

SOUTHVIEW ELEMENTARY

HANDBOOK

2024-2025



*Your guide to everything you
need to know about Southview!*

Welcome to Southview!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Southview. Southview Elementary is an amazing school with involved parents, dedicated and talented staff, and hard-working students. As a staff, we are committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure high levels of success for every student, in every classroom, every day! Our students are innovative, independent, responsible, life-long learners. Southview Elementary is a safe and orderly environment with high expectations. By following our school-wide expectations, students make choices that positively impact their behavior and academic successes. As a school community, we work together to meet the needs of ALL of our Southview students. Collaboration with parents serves as an important role in each child's educational experience. We look forward to a successful, fun-filled 2024-2025 school year!

Helpful Phone Numbers

Southview Main Office **952-431-8370**

Southview Absence Line **952-431-8375**

Southview Absence Survey

www.district196.org/SV - upper right corner, click on menu > Families + > Attendance > Report an Absence

Southview Fax Number **952-431-8377**

School Nurse **952-431-8974**

Transportation **651-423-7685**

YMCA After School Care (SACC) 952-898-9622

Burnsville YMCA

School Hours: 7:45 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Students should **not** arrive at school before 7:25 a.m. Doors do not open until 7:30 a.m., and students waiting outside will be unsupervised until that time. If you are dropping your child(ren) off, plan to drop off at approximately 7:30 a.m. so students have time to get settled in their classroom and complete their morning jobs.

What's Happening at Southview?

Stay up-to-date on all of the latest news at Southview by liking us on [Facebook](#) at Southview Elementary School (not Southview Elementary).

Before School Begins in September

Student Registration

All students begin the registration process by completing the Online Pre-Registration form located on the district website – www.district196.org. Click on Menu in the upper right corner, click the plus sign next to About, scroll to “Enrolling Your Child” and follow the directions in “Steps to complete K-12 registration”.

Assessment Days Are Important

Assessment days will be held August 28 and 29 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. In your classroom placement email, you will be asked to sign your child up for an assessment time. The 30-minute assessment allows our teachers to meet your child and assess where they are in their learning. While your child is being assessed, parents will remain outside of the classroom to fill out necessary paperwork. Once the sign-up launches, you can sign up for your assessment time by visiting the Southview website: www.district196.org/sv and clicking on the link: *Southview Assessment Sign Up*.

If you do not have access to a computer to set up your child's assessment time, contact the school office at 952-431-8370 and they will be happy to schedule a time for you. If you are unable to make the assessment days, contact the school as well.

School Supplies

A copy of our school supply list can be found on our website before the beginning of the school year. The kindergarten and first-grade classrooms order their supplies in bulk and ask that parents pay a fee for the supplies during the Assessment Days. Grades 2-5 will be responsible for purchasing their supplies. If you need assistance with supplies, contact Stacy Swenson, our school social worker.

Southview Elementary Supply List
2024-2025

Parents: Please make sure your children have the following supplies to start the 2024-2025 school year. All children will need to have gym shoes that tie or Velcro with non-marring soles for physical education. Make sure to label everything clearly. If purchasing supplies creates a hardship, please contact the office for assistance with donated supplies.

