



Southwest Snapshot

October 4th, 2020



We know your student's academic success is important to you, and in times like these, you probably have questions about their current grades. Due to school closures, we are unable to provide hard copies of progress reports or report cards. However, there is an alternate way you can view your child's grades and stay up to date on their information via our online student information system called PowerSchool.

The information found on PowerSchool is accessible to both students and parents through the Student Portal and Parent Portal. For more information about creating a secure, online Parent Portal account, please visit the Parent Portal Resources tab.

Parent Portal allows parents to remain informed about grades and attendance throughout the school year. Mid-quarter progress reports were made available to families through the PowerSchool Parent Portal on October 23rd. Thank you for helping us get 100% of our Southwest families connected!



IGNITE! OPENS COMMITMENT TO ONLINE LEARNING FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

The Durham Public Schools Board of Education has adopted Plan C (virtual learning) for the second nine weeks of the school year. As we move toward planning for the remainder of the academic year, Durham Public Schools will offer families the opportunity to express their commitment to continue virtual learning through the end of the school year 2020-2021 should we return to in-person learning. This opportunity will be offered through Ignite Online Academy when and if we begin the in-person transition.

Requesting your seat means that when students in your child's grade level return to in person or blended learning under the district plan, your student will remain fully online with Ignite. Should you decide not to fill out an intent form and confirm a seat, your student will remain aligned with the DPS plan for this school year.

Families who have already expressed interest in Ignite earlier this school year AND families who would like to commit to online learning now should complete this new form: [Ignite Online Academy Intent Form](#).

Families will not lose magnet enrollment if they are enrolled in a magnet program and can continue to participate in clubs, sports, and student life through their child's base or magnet school. However, they will receive their instruction fully online through Ignite. Students would be given the option to return to in person or blended instruction at their base or magnet school for the 2021-2022 school year.

Families should consider their decision a commitment to online learning for the remainder of this school year and should complete their commitment form by **October 9, 2020**.

*NOTE: If you would like to request a seat for multiple students, please complete a separate form for each student.



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TITLE I

Southwest Elementary is one of 31 DPS schools that receives Title I funding. As a Title I school, our families are an integral part of student success. In a traditional year, we would offer in-person sessions to inform families of ways we support student learning through Title I. Although we are currently teaching and learning remotely, we still want all families to be informed.

Along with the two parents who represent Southwest at district Parent Advisory planning events. We are providing ways we support student learning at Southwest located on our [website](#).

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our principal, Mr. Rotosky, or assistant principal, Mrs. Flores. Bob Beauprez said it best, "Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations."

Thank you for partnering with us to meet the needs of all Southwest students.



Become a Member - We would love to have you! Join before October 9 and you will be eligible to win a Southwest Elementary Swag Pack that includes a SWE hoodie, mask, magnet, and gift card! A \$75 value!! One staff member and one parent member will be selected at the SWE PTA Board Meeting on October 13. Join [HERE](#) for your chance to win!



SW Face Masks for Funds – Face masks are \$10 and are available for sale only through October 15! All proceeds will go to support a safe reopening of the school building whenever the time comes. [Order Here](#)



SWE PTA Presents Parenting through COVID and Virtual Learning. Join this workshop to learn practical tools to support you in managing virtual learning and parenting through COVID. Please click [here](#) for more information.