WARSAW R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT

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South Elementary 2026-2027 Theme:
"Wildcat ROAR: Responsibility, Ownership, Accountability and Respect"

Dear Warsaw South Families,

Hello, Warsaw Wildcats! This is Stephanie Ledbetter, Principal at South Elementary. I hope all of our students had a great summer and are excited for our upcoming school year. It's going to be a great one! We're excited to meet you (or to see you again) in our halls and classrooms.

At South Elementary, we want every student to feel safe, welcomed, valued, and excited to come to school each day. Our staff is committed to building positive relationships with students and families while providing a learning environment where all students can grow and be successful. South School is a place where students know they belong, are challenged to do their best, and have a little fun along the way!

We are excited to welcome our students and families back to South and can't wait to see our hallways and classrooms filled with Wildcats again!

Here are some things you need to know before our first day of school:

Open House: Open House is Thursday, August 20 from 5:00-7:00pm. At Open House you can come in to see our school, find your classrooms, and meet your teachers. You can also drop school supplies off at that time. If you do not know your child's teacher, we will have a table set up at Open House. The South PTO will have a table in the hallway, please take a few minutes to stop and visit with them. They have some amazing things planned for South School!

Arrival & Dismissal: Our school car-rider line will begin in the morning at 7:37 am and in the afternoon at 3:30 pm. The car rider line is located on the east side of the building, adjacent to PP highway. Please follow the line and do not exit your car. Staff will pick up and bring your student to the vehicle. This allows for the line to keep moving. Students dropped off prior to 7:37 am are unattended. Students are considered tardy after 7:55am. Any late check-in or early check-out affects students' attendance. If you have a transportation change, those need to be clearly communicated to the office prior to 2:00pm each day. Transportation changes will not be accepted after 2:00pm for student safety.

For student safety, parents are not permitted to come into classrooms in the mornings or during the afternoon dismissal. Not even on the first day of school.

Breakfast & Lunch: All students in our district receive both free breakfast and lunch. We're grateful for the grant which provides these meals at no cost to our students. Students are also not permitted to bring anything but water in their water bottles.

Handbook: The elementary student/parent handbook is available online. Please make sure to read over our policies.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Open House. It's going to be a great year!

Respectfully,

Stephanie Ledbetter, South Elementary Principal