Kindergarten/First Grade	Second Grade Supply List	Third Grade Supply List	Fourth Grade Supply List	Fifth Grade Supply List
<p>Kindergarten and First Grade students will have their school supplies purchased for them and families will pay a supply donation to the teacher at August Assessments.</p> <p>Your donation will be paid by cash or a check.</p> <p>Kindergarten: REQUIRED item: — Headphones (will not be included in the supply purchase made by the school)</p> <p>Donation Item: — Kleenex</p> <p>First Grade: REQUIRED item: — Headphones (will not be included in the supply purchase made by the school)</p> <p>Donation Items: — Kleenex — Hand Sanitizer — Clorox/Lysol Wipes — Ziploc freezer bags (gallon, sandwich or snack) — Paper Towels</p>	<p>Some items will be shared as community supplies.</p> <p>[Please DO NOT label]</p> <p>— 36 sharpened #2 Ticonderoga pencils (no decorative pencils)</p> <p>— 1 box Crayola broad line washable markers (8 ct.)</p> <p>— 1 box Crayola crayons (24 ct.)</p> <p>— 1 box Crayola colored pencils (12 count; not the mini size)</p> <p>— 2 black flair med. pt. pens</p> <p>— 4 dry erase markers - black fine tip</p> <p>— 1 red plastic pocket folder</p> <p>— 1 BLUE PRIMARY composition notebook</p> <p>— 1 crascr (LARGE)</p> <p>— 2 Glue sticks</p> <p>— 1 box Kleenex (175 count)</p> <p>— Gym shoes</p> <p>— 1 Headphones (no ear buds)</p> <p>Donation Items: — Kleenex — Clorox Wipes</p>	<p>— 48 SHARPENED #2 Ticonderoga pencils</p> <p>— 1 Headphones (required)</p> <p>— 1 box Crayola broad line washable markers (8 ct.)</p> <p>— 1 box colored pencils (12 ct.)</p> <p>— 2 black flair pens</p> <p>— 2 Expo dry erase markers</p> <p>— 2 solid color PLASTIC pocket folders (1 yellow, 1 blue)</p> <p>— 1 wide-lined spiral notebooks (1 yellow)</p> <p>— 1 RED composition notebook (wide ruled)</p> <p>— 1 pack of pencil top erasers</p> <p>— 1 Post It note pads 3" x 3"</p> <p>— 1 Fiskars metal blunt scissors</p> <p>— 4 Elmer's glue sticks (large)</p> <p>— 2 Scotch tape rolls</p> <p>— 1 box Kleenex (175 count)</p> <p>Donation Items: — Kleenex — Clorox Wipes — Hand Sanitizer — Ziploc gallon bags — Ziploc sandwich bags — Pencil top erasers — Loose leaf lined paper (wide ruled)</p>	<p>— 48 sharpened #2 Ticonderoga pencils</p> <p>— 1 box Crayola broad line washable markers (8 or 10 ct.)</p> <p>— 1 box colored pencils (12 ct.)</p> <p>— 2 black flair pens</p> <p>— 2 fine-tip BLACK dry erase markers</p> <p>— 4 solid plastic pocket folders</p> <p>— * yellow</p> <p>— * red</p> <p>— * purple</p> <p>— * blue</p> <p>— 3 spiral notebooks WIDE RULED solid color</p> <p>— * 2 yellow</p> <p>— * 1 purple</p> <p>— 1 Fiskars scissors – 5" (sharp, metal blades)</p> <p>— 3 Elmer's glue sticks</p> <p>— 1 Headphones (no ear buds)</p> <p>* 4th Grade teachers will provide a pencil box for students. No need to purchase.</p> <p>Donation Items: — Kleenex — Clorox Wipes — Bright Colored Post-It Notes — Ziploc Quart or Gallon bags — Pencil top erasers</p>	<p>— 24 sharpened #2 pencils (no mechanical)</p> <p>— 1 box washable markers (8 ct.)</p> <p>— 1 box colored pencils (12 ct.)</p> <p>— 2 red pens</p> <p>— 2 highlighters</p> <p>— 3 pocket folders – (1 yellow, 1 purple, 1 red)</p> <p>— 1 wide-lined spiral bound yellow notebook</p> <p>— 1 RED composition notebook</p> <p>— 1 BLACK composition notebook</p> <p>— 1 pencil sharpener (small)</p> <p>— 1 scissors</p> <p>— 4 glue sticks (large)</p> <p>— 1 box Kleenex (175 ct.)</p> <p>— 1 calculator</p> <p>— 2 dry erase markers</p> <p>— Clorox Wipes</p> <p>— 1 HEADPHONES (wired; no ear buds)</p>

Absences 101

Who do you contact when your child will be absent for any reason?

Call the absence line at 952-431-8375 or fill out the Attendance Survey on the Southview website (www.district196.org/SV). When leaving a voicemail, please include your student's name and spelling of name, your name, your student's grade and teacher, the reason for the absence and your phone number in case there are questions.

