

April 5, 2010

The South Viewer

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EventsView

Mon., April 5 – B Day

Thurs., April 8

Author Will Weaver visits

Mon., April 12

Site Council Mtg., 3pm, Media Center

Thurs., April 15

New Family Tour

Fri., April 16

9th grade panoramic photo, ConneCTime, large gym

Thurs., April 22

Spring Musical, *Honk Jr.*, 7pm, Auditorium

Fri., April 23

Spring Musical, *Honk Jr.*, 7pm, Auditorium

Sat., April 24

Spring Musical, *Honk Jr.*, 2pm, Auditorium

Fri., April 30

Room to Read book event

For the complete 2009-2010

Calendar, go to:

<http://www.edina.k12.mn.us/southview/pdfs/SVCalendar200910.pdf>

Note from the Principal...

When I was a kid, the only flat screen I knew about was the Etch-a-Sketch. My, how times have changed! So, when our world is rapidly changing and we are attempting to prepare students for a world that we can barely comprehend, how do we allow our collective intelligence and imagination to build and identify emerging learning opportunities for our students? How do we allow the visioning for our students' future not be limited by our own memories and experience? How do we ensure that our students are prepared to work with and beside people who look and think differently than they do, but together can create better outcomes? That, in essence, is what we're trying to do at South View. It is difficult work and it demands that we keep in mind that how we learned and how our children learn are fundamentally different. It requires us to be creative! It also pushes us to think differently. I am reminded of that daily in the various exchanges with students around the use of technology. Since I believe all can get smarter, I'm trusting we are all figuring out the 21st Century learning needs together!

Dr. Beth Russell, South View Principal

District to discuss 2010-11 budget at community meeting Apr 8

Edina Public Schools (EPS) will host a community meeting on Thursday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Edina Community Center auditorium. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss planning efforts and budget challenges facing the 2010-11 school year. If the District is held harmless by the 2010 Minnesota legislative session, EPS projects that planned expenditures will exceed the planned revenues by approximately \$770,000 -- 1.5% of the general fund (k-12) budget. The shortfall would increase if the legislative session decreases the amount of available revenue to school districts throughout the state. EPS and the School Board are studying various options that meet educational priorities in a fiscally responsible way. This information will be shared at the meeting. Input from the community will also be sought. For more information about the District's planning process, please go to the EPS' Web site at www.edina.k12.mn.us.

We want to know...

Are you getting the info you need from the South Viewer?

The South Viewer is published by the SV Parent Council, and we've delivered the news in a new format this school year. Please send us your feedback so we can continue to provide you the South View news in the most efficient way. What do you like? What would you change, add, eliminate? Please email

patty5537@gmail.com with your thoughts. Thank you from the Parent Council!

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SV Middle School Track Team – Start Date Change!

*Please note the first day of middle school Track for students in grades 7 & 8 will be Monday, April 12 (rather than the initially published date of April 5). This is due to the late start date for school this year, and our initial start date was published in error. Girls – meet in Upper Gym at 2:45pm. Boys – meet in Lower Gym at 2:45pm. Practice will end at approximately 4pm.

Standardized testing coming up

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) are the state tests that help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards. These tests are requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Reading and mathematics tests are given in grades 3 through 8, 10 and 11.

All students in Grade 9 must take the GRAD Test of Written Composition, which replaced the BSTs. (The GRAD measures reading, writing and mathematics proficiency. Students are required to pass each of the three GRAD tests to graduate from a public school in Minnesota.)

Schedule for Testing:

Tues., April 13: Grade 9 GRAD Test of Written Composition (students will test in a block during periods 1 through 4)

Wed., April 14: Grades 6, 7, and 8 Reading MCA-II, Segments 1 and 2 ONLY

Thurs., April 15: Grade 6, 7 and 8 Reading MCA-II, Segments 3 and 4 ONLY

Tues., April 20: Grade 6, 7 and 8 Math MCA-II, Segments 1 and 2 ONLY

Wed., April 21: Grade 6, 7 and 8 Math MCA-II, Segments 3 and 4 ONLY

Kids Against Hunger Event May 14 at South View

Meeting Thursday, Mar. 25, for volunteers!

The Kids Against Hunger food packing event is coming to South View again on **Friday, May 14**. It will be a day of service at South View, where the students, staff and parent volunteers work together to help fight hunger around the world. This event will be a hands-on way for our students to see how they can make a difference in others' lives. We will be working with Impact Lives (Formerly Kids Against Hunger), a non-profit, non-religious affiliated group located in Minnesota. Their mission is to eradicate hunger and prevent any more children from starving. Their wish is to teach future generations how to help others in need.

We are looking for parents who would like to volunteer in the planning of this event. The first meeting is **Thursday, March 25**, at South View, 12-1pm, room to be determined. Don't worry if you cannot attend the first meeting but would still like to help. Everyone will take some tasks to be completed to make the event day a huge success! If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please email or call Faith Rothberg at Faith@CollegeRecruiter.com or 952-922-8275.

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Review of Electronic Policy

Students are not allowed to use cell phones and/or electronic mobile devices at South View from bell to bell unless the teacher directly requests their use during class. If students do use the devices during school, they will be taken from the student and kept in the main office until a parent is able to come to school and pick up the device. Thanks for your attention to this.

Edina BIKE FESTIVAL to Fight Hunger

Edina Morningside Rotary Club will host the **second annual community bike ride**, the [Edina Bike Festival to Fight Hunger](#), on Saturday, May 15, at 9 a.m., at Rosland Park in Edina. Participants will ride a circle route through Rosland Park, returning to the start for fun, food and games. **Legendary Edina High School Swim & Diving Coach Art Downey** will lead the community bike ride as its grand marshal. All forms of non-motorized transportation are welcome! Bring your bikes, trikes, wagons, unicycles. Decorate your vehicle and wear a costume. **Prizes** will be awarded for largest team, best costume, best decorated bike, and more. Special events of the day include a Kids Bike Ride, a Bike Workshop, Scavenger Hunt with a special prize, food, music, and more games.

Mark your calendars to join in the community bike ride on the morning of May 15! Proceeds from this event benefit Second Harvest, Feed My Starving Children, and VEAP. **Bring your loose change!** Add it to the pile of loose change on May 15 and we'll add it, every penny of it, to the proceeds of the event to help fight hunger. For more information, visit the event website at www.edinabikefest.com or call Mary Brindle at 952-941-7746. Edina Morningside Rotary Club meets Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at Edina Country Club, 5100 Wooddale Ave. For more information, visit www.emrotary.org.