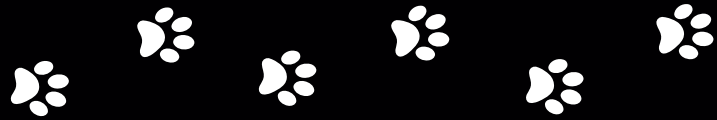
by Lori Herman

This September Southmoreland started a new online registration process.

Parents can go to the district website and enroll all of their children at once, no need to fill out a form for each child, all while in the comfort of their own home. There are some documents that are needed to complete the registration, but those are also available in the registration section on the website.

A welcome packet is also available with general information for new families to the district.

[Click here for the Welcome Packet](#)



NEW STUDENT

WELCOME PACKET

SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

"High Quality Learning for All"





You've Got a Friend Day

by Sheri Zimmerman

You've Got a Friend Day was held on October 4th at Twin Lakes, there were 58 YEA members from the high school paired up with students from the autistic support and life skills classes. These groups participated in various outdoor activities throughout the day, such as: hayrides, fishing, peddle boats, a bounce house and a petting zoo, among others. This was truly an amazing day!!





SOUTHMORELAND PRIMARY CENTER



Reading Under the Lights

by Amber Cernuto

Reading Under the Lights was a fun evening for preschool aged children up to first grade, organized by Dan Clara and Kristin Smith. There were eight stations for families to rotate through, where there were snacks, activities and readings done by teachers from the district and volunteers from the Scottdale Library. Kelly Derr, Christina Smithula and Amber Cernuto read two stories: *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* and *The Pigeon Has to Go to School!* Their activities included a pigeon coloring sheet, stamping animal passengers on a bus and completing a license to drive. Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable evening!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

— Dr. Seuss

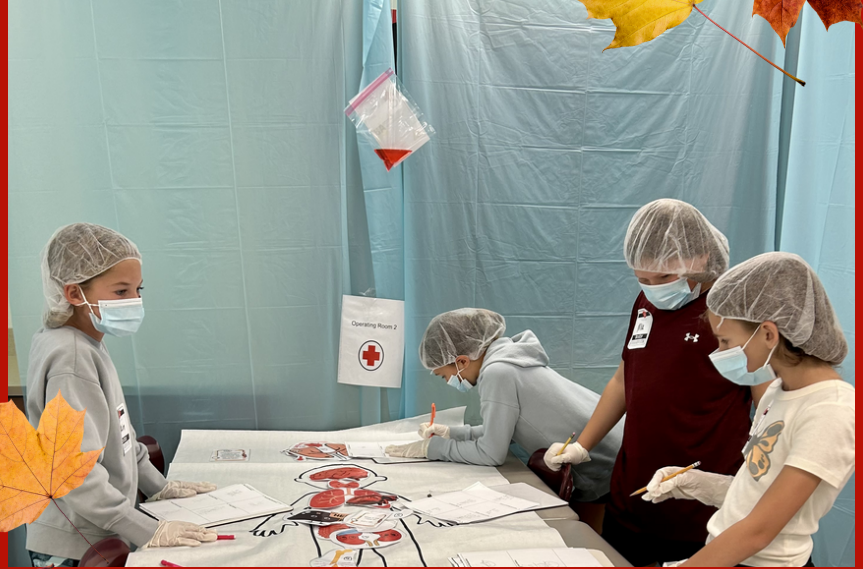


The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!





SOUTHMORELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



UDL in Action

by Tracey Kuchar-Long, Principal

Elementary students had the choice between labeling a plant and animal cell on paper, coloring, or decorating graham crackers and cookies with “organelles” to prepare for their upcoming test.

In Math, students changed the words to the bridge of Taylor Swift’s song “Cruel Summer” to “Cruel Multiplying” to help them remember the steps to multi-digit multiplication.