Excused Absences

Illness
Appointments for doctor, dental, mental health
Official religious holiday
Extreme family emergency
Planned family vacation
Funeral
Extreme cold temperatures
Unique circumstances which are preauthorized by a school administrator

Unexcused Absences

Parents forgot to wake child
Parents did not know school schedule
Child did not feel like going to school
Child was sleepy
Child is having difficulty separating from parents
Child thinks school is boring
Child doesn't meet state immunization law requirements
Child is babysitting a young sibling or relative
Child does not have transportation to school

Excessive absences and/or tardies (even if excused) will result in a letter of concern from the school. *The letters are generated automatically and are sent to everyone for whom they print.* If you have questions or concerns as to why you received a letter, please contact the school social worker at 952-431-8370 and ask for Stacy Swenson. If the absences are unexcused, please contact us to let us know why your child was absent. **At 7 unexcused absences, a report to Dakota County is required.** Please note that tardies are defined as coming to school late or leaving early.

What is a Tardy?

If your child arrives at school later than 7:45 a.m., the student is considered "Tardy" and will need to check in at the office (main entrance – Door 19). Students who miss less than 2 hours of school for any reason are considered "Tardy". If your child is absent for more than 2 hours of a school day, it is considered a half day absence.

I Need to Pick Up My Child Early. What Do I Do?

If you need to pick up your child early from school, please email your student's teacher. When you come to pick them up, please call the office at 952-431-8370 and your student will be notified in their classroom. An adult from the office will escort them to your vehicle.

Health Information

General Information

Good health is basic to sound education and productive living and learning. The purpose of the school health program is to reduce barriers to learning, supporting students, their health, and learning. Please advise your student's Licensed School Nurse of any health conditions that may impact their learning or require restrictions or accommodations. Refer to our district website for policies and forms related to student health and welfare.

Establish healthy habits early to ensure your child's success. Instilling healthy habits and routines including adequate sleep and nutrition and consistent attendance ensures a student's success in school. We know that too many absences or tardies, for whatever reason, can cause children to fall behind both academically and socially.

CHILDREN SHOULD STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher - can return when fever free for 20 hours without fever reducing medication.
- Strep throat - can return after 12 hours of antibiotics and fever free for 20 hours without fever reducing medication.
- Vomiting or diarrhea (without a known reason) - can return 20 hours after last episode.
- Rash (without a known reason) with behavior change or fever of 100.4 or greater.
- Excessive coughing that persists and makes it difficult to participate in school.
- Not healthy enough to participate in routine school activities.

When your child is feeling ill, **please keep your student at home**. Don't hesitate to call the school nurse (952-431-8794) with questions or concerns. We would prefer the child remain at home for 24 hours after the symptoms have subsided. This helps prevent the spread of communicable diseases and allows the student the opportunity to rest and recover fully from the illness.

Emergency Contact Information Updated

Please be certain your emergency contact information is up to date and accurate should the school staff need to reach out to you with a concern. Please review your contact information via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal and make any changes to home, work or cell phone numbers.

Health Services – District 196

The school district will follow the guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health for recommended exclusion and notification for vaccine-preventable diseases. If you have questions or would like additional information about the district's health services please go to <http://www.district196.org/District/Departments/HealthServices/>

Wellness Policies

For wellness reasons, we encourage students to drink water while at school. If other drinks or beverages become a distraction from learning, they will be limited to water outside of mealtimes. Soda pop, coffee, and energy drinks are NOT ALLOWED at school.

Communication

Take Home Folder

The Take Home Folder is used for all communication coming to and from school and will be in your child's backpack. Frequency of how often the folder will come home differs by grade level.

Principal's Southview Scoop

A weekly principal's email will be sent every Friday morning. This email will keep you informed of all calendar changes, building-level activities and events. Please make sure to view it each week for important information.

