

WELCOME TO SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!



Home of the Cricket!

- Chris Green, Principal
- Angie Fenton, Assistant Principal
- You can email any of our staff by using their
firstname.lastname@somersetschools.org

For example,

christopher.green@somersetschools.org

Contacting Staff

- 8:40 am – Drop off
- 8:45 am – 3:15 pm - Classes
- 3:25 pm – Student pickup
- In case of student absence: please call the day of the absence before 8:30 am. (508) 324-3180. When your student returns, please send in a note to the teacher, even if you have called the absence in.
- Absences due to family vacations are considered UNEXCUSED. However, we understand that vacation time for working parents does not always coincide with that of the school district.

School Hours & Attendance

- If you are dismissing your child early, please send in a note to your child's teacher.
- When you arrive at school to collect your child simply go into the office and your child will be called out of the classroom.
- Early dismissal may also mean you have a sick child that needs to go home. Either the custodial parents or those on the emergency slip will be called.

Student Dismissal

- Bus Routes and streets are posted on the district website
- Buses arrive at school between 8:30-8:45 and depart from the school starting around 3:15.
- If you have questions about bussing call Fisher Bus Company 508-673-0685 ext. 11

Bus Transportation

Hot lunch is served on all full & half school days in the café.

Both school breakfast and lunch are free for all students.

Students may also purchase snacks during lunch time. We email the school lunch calendar to you

The cafeteria utilizes a “point of sale” system for additional purchases; parents may go online to

www.MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM at any time to view their child’s balance, add money to their account, or to view what their child has been purchasing during lunchtime.

Students sit at assigned tables with their grade level classmates.

Lunch & Breakfast



What Is Bullying — and What Is Not

1. WHAT IS BULLYING

Aggressive behavior: The behavior is intended to hurt, intimidate, embarrass, control, or exclude another student.

An imbalance of power: A student uses physical strength, popularity, social influence, access to embarrassing information, or another advantage to control or harm someone. Power can shift depending on the situation.

Repetition or potential repetition: The behavior happens more than once, or circumstances suggest that it could happen again.

Examples: Threatening someone; spreading rumors; physically or verbally attacking someone; deliberately and repeatedly excluding someone from a group.

2. WHAT IS NOT BULLYING

A one-time conflict: A disagreement, argument, or isolated incident between students of relatively equal power is not automatically bullying.

Mutual conflict: When students are both participating in a disagreement and neither has a clear power advantage, the situation may be conflict rather than bullying.

An accidental action: Bumping into someone, unintentionally hurting feelings, or making a mistake without an intent to harm is not bullying.

A single rude or mean act: An unkind comment or poor choice should still be addressed, but one incident by itself does not necessarily meet the definition of bullying.

Important: Behavior does not have to meet the definition of bullying to require adult attention, intervention, consequences, or support.

Bullying

Mrs. Huard, our school adjustment counselor, is here to help.

In addition, Karina Sousa, our School Psychologist is on staff to work with students in individual and small group settings.

Our school psychologist can also work with families to find services to assist a family in need.

Mrs. Huard & Ms. Sousa

Our school nurse, Mrs. Susan Bertrand, is available all day assisting both unexpected illnesses and long-term health issues. If there are medical issues or concerns about your child, please contact the nurse. 508-324-3180 ext. 111. Please do not send any medication to school WITH your child.

School Nurse, Mrs. Bertrand

For the safety of all students and staff:

- All exterior doors are kept locked during the day. When visiting South, please enter ONLY through the main office and sign in with the secretary.
- You will be asked for ID if picking up a student.
- We also have multi-security cameras installed throughout the building.
- Please do not approach students who are outside at recess or gym. Students are told not to approach anyone, even someone they know, when they are outside. Please come to the office if you need to see your child.
- Children will only be released to custodial parents and those on the emergency form. You must provide a note if your child is to be release to anyone else.

Security at School

- It is the policy of the Somerset School Department to cancel school only in the most severe weather conditions.
- In the event of a school delay or inclement weather, parents are expected to use their own judgment in sending children to school.
- Announcements will be made through ParentSquare
- When a ninety (90) minute delay in opening of schools is made, elementary schools start at 10:20 a.m. School opens for the arrival of students at 9:50 a.m. Expectations for buses to pick-up students would be approximately ninety (90) minutes later than the accustomed time.

In Case of Snow or Emergencies...

The South School PTO works to support education and programs at South School. Their hard work has helped to provide field trips, supplies, student programs etc.

The South School PTO meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the cafeteria at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in being a member, look for a notice coming home with your child in the near future.



South School PTO

The Champions program is available.

Before & After School Care

MEET OUR TEAM

Site Director

Aubrie Messenger

- Bachelors in Psychology
- Minor in Child Development
- CPR / First Aid Certified



Lead Teacher

Haley Charest

- High School Diploma
- Attending Classes at BCC
- CPR / First Aid Certified



Assistant Teacher

Michael Machado

- High School Senior
- CPR / First Aid Certified



OUR PROGRAM SPACE

Interest Area Carts!



