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Warrior Preschool

Thanks to the support of our community, Smithville School District is now offering a tuition-based preschool program, Warrior Preschool. The preschool is located at Eagle Heights Elementary School. This school year, the district is offering a full day session, five days a week; a part-time morning session and part-time afternoon session, three days a week. Our preschool staff members are excited to provide the best education possible for our preschool students.



School Meals

We are pleased to share that breakfast and lunch will be provided for the 2021-2022 school year at no charge. However, all families should still complete the Free and Reduced Price Lunch Application. This will ensure that SSD has the resources to provide services to every student.

[Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#)

Log into your Parent Portal Account

Click Forms in the Left Menu

Under the Enrollment tab, click Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

SSD Advocates of the Year



The Special Services Advocate of the Year Award was first presented in August of 1997. It has become a tradition of reflection and recognition of the efforts and accomplishments of dedicated individuals in our school and community. The intent of this award is to recognize annually an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to special services students or programs in the Smithville R-II School District. This individual:

- Improves the quality of the educational program or community integration for a special services student or students.
- Demonstrates a commitment to the concept of individuality and that all children can learn when provided with appropriate opportunities.
- Embraces the human quality of teaching or working with special services students.
- Exceeds the expected involvement with our students.

The 2021-2022 Advocates of the Year are Ms. Jill Billings from Horizon Elementary School and Mr. Adam Roske from Smithville Middle School. The individual who nominated Ms. Jill Billings stated, "All of our students need us to believe in them, to facilitate their success, demand that they do their best, and to never give up on them when they struggle. Jill empathetically listens to her students. She goes above and beyond to find and align with their interests, talents, needs, and goals." In the nomination for Mr. Adam Roske it was stated, "In Mr. Roske's classroom special education students do not stand out because he works really hard to ensure they are included in activities and conversations. He has taken the time to build meaningful relationships with our students."

Congratulations, Ms. Billings and Mr. Roske!

School Messenger Text Opt-In

Did you know that Smithville School District uses an automated texting system called School Messenger to notify parents of school closings due to weather, safety alerts, and more? To opt-in to parent notifications, using your mobile phone text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.

Len Matthies Earns Master Board Member Certification

Ongoing professional development for school board members is vital to maximize their contribution to the school board and superintendent governance team. Each June the Missouri School Board Association (MSBA) recognizes school board members for continuing their learning. To earn the certification, a school board member must:

- Earn Essential and Advanced certification
- Fulfill Refresher Training requirement through MSBA for current year

- Earn 12 additional credits with six in one study strand
- Attend two MSBA core meetings; at least one in year of application
- Read two books related to education or board governance topics from the MSBA list; both in the study strand
- Write a brief, two to three page reflection paper discussing a topic from the study strand in the context of your district and board service



Congratulations, Mr. Len Matthies!



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