Grade Level Newsletters

Newsletters, emails, and SeeSaw posts (K-3) are shared with families to keep you informed of what is happening in your child's classroom. Always feel free to reach out to your child's teacher with questions.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Formal conferences are held twice a year during fall and winter trimesters. This year's conferences will be held Wednesday, November 6 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 7 from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 5 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 6 from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Evening and day appointments are available and can be scheduled online by visiting the Southview web site during the conference scheduling window at <https://sv.district196.org>

Southview Web Site – <https://sv.district196.org>

This is where you can access the Southview calendar and all information pertaining to Southview. The Southview calendar will be displayed towards the bottom on the home page and will have the most up-to-date information about all events. A paper calendar will not be published, but can be accessed on the Southview web site.

Arrival and Dismissal

THERE IS NO PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF WHITNEY DRIVE FROM 7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. THE NORTH SIDE OF WHITNEY DRIVE WILL BE USED AS A RIGHT TURN LANE.

Dropping Off in the Morning

A student's day officially begins promptly at **7:45 a.m.** Plan to drop your student off between 7:30-7:40 a.m. If your child does **not** ride the bus, please time his/her arrival at 7:30 a.m. so there is sufficient time to unpack belongings and complete morning jobs. We have more than 200 students who get dropped off each day, so please be patient.

If you are dropping your child off, use the parking lot along Whitney Drive past the bus exit on the west side of the building. The far right lane is the line to enter the parking lot. **DO NOT** drop children off until you are in the drop off zone in the parking lot and make sure your student is prepared to exit. Do not get out of your vehicle. If your child needs support, a staff member will be available to help.

Pick-up at the End of the Day – In the Parking Lot off of Whitney Drive:

Walkers are excused at 2:00 p.m. and car riders are excused once the student's pick-up number has been entered beginning at 1:55 p.m. If you are picking your student up with a car, please do not block the bus exit driveway or anyone's driveway. To ensure the safety of students and to keep traffic moving, please...

- Make sure your student's name sign is visible. Signs will be created during Assessment Days. Please visit the Car Rider station in the main hallway for your sign.
- Continue to move forward with the line of traffic until your child arrives at your vehicle.
- Have your child enter/exit your vehicle **next to the yellow curb**. Do not get out of your car. Make sure your child can buckle or unbuckle his/her seat belt.
- Do not cut into an open spot; wait your turn in line.
- Remain in line until it is your turn to exit the parking lot.
- Drive slowly and have patience! Respect others who are entering or exiting because you are a role model for our future drivers.
- If special circumstances require you to park, your student must wait to be crossed by an adult. **We will not allow any children to walk through the parking lot without an adult.**
- All students not picked up by 2:10 p.m. will be waiting in the office. If it becomes an ongoing issue, after school childcare will be recommended.

Bus Reminders

- Be at bus stop 5 minutes early
- Download the **Here Comes the Bus** app so you can track your student's bus. The app can be downloaded for free on the Google Play Store for Android and App Store for iPhone. Click the "Sign Up" button, enter school code 73500 and click "Next" followed by "Confirm". Complete the "User Profile" box. Under "My Students", click "Add". Enter your child's last name and student lunch pin. You will need to log into your Infinite Campus account to locate your student's lunch pin number. In Infinite Campus, click on your student, click on "More" and click on "Lunch Pin".
- Students are not allowed to ride the bus home with friends unless there is a childcare emergency per the District Transportation Department.

Dismissal – Change in Transportation

If there is a change in how your child is going home from the normal schedule, please notify the office by **12:00 p.m.** We need time to notify classroom teachers to ensure your child gets home safely.

Infinite Campus

District 196 utilizes Infinite Campus as their student information system. This system manages all student data such as class registration, attendance, parent/family contact information and much more. **Report cards will not be sent home via paper** and can only be accessed through Infinite Campus.

Infinite Campus is a parent portal application that provides near real-time access to student information. Via Infinite Campus, parents can access information on report cards, attendance, behavior, transcripts, health, emergency contact information and more.

Once an Infinite Campus account has been set up, it will follow your student(s) through graduation if they remain in District 196. This household account will contain all information about each of your students. The Infinite Campus account must be accessed at least once a year to update student health history and emergency contact information. This needs to be done at the beginning of each school year and is extremely important to make sure all phone numbers and emails are up-to-date.

