# Central Elementary November Newsletter

### Dear Parents,

It won't be long until the school year will be one-third completed. As has been the tradition here at South, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester. This year conference dates are Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Partners together, we welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your child's progress. Information concerning scheduling a conference with your child's teacher was sent home with your student on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Core Team has been working diligently to prepare for Central's transition from the Busy Bees to a PBIS program, which will be officially kicked off in late January 2018. PBIS is a research-based and school-wide program that aids schools in developing and implementing effective classroom behavior support systems for all students. The heart of the program is recognizing and celebrating positive behavior. We want to cheer for students who make good choices and support those who make mistakes. A comprehensive program, including all employees, to celebrate good choices is being created. There also needs to be predictability for students who consistently make the wrong choices. Mistakes are not bad. They are learning opportunities and we will approach them that way. Part of the preparation has included switching over to using a new form

to report discipline incidents. This form differentiates between minor behaviors (managed by the teachers) and major behaviors (managed by the principal). For instance, play hitting/horseplay is a minor behavior, while punching with the intent to harm is a major behavior. The new system allows for the tracking of the location of the incident, time of the incident, types of problem behaviors, possible motivation for the behavior, and any discipline decisions. The data gathered enables the staff to target specific behaviors on which to focus instruction regarding correct behaviors and reteach expectations as needed. PBIS will help students and staff focus on the positive behaviors that will make Central a safer and more effective learning environment.

As your principal, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in the education and nurturing of our children. I am sincerely thankful for your suggestions on how to make our school an even better place of learning for our children. Remember, my door is always open.

### Mrs. Kathy Furman, Principal





# Parent-Teacher Conferences

Act 80 Days 12:30 AM Dismissal LUNCH WILL BE SERVED Monday, November 20

& Tuesday, November 21

## Field Trip Community Arts Center Grade Kdg, 1,2,& 3 Wednesday, November 29th

