



# South Park Cougar Courier

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Lynne Brunjak, Principal

## Dates to Remember

- 12/1 5th Grade to CSU-Pueblo
- 12/1 PTO Movie Night 1:30 PM - 3:15 PM
- 12/1 Mid-term Grade Check Sent Home
- 12/4 PTO Meeting in the Library 3:30 PM
- 12/7 Scholars of the Month Assembly 2:30 PM
- 12/13 Science Fair
- 12/14 4 Yr Preschool Polar Express PJ Day
- 12/14 3 Yr Preschool to Buell Children's Museum
- 12/14 1st & 2nd Grade Performance 6:00 PM
- 12/15 **No School** - Scholars only attend if they have an appointment to take an assessment.
- 12/18/17 - 01/02/2018 **No School** - Christmas Break

**Scholar:** a person who has an aptitude for study

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Scholars of South Park:

Tis the season to bring good cheer and kindness to all. That is what we are promoting here at South Park. Kindness matters...it does not take much to be kind to others. Talk to your scholars about doing the right thing always and to be positive and respectful to others.

No Bully is well under way. Our scholars are receiving weekly lessons from our counselor Mr. Finke and their classroom teachers. We are serious about stamping out bullies from our school. If your child is having difficulty, please encourage them to confront the bully if at all possible. If not, then talk to their teacher. We cannot stop bully behavior if we are not aware of it. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Our quarter is halfway over. Remind your scholars that they need to do their very best in all that they do. The reward for this is a future full of possibilities.

We will have no school on Friday, December 15th. Scholars will be brought to school by appointment only. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Our Veterans Day Assembly was a huge success. Thank you to those Veterans that attended. We look forward to doing this again next year.

Through our No Bully Grant, we will be purchasing a No Bully t-shirt for every student in the building. We will be sending home a form to fill out requesting your child's shirt size. We need these back ASAP.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lynne Brunjak, Principal



## No Bully Corner



### PRAISE IS ALIVE AT SOUTH PARK!

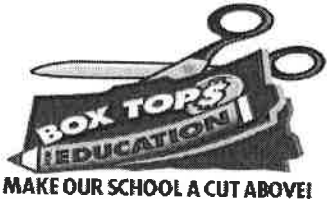
**P-positive**  
**R-respectful**  
**A-accepting**  
**I-integrity**  
**S-safety**  
**E-equality**

### **3 Types of Bullying:**

**Verbal bullying**...when a student uses words to hurt another student.

**Relational bullying**...when a student tries to hurt another student's friendships and relationships through deliberately leaving them out, spreading gossip, ostracizing or scapegoating.

**Cyberbullying**..occurs when students use cell-phones, text messages, e-mails, or any other type of social media to bully another student in any of the ways described above.

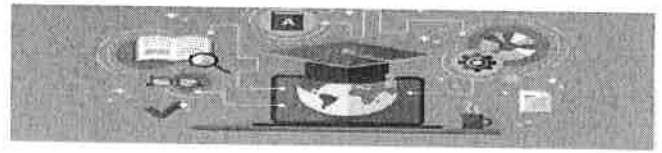


## PTO Corner

Each month we will send out themed collection sheets for your child to collect Box Tops. These sheets are designed to make it easier to collect and turn in your Box Tops. Simply tape a Box Top to each square and return it to school when it is filled up. Students may get another sheet if needed. We will do a final collection for Box Tops on Friday, February 23, 2018. The class with the most Box Tops wins a prize.

PTO Movie Night will be held on Friday, December 1st from 1:30 PM until 3:15 PM. The movie will be The Smurfs: Lost Village. Admission to the movie is free. There will be concessions available for purchase..

Thank you for supporting our school!



## Hour of Code

South Park has an opportunity to participate in the Hour of Code. Scholars will have the opportunity to learn about the exciting field of computer science. The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. It is designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path. Scholars will participate in various activities that will take place here at school December 4th through the 8th.

## Holiday Fair

The Holiday Gift Shop is here. There will be a large variety of gifts in different price ranges to choose from. This is a great way for your child to shop for their family while learning how to budget money and make their own decisions. Proceeds will benefit the media center for new books for our scholars. Store runs from November 27th through December 1st.



## **No Excuses Chant**

***South Park Cougars  
Rise above the rest  
Home of No Excuses  
We strive to do our best.***

***Every scholar matters  
Success is in our soul  
Learning is our future  
And college is our goal.***

***College bound Cougars  
College bound Cougars  
GO SOUTH PARK***



**A World Class Education  
for Success in a Global Society**

## Parent Information Letter Teacher Qualifications and State Assessments

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter explains your rights to information regarding teacher qualifications as well as state assessments as they relate to your student's educational program.

### Teacher Qualifications

It is the practice at Pueblo City Schools to hire teachers who are fully licensed or endorsed for the grades and subjects taught. Please feel free to reach out to your student's school, if you would like additional information such as

- Whether the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has licensed or endorsed your student's teacher for the grades and subjects taught.
- Whether CDE has decided that your student's teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar para educators provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

### State Assessments

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) is the name of the state's English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies assessments. CMAS is based on the Colorado Academic Standards. This ensures that all districts are held to the same challenging standards that Coloradans expect for their students regardless of whether they live in urban, suburban, or rural areas.

The CMAS program serves the following main purposes:

1. To help each student and his or her family know how the student is performing in meeting the academic standards and how they compare to their peers, and to know how the student has grown over time academically.
2. To enable teachers to see how their students are performing against the academic standards, and identify areas they may need to adjust in their practice for the future.
3. To provide school and district leaders, the state, policymakers, and the public with information on how well the educational system is meeting the goals of helping every child attain academic proficiency.

CMAS will be administered in a standardized manner through a secure electronic online process supervised by CMAS Test Administrators.

For more information concerning policy regarding student participation in the required assessments as well as the parental right to opt out of such assessments, please see District policy and regulation IKA and IKA-R which can be found on the District website at [www.pueblocitieschools.us/board\\_of\\_education](http://www.pueblocitieschools.us/board_of_education).

Sincerely,

Charlotte Macaluso  
Superintendent of Schools