You can access your Infinite Campus by clicking on the following link:

<https://district196mn.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/district196.jsp>.

You will need your Username and Password to access your information. If you don't remember either part of the login information, please follow the prompts to reset your information. Each household **MUST REVIEW** their student(s) information each school year. Please update any changes to your phone number or email to receive important district and/or school messages regarding school closings, etc.

iPad Student User Agreement

Log in to [Infinite Campus](#) (on a computer or via the mobile app) to review and acknowledge the iPad Student User Agreement shown on page 3 and 4 as part of the required annual emergency contact and health information review process. One of the steps in that process is to review and acknowledge the iPad Student User Agreement.

Lunch and Recess

What's For Lunch?

To access lunch and breakfast calendars please click here: [Lunch and Breakfast menu](#). Nutrislice creates the district lunch and breakfast calendars and there is an app that you can download to your smart phone to view the school lunch and breakfast calendars from your phone.

Recess

Students at Southview enjoy a 20 minute recess outside each day. Students go outside each day unless it's raining or the temperature or wind chill is below zero. During the winter months, students should be dressed appropriately with winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens.

Educational Benefits Program

A New Application is needed each year!

ALL families with children enrolled in District 196 should complete an Educational Benefits Application each year. The Educational Benefits Program is more than just an application for free and/or reduced price meals. Just one form ensures student funding continues for all students in District 196.

Educational Benefits Form

All families are encouraged to complete an application for Educational Benefits. If you qualify, you will be eligible for **FREE IPAD PROTECTION COVERAGE!** You will also be eligible for reduced prices on the items listed below:

- Transportation
- Athletic participation
- Community Education Courses
- Academic Testing (ACT, AP, PSAT, SAT)
- College application fees
- Additional funding for your school
- Increased access to technology resources
- Family benefits may include free or discounted fees for cable and internet services

An approval for educational benefits provides **critical funding** for Southview. Only one application is needed per household. Paper applications are also available from the front office at your child's school. If you have questions, contact Nutrition@district196.org or call 651-683-6958.

Applications for the Educational Benefits Program are available **online** for school year 2024-2025. Click [HERE](#). Complete your application and submit (only one application is needed per household). **This application needs to be completed yearly.**

iPad Optional Protection Plan

Go to the [EduTrack Connect landing page](#) to log in. Follow the steps in the *Instructions for Paying a Fee* section to pay for the **24-25 iPad Optional Protection Plan** by **4:00 pm, Monday, September 23, 2024**. Until that date/time, the district will cover damages (not loss) allowing families time to complete the purchase. After that date/time, until the Protection Plan is purchased, the family will be responsible for any costs associated with damage to the iPad. *Please note, you can accept the Protection Plan at any time throughout the school year by following the directions in the next section.*

IF YOU DO NOT PURCHASE THE PROTECTION PLAN

The student's family is responsible for the cost of replacement (if lost or stolen) and repairs. The estimated costs of replacement and the most common repairs are as follows:

Replacements

- * iPad = \$294
- * Protective case = \$50

Repairs

- * Damaged or broken LCD = \$135
- * Damaged or broken glass = \$95

Any damage, loss or theft of a district-issued device should be immediately reported to a staff member, regardless of whether the Protection Plan was purchased.

Wolfpack Pride

Expectations

At Southview Elementary, our school-wide behavioral expectations center around the acronym PRIDE. We intentionally teach our students expected behaviors around the characteristics of:

P: Problem-solving

R: Responsibility

I: Integrity

D: Dependability

E: Empathy

We focus on teaching these behaviors in all school-related settings: hallways, lockers, bathrooms, recess, bus, cafeteria, online learning, arrival and dismissal. Expectations are explicitly taught, practiced and reinforced so everyone knows what is expected. Expectations are posted for students to see, and teachers to review expected behaviors with all students regularly. Having consistent language and consistent expectations school-wide helps our whole community stay safe, remain positive, and focus on learning.

