



**South School**  
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Dear Incoming Kindergarten Parents:

Greetings from South School! Current circumstances will change how the school welcomes new kindergarteners. The staff is so excited to meet them! Kindergarten is a big step for students and families.

South Elementary will be hosting a kindergarten orientation for small groups of parents. The orientation will go over school lunch, breakfast, school arrival, and dismissal procedures. Kindergarten learning expectations will be reviewed and this will give you the opportunity to ask questions about those expectations.

The schedule for these sessions is as follows:

Date	Times
<b>August 4</b>	8:30-10:00 AM, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, & 5:00 - 6:30 PM
<b>August 5</b>	8:30 - 10:00 AM & 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
<b>August 6</b>	8:30-10:00 AM, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, & 5:00 - 6:30 PM

With individual safety in mind, please observe the following safety guidelines while participating:

- One adult attending with each new kindergarten student.
- All participants will need to wear a facemask.
- Temperature checks and Covid screening will be completed on arrival.
- Maintain social distancing with staff and other participants.
- Sessions will be limited to 8 parents and 8 students per session.

During orientation, we will start with some introductions and remarks. After which, the students will be divided up into groups to participate in some fun activities while the parents go to an adjoining room for the presentation and a question/answer session. The goals for this session are for you and your child to meet our staff, learn the basic elements of the school's systems and practices, and start to build a positive relationship with the school staff and teachers.

**If you would like to sign up for an orientation session please call South School at 285-2431 or 285-2613** starting on August 27th. We will also be reaching out to parents by phone to ensure we contact everyone.

Since we are in the middle of a pandemic, we know many are having thoughts and questions about measures the school will implement to manage exposure to Covid - 19. We would encourage you to visit our website at [www.pikeland.net](http://www.pikeland.net). The school district has already started publishing plans for reopening schools and is posting more information weekly.

I would also like to encourage you to complete our **online school registration** process starting on **July 27th through August 5th** on TeacherEase. The district will be publishing information very soon about registration. Online registration offers the highest amount of safety for all. TeacherEase also provides us with another valuable tool for reaching out to you.

We know that some parents already have older children that have gone through South School and may not want to attend orientation or other parents may just not be able to attend. We understand and would like you to know that attendance is not required. We just want to extend the invitation to you to make your transition to kindergarten a little easier. If you are not able to attend at these times, but you still want the information, we will need to schedule another appointment after August 17th.

Once again, we look forward to meeting all of you and our new kinder friends. We hope that you will be able to join us. Please call **285-2431 or 285-2613** to reserve your time.

Sincerely,  
The South Kindergarten Team