

## SOUTHPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - September 1st, 2017



Welcome back! Classroom pictures of the 1st day of School!

Welcome to a new school year!

Here are a few things to keep you informed as we settle in...

- Parents, we ask that you ensure that your children do not bring toys, trading cards or electronics to school, unless a teacher has requested them for a particular project. These items often serve as distractions in classroom settings, as well as on the bus. Thank you.
- Open House has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm. This is a time to explore your child's school and to learn more about the curriculum and what s/he will be doing this year. We hope you will be able to join us! We will have cookies and a beverage to share.
- Many children love to play in the woods, and we love for them to do so; however, it can get quite muddy in there! We are asking that any child who wants to play in the woods (after rain or during a muddy spell) must be wearing some sort of boots, and you're encouraged to leave a pair here in your child's cubby for continual use. If this is a hardship, please let us know and we will try to acquire boots for your child.
- Swimming lessons at the YMCA begin on Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. For those of you new to the school, this is part of our P.E. curriculum and all children are expected to participate. This occurs every Wednesday throughout the school year, and children are bussed to the YMCA in Boothbay Harbor and return home at their usual time. You can help your child be organized for this by overseeing his packing of a swimsuit, a towel, and goggles if you have them, and putting them in a plastic bag. Please ensure that your child's name is written on his belongings. Having your child pack these things helps him to recognize his own items. Parents who wish to watch their child swim (1-2pm) are able to do so from the upstairs observation deck. can work together to find a solution. Thank you.

- School begins at 8am and dismissal is at 2:25. Supervision of walkers or those being transported by parents begins at 7:30 and continues until 2:30. There are many times when teachers may be working independently with a child, or involved in meetings held before school and supervision of children can be difficult. If this poses a hardship for you, please contact me (Lisa Clarke) so that we can work together to find a solution. Thank you.
- Please make sure your child has warm clothes as we will be outside from 7:30 until the bus comes around 8:00 a.m. Thank you.
- This year's schedule for specials is below; please ensure proper attire (esp. footwear) on these days:

Mondays	Cultural Studies
Tuesdays	P.E.
Wednesdays	Music and Swim
Thursdays	Art
Fridays	Guidance



Mr. Shawn's Class doing an activity of making their initials out of pictures from a magazine that reflect things they like. They will be put on the wall with Mr. Shawn's Class letters.

Lisa Clarke's class saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Katie Madden's class working on making patterns. We all had a wonderful first week of school.