PRIDE Tickets – Student Recognition

Positive recognition and praise are important ways of motivating students to demonstrate PRIDE behaviors. All Southview students will be recognized for positive behavior choices with Wolf Pack PRIDE Tickets. When a staff member sees a student demonstrating problem-solving, responsibility, integrity, dependability, or empathy, the adult will complement the child's behavior and give them a PRIDE ticket. PRIDE tickets will be celebrated on an individual level and as classrooms/grade levels. Individual PRIDE tickets will be collected in the classroom to count towards a classroom or grade level reward. On the last school day of each week, three students from each grade level will be recognized during morning announcements by having their individual ticket drawn and receiving a prize and having a picture taken in the office. We are excited to celebrate with families by sending the picture in the weekly newsletter, and we invite you to celebrate your PRIDE ticket winners at home as well!

Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

Previously, the district mailed a copy of the handbook to each family. This year, the handbook will be available online on the district web site. It can be found under the "About" heading under "Stay Informed". [LINK](#)

Cell Phones & Smart Watches

At Southview Elementary, we understand that technology is an integral part of our lives, and many students possess cell phones and smartwatches. To maintain a focused and distraction-free learning environment, we have established the following guidelines:

Cell Phones:

- If students bring cell phones to school, they must be powered off and stored either in their backpacks or in a designated storage container in the classroom.
- Cell phones should remain off and out of sight during the entire school day, including recess and lunchtime.
- If a cell phone is seen or heard during the school day, it will be collected by the teacher and returned at the end of the day. Repeated incidents may require parents to pick up the phone from the school office.

Smart Watches:

- Students are allowed to wear smartwatches to school.
- However, if a smartwatch becomes a distraction to the student or others, or if it is used during the school day, the student will be asked to keep it in their backpack or, if necessary, leave it at home.
- Teachers have the authority to determine what constitutes a distraction and to address issues accordingly.
- If your child is sick, the office will notify you that your child needs to be picked up. Children should not be communicating with families during the day.

Excessive use of smartphones and smartwatches can contribute to increased anxiety and decreased attention spans in children. By minimizing the presence and usage of these devices during the school day, we aim to create a more engaging, focused, and anxiety-free environment for our students. Our goal is to help children develop healthy habits around technology use and to ensure that they are fully present and engaged in their learning.

Curriculum & Specialist Classes

Curriculum

District 196 offers a comprehensive core district-wide curriculum. The core curriculum is complemented with a variety of electives and co-curricular opportunities to ensure the students' academic and social-emotional learning needs are met at each school. If you would like detailed information about the curriculum, please go to the district web site:

<https://www.district196.org/academics/elementary>

This year, we have new core curriculum resources for all grade levels. We will be using Functional Phonics/Morphology and EL Education for literacy, iReady for math and Amplify for science. All grade levels will also have a 30 minute WIN (What I Need) time which is a structured and time dedicated block for targeted instruction based on individual needs.

Core Curriculums at the Elementary Level:

Functional Phonics & Morphology

Functional Phonics (K-2) and Functional Morphology (3-5) are evidence-based programs focused on phonics and morphology. The phonics program enhances word recognition, decoding, fluency, and spelling through a structured approach that includes a variety of instructional routines. Functional Morphology develops students' reading, spelling, and comprehension by exploring the layers of the English language through daily instruction.

EL Education Open Up Resources

EL Education Open Up Resources is our K-5 curriculum designed for knowledge building. In the lesson modules, students explore science, social studies, and literature units, which help strengthen their literacy skills. These lessons expand background knowledge and enhance reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing skills.

i-Ready Math

i-Ready Classroom Mathematics is a mathematics program designed to help all students become strong, independent mathematical thinkers. The program accomplishes this by guiding students through discourse-based instruction and focusing on learning through problem-solving. Lessons are structured to span multiple days and may integrate several standards to help students make connections and strengthen their understanding. Students will engage in daily lessons to develop conceptual understanding, build procedural fluency, and apply concepts they've learned to new situations. Students will also access a variety of tools, including worktexts, activities and games, and online personalized learning throughout the curriculum.