Interest Areas:

- Math & Construction
- Science & STEM
- Puzzles & Games
- Creative Arts
- Library

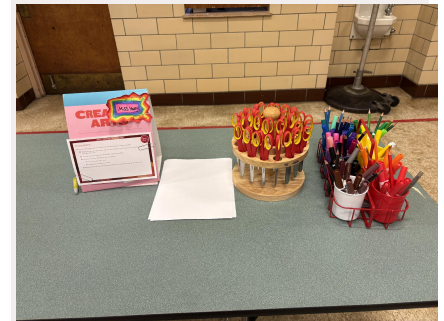


Rug / Group Time!



Coming Soon:

- Clubs
- Junior Councilors
- Tech Track Units (STEM)
- Family Events-Ask us what we are



We send newsletters with pictures of all the fun each Friday!

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

**Don't forget to
adjust your
schedule before
schedules lock
WEEKLY**

PROGRAM	DAYS OFFERED	HOURS	WEEKLY RATE
Before School	Monday - Friday	7 am - 8:40 am	1-2 Days: \$40 3-5 Days: \$60
After School	Monday - Friday 9/18 9/30 11/18 11/25 12/23	3:15 pm – 6 pm	1-2 Days: \$50 3-5 Days: \$75
Early Release	1/22 3/10 6/2 6/16 6/17 6/18	12:30 pm – 6 pm	\$12 per day
School Vacations	12/28-1/1 2/15-2/19 4/19-4/23	7 am – 6 pm	\$58 per day

*Tuition is billed in advance based on your final contracted schedule submitted each
Wednesday for the week prior

A DAY AT CHAMPIONS

Before School:

7-7:40 am: Arrival / Interest Areas & Daily Activity and/or Free Choice

7:40-45 am: Clean Up

7:45-8:15 am: Gym/Playground

8:15-8:20 am: Clean Up

8:20-8:30 am: Rug Time

8:30-8:40 am: School Breakfast / Dismissal

After School

3 pm: Arrival of staff/setup

3:15-3:30 pm: Student Arrival / Rug Time

3:30-4:15 pm: Gym/Playground

4:15-4:30 pm: Wash Hands / Snack

4:30-5:30 pm: Interest Areas & Daily Activity and/or Free Choice

5:30-5:35 pm: Clean Up

5:35-6:00: Free Choice / Simple Activities

6:00 pm: Pickup/Close of Program



PICK UP & DROP OFF

What to Expect:

- After you activate your account, you'll receive an email with your personal PIN Code.
- Any authorized adults on your child's account will also receive their own PIN via email
- Use your PIN at drop-off & pick-up using our kiosk or using the Discover Champions App

Before-school:

- Locate our Kiosk in the Cafegymnasium and check-in using your PIN or Discover Champions App
- Children will be released to school at 8:40 am

After-school:

- As children are dismissed at 3:15 pm, staff will check them in.
Children should report directly to the program and check in with staff within 5 minutes of dismissal.
- Use PIN Code or Discover Champions App at Kiosk to Check Out
- *We'll only release children to adults (18+) named as authorized adults in Discover Champions.



***Please be ready to show ID**

DISCOUNTS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



DISCOUNTS:

Discounts must be re-verified every year.

If you haven't already, please provide your proof of eligibility document.

(Photocopy of paystub, employee badge or email from company or military email address)



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

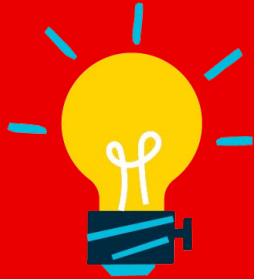
We accept Subsidy!

To Apply, go to:

<https://www.mass.gov/child-care-financial-assistance>

Once you receive your coverage certificate, email authorization/certificates to ChampionsFunding-MA@kindercare.com

Need support? We are here to help anytime!



QUESTIONS?

F amILY SUPPORT

Available 6 a.m. - 5 p.m. PST

800-246-2154

Ch_ampionshelp@kc-education.com

Live Chat

7 a.m. – 4 p.m. PST M-F

www.discoverch_ampions.com

Aubrie Messenger

Site Director

aubrie.messenger@discoverch_ampions.com

(774) 461-3296

Available Monday-Friday 7 am-6 pm

Kaitlin Grant

Area Manager

kgrant@discoverch_ampions.com

(508) 530-1928

- **Early release Days for September:** September 18 & 30 at 12:30 (lunches are served on half days)
- **Picture Day-** Student pictures at school - all students have their pictures taken – September 23)
- **Hat Days-**Feinstein School every last day of the month
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** – Times for families to meet individually with teachers will be scheduled on:

- December 3, from 12:30-7 pm

More information about schedules and times will be coming home soon.



Upcoming Events at South School

**Thank you for coming to our
Orientation!**

Any Questions???

