



Southwest Snapshot

October 18th, 2020



Quarter 2 Curriculum Distribution will be **Monday, October 19th** Families will drive through the carpool lane in front of the school, provide your child's name and grade level, and receive the materials needed for Quarter 2 instruction. Families must remain in the car, and staff will be following CDC guidelines during distribution. We have three different time options available to families.

- 7:30-10:00am
- 11:00am-2:00pm
- 4:30-6:30pm



Monday, October 19th is a workday for teachers and an asynchronous remote learning day for students. Your child's teacher will communicate how to document attendance for that day.



Q2 Master Schedule for Southwest: The new master schedule will begin on **Tuesday, October 20th** A few highlights from the new schedule are listed below.

○ The school day will now begin with a preparation block to allow students time to prepare for instruction. All students should be logged in for morning meeting and attendance at 8:15am.

○ The new schedule aligns with the expectations for a district-wide expectation for all schools.

- Lunch from 11:45am-12:45pm
- Literacy and math core blocks before lunch (only impacted grades K-2nd)
- Increased options for asynchronous learning (including choice options for specials)
- Prioritized Wednesdays for wellness

○ With the exception of science in grades K-4th, the afternoon time is primarily structured for asynchronous work time. These blocks also allow time for teachers to meet with students in a small group or individually for intervention. If your child is assigned to a small group or intervention in the afternoon, please make sure your child attends. This time is differentiated to meet the specific needs for your child and will help them meet expectations at the end of the year.

○ Additional clarification of schedule components such as blocks for preparation and asynchronous learning have also been added at the top.

SAVE THE DATE

Virtual Literacy Night ~ Our first SW Virtual Literacy Night will be **Thursday, October 29th** from 5-6pm. There will be 4-5 virtual options for families including storytelling with Mrs. Soucek, K-6 easy parent tips, and Move This World for families. We will offer two identical sessions of each option to allow families the option to attend two different sessions. The first session will be 5:00-5:25pm, and the second session will be 5:35-6:00pm.

If you have any questions about Title 1, all our information is located on our website and updated throughout the year.



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Students can check out up to 5 print items via Durham County Public Library Take-Out! with their Student ID #. Learn more about all you can access with Bull City, NC SLAM at

<http://durhamcountylibrary.org/services/librarycards/bull-city-nc-slam/>

Students will use their student ID (PowerSchool ID number) to access the Durham County Library electronic and print materials. We are not providing physical library cards to students through this program since they will be able to access everything by just using their Student ID (PowerSchool) number. The student's PIN will be the last 4 digits of their Student ID. (PowerSchool)

No-cost COVID-19 testing is available at four Durham Housing Authority locations.
Monday-Friday October 14-October 30 8:30AM-5:00PM

Walk-up testing will be available, but we encourage residents to register and schedule an appointment at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling (877) 562-4850. Anyone who meets the virus testing criteria can be tested, including people who are underinsured, uninsured, undocumented or homeless. Symptoms of COVID-19 can be found on the NCDHHS website.

The Seahawk Sustainers have been busy at work! We are only 2 months into the school year and here is a list of what has happened so far.

- Blue Light Glasses for 18 classrooms
- Complete Library Refresh for 2 classrooms
- Read Aloud Books for Zoom Classes
- Mobile Dry Erase Board for online teaching
- Kahoot Premium School Edition Licenses for 24 teachers
- TEEACH Autism Workshop
- Earphones for 50+ Kids

The Seahawk Sustainers Society is designed to bring in monthly donations that go directly to the school and benefit the students. The PTA would like to encourage everyone to sign up for the Seahawk Sustainer Society at www.swepta.com/sustainers. You can sign up to give weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, or give a one-time donation.

***Parents of African American Children (PAAC)** – We are looking for volunteers to help start a PAAC committee at Southwest in conjunction with Empowered Parents in Community (EPiC). This committee would be an advocacy group to inspire Black students for academic success and to empower families to advocate to close the opportunity and achievement gap. Please let us know if you are interested by emailing us at pta.swedurhamnc@gmail.com