Amplify Science

In each Amplify Science unit, students inhabit the role of a scientist or engineer in order to investigate a real-world problem. These real-world problems provide relevant, 21st-century contexts through which students will investigate different scientific phenomena. Over the course of the unit, students collect and make sense of evidence from multiple sources and through a variety of modalities, thus ensuring that they have a variety of vehicles through which to develop and articulate their understanding of each phenomenon. Each unit also provides students with opportunities to apply what they have learned to solve new problems and/or use newly-learned practices in different contexts. By doing so, students are able to demonstrate a deep understanding of scientific phenomena.

Specialist Classes

Southview follows a rotation of specialist classes including Art, Physical Education, Music and Library. Our specialist classes are designed to integrate and support classroom curriculum and offer enrichment learning experiences. As part of Music, each grade except kindergarten participates in a music concert.

Technology

All students at Southview will receive an iPad to use during the school year. Southview also has one computer lab and seven carts of Chromebooks which are used throughout the

year. Students learn internet safety, computer basics such as keyboarding skills, digital citizenship and how to research topics and create presentations.

Band

Band starts in 5th grade at Southview. Students register for band in the spring of 4th grade and the option to take summer lessons is available, but not required. Small group instrument lessons take place weekly during school. Instrumental rental is available.

Gifted & Talented Development

District 196 provides a continuum of services directed to meet the needs of gifted and talented students. Services include curriculum differentiation provided by classroom teachers as well as academic opportunities offered by the building Talent Development specialist. Students may self-select some opportunities, while others are offered based on standardized test scores. Students selected for more specialized programming meet criteria that are consistent throughout all District 196 schools. Each building's GTD specialist can provide information specific to their school.

School Events to Look Forward To...

There is always something fun happening at Southview! We have numerous student and community building events throughout the school year. These events make for some of the biggest highlights of our students' school year and parent volunteer help is always appreciated.

Southview Fun Run – September

The Southview Fun Run is a fundraising effort led by the Southview PTO. Students collect pledges for a two-week period and then are challenged to complete as many laps as they can during their scheduled run. This event is enjoyed by students of all ages and is successful because of our Southview volunteers.

End of Trimester Celebrations

At the end of trimesters one and two, we will have schoolwide celebrations. At the end of the first trimester, we will play gratitude bingo. At the end of second trimester, we have kindness parties. At the end of the year, each grade level has a celebration.

Bingo Night Family Event

This is an opportunity for Southview families and friends to mingle and play some bingo. This FREE community event is sponsored by the Southview PTO and is another wonderful opportunity for families to volunteer. (Note: this is not a Southview fundraiser).

Track and Field Day – 5th Grade

The 5th grade track and field day takes place at Apple Valley High School where students participate in both individual and team events against other District 196 elementary schools. Dates will be communicated later in the year.

Southview Carnival

This is a favorite event of our students! Our annual school carnival is held in the spring and features games, food and activities. It takes many volunteers to make this a successful event.

Family Fun Night(s)

We plan 1-2 family nights per year!

All About PTO

What is the PTO?

Southview nurtures a lifelong learning atmosphere for students and their families. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Southview is a strong, active force that supports students, classrooms, teachers and families through fundraising activities, fine arts enrichment, and volunteering. Meetings will be held on September 10, October 8, November 12, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, and May 13 via ZOOM at 6:30 p.m. The ZOOM link will be available on the Southview web site in the monthly calendar. The meetings are open to all Southview parents and all are encouraged to attend.

PTO Fundraisers

Our PTO coordinates fundraisers and supports many activities including the Southview Fun Run, Carnival, Culver's Night, Fifth Grade Celebration, Fine Arts program, fund-raising, Safety Patrol celebrations, Scholarships, Book Fair, school communications, staff appreciation, Bingo and Yearbook.

Volunteering at Southview

Whether you work in or outside of the home, there are so many opportunities to be involved with at Southview and the success of our PTO depends on volunteers. The PTO is constantly in need of chairpersons and committee members in order to support the students, classrooms and teachers. Contact an executive board member for additional information regarding volunteer opportunities or email them at southviewpto@gmail.com

Southview PTO Executive Committee Member 2024-2025		
President	Danielle Smedstad	Danielle.smedstad1@gmail.com
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