Students reviewed multi-digit whole-number multiplication. They worked on standard: CC.2.1.5.B.2 applying place-value concepts to show an understanding of operations to whole numbers. The students were placed in small heterogenous groups based on pretest scores and class data tracking

from this unit. All students were asked to save their patients using problem-solving skills with multiplication. Each group operated in an operating room with “hurt organs/bones” that they were to fix with problem-solving and multiplication. Every “hurt organ/bone” had a problem underneath to solve on their patient charts (aka recording sheet). If every student worked together, showed their work and conducted themselves in proper “bedside” manner, they were given a “healthy organ/bone”. Once every problem was solved the patients were saved! Thankfully, every patient made it home healthy thanks to some new doctors of multiplication.



SOUTHMORELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL



"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

- Benjamin Franklin



Project Lead the Way

by James Klugh, Principal

Project Lead the Way is bringing out students' creativity and communication skills. It allows students to think on their own and develop team working skills. Students are determined and motivated each day to solve problems such as developing apps and experiencing outputs on a microbit device.

This project was made possible by the awarding of a \$10,000.00 grant. An additional grant has been written to hopefully expand the program during the 2024-2025 school year. Another \$10,000.00 would help us expand into STEM courses. Both were written by Pete Klugh.



SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL



Miss Santoro's Biotech students building a prosthetic limb.

Westmoreland County Food Drive

by Charity Colebank, Assistant Principal

The High School's Interact Club students stayed after school to prep boxes for the food drive!

We are competing against schools in Westmoreland County to get the most donations.

Use the following link to donate and please share:

https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2wapcllffd/team/926091/?fbclid=IwAR1VPH8Y8sJcGHiWcqWW-ZxF10me48a4xRq9qvBTitPEPCO_C5jF6ufklnA

CONGRATULATIONS!

Southmoreland High School Marching Band won first place at Yough's PIMBA Band Competition





IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please Check The CSIU Parent Portal to keep current on your child's grades and attendance.

- The record now stands at 20:35!
- 98 student-athletes made the All-Academic Team and were honored earlier this fall!
- We will recognize and honor our Senior Student-Athletes at the final home football game on Friday, October 20th.
- Middle School Football had a strong season compiling an impressive 6-1 record!

Fall Sports Highlights



by Brian Pritts, Athletic Director

- WPIAL Playoff Bound - The Scotties are having a strong fall and have sent four teams to the WPIAL Playoffs. Congratulations and best of luck to our Lady Tennis Team, our Lady Soccer Team, our Football Team, and our Lady Volleyball Team.
- Volleyball wrapped up the regular season undefeated with an amazing 18-0 record!
- Lexi Ohler broke the Southmoreland Cross Country Course Record twice this season!



"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within"

- Maya Angelou





Winter Season Ticket Sales



Winter season tickets may be purchased online through the Athletics tab on the district website. A service fee of \$2.50 or 2.95% (whichever is greater) will be charged for this service. VISA, MasterCard and Discover Cards are also accepted. Click on the link below to purchase tickets:

[Click Here to Purchase
Winter Season Tickets](#)

- Senior Citizens (ages 65 and up) are given a free pass to all winter season games, district residents only.
- Adult Winter Season Ticket = \$50.00
- Student (K-12) Winter Season Ticket = \$25.00

Season tickets may be purchased in person at the first winter athletic events or you can make arrangements to pick up your tickets/senior citizen pass by contacting Georgia Speer at 724.887.2018 or by visiting the High School Athletic Office M-F from 9 AM to 3 PM.

NOTE: Service fees are non-refundable.

LET'S GO SCOTTIES



**"If it doesn't challenge you, it
doesn't change you."**

- Fred DeVito





HOMECOMING COURT 2023

Gwen Basinger
Madison Brown - Queen
 Kaylee Doppelheuer
 Isabella Johnson
 Eva Martin
 Amarah McCutcheon
 Beatrix Pawlikowsky
 Faith Tarr

Cody Bateman
 Ronald Collins
 Aidan Corvin
 Kadin Keefer
Ty Keffer - King
 Elijah Leightler
 Nolan Blaze
 Makai Trout-Lewis





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