

Good afternoon, South Families!

Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 11, 2022, will be the final School Improvement Planning (SIP) early release day of the school year. South School will dismiss two hours early, beginning with kindergarten at 12:25 p.m. Boys and Girls Club will *not* meet.

I also want to share with you our exciting end of the year celebration plans:

- Friday, May 20: Accelerated Reader (AR) in-house movie reward for those students who have met their AR goals; JMS Music Concert for all; and, a Clap-Out for JHS graduating seniors who attended South Elementary
- Monday, May 23: Visits from the Jacksonville Fire Department and an Egg Drop competition
- Tuesday, May 24: Tie-Dye T-shirts activity--make sure your child wears old clothes!--and our End of the Year Awards ceremony (award recipients' parents will be invited to attend)
- Wednesday, May 25: South School Olympics
- Thursday, May 26: Walking excursion to the Splash Park, which is our End of Year Viking Pride Reward for those students who have met behavioral expectations--more information to come
- Friday, May 27: Our annual Field Day and pizza luncheon provided by the PTO, followed by our Big BLUE ticket drawing. Students should wear their tie-dyed t-shirts. School dismisses **one hour early** on this day.

On behalf of the entire South faculty and staff, THANK YOU to all of the families who contributed to our Teacher Appreciation Week last week. I am grateful to our PTO leadership team for their organization--and invite each of you to join in the final PTO meeting of the school year on Thursday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in-person in the South School cafeteria and can also be accessed virtually.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at South School by calling 217.245.5514 or emailing me at tchipman@jsd117.org

Here's to a great end of the school year!

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