

Brummer Bobcat Buzz

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9919 N. Rushton Rd
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Welcome Back!

Mrs. Cooper's Corner

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Welcome Back! I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for another exciting school year!

Just a few friendly reminders:

Please be advised of arrival and dismissal procedures for the safety of our students. Please take a moment to review the procedures located inside this newsletter.

Presently, the SIP (Shared Improvement Process) team does not have any vacancies for a parent representatives. However, to find out more about the SIP team please read the *Shared Involvement Process* article in this month's newsletter.

All communications will be provided to our Brummer families through our Skylert system and other social media such as Twitter and Facebook. You can also visit the school's website for more information and to review the 2015-2016 student handbook at www.slcs.us.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any further questions.

Stacy Cooper, Principal

The South Lyon Community Schools has adopted the following mission statement:


In support of our community, the mission of South Lyon Community Schools is to provide the highest quality educational process, so that all students can excel as individuals, and become productive and contributing members of society.

To accomplish our mission, the South Lyon Community Schools endorses the concept of Shared Involvement Process (SIP) as the necessary and appropriate means by which all educational decisions of the highest quality are most likely to be achieved at all levels.

There are many benefits of the Shared Involvement Process including:

- Improving the morale of the staff
- Focusing accountability for decisions
- Bringing resources in line with school's goals
- Nurturing and stimulating new leaders
- Increasing ownership into decisions to be made
- Placing decisions at the closest level to those affected
- Promoting input of a greater and more diverse nature.

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School Phone
Numbers

School Office:
248-573-8520

Attendance Line:
248-573-8530

Please call the 24 hour
attendance line for ALL
absences and late arrivals

Fax: 248-486-4355

School Closing Hot-
line:
248-573-8521

Important Dates:

- Curriculum Nights:
Grades K-2 Tuesday,
Sept 22nd at 7:00
P.M.
- Grades 3-5 Monday,
Sept 28th at 7:00 P.M.
- All School Picnic:
Friday Sept 11th
during your child's
lunch hour

SIP Meeting:
Thursday,
September
30th at 2:00

**Your SIP team
members for the
2015-2016**

Leslee Brandon,
Teacher
Representative

Kim Guilmette,
Teacher
Representative

Nancy Wilson,
Teacher
Representative

Leisa Fredricks,
Parent
Representative

Melissa Parrish
Parent
Representative

Rachael Showerman,
Parent
Representative

Kelley Panoff,
Support Staff
Representative

Stacy Cooper,
Principal, Principal

Shared Improvement Process

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So what is Shared Involvement Process (SIP)?

SIP is a process for soliciting, collecting, evaluating and using information and the expertise of educational partners for the purpose of making and implementing decisions that will improve or enhance student performance.

While the Board of Education has the ultimate responsibility for decisions in the district, it desires to delegate appropriate decisions to the administration and the SIP committees. Every building has a committee consisting of a building principal, a minimum of two teachers chosen in a manner acceptable to the staff, one support staff, and a minimum of two parents and at least one community/business person if possible. Two eighth grade students will be included at the middle school, when deemed appropriate and four students at the high school level.

Committees meet at least once a month and deal with issues, including but not limited to the following:

- Updates on the school's North Central Accreditation (NCA) Process
- Updates on the school's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Planning
- Budget decisions
- Concerns and recommendations that are brought to the team from various stakeholders in the school community

The building SIP committee may implement decisions that do not impact other buildings in the district, do not require expenditure of more funds than are available in the approved budget and do not conflict with district procedures, policy, collective bargaining agreements of federal or state statutes.

How do I learn about my school's SIP Committee?

SIP committees meet monthly and each school's agenda and meeting minutes are posted on the South Lyon Community Schools website at www.slcs.us. Minutes are also shared in newsletters, at BNC meetings, etc.

The school SIP committee would like to provide parents and community members the opportunity to share questions, comments, or concerns. Feel free to contact a SIP member or use the tear off sheet included with the minutes and return it to the school's office or email a committee member and identify on the subject line that it is a SIP issue. Please be sure to sign your name so that a member of the SIP committee can be in contact with you.

The district and SIP committees encourage all members of the school community to learn about Shared Involvement Process and support the mission of the district, achievement for all students.

Picking Up and Dropping off Your Brummer Bobcat

Arrival Procedure:

- Exclusively use the loop near the corner of Rushton and 10 mile for dropping off students.
 - The bus loop is not for dropping off/picking up students, only buses.
 - When dropping off a child wait until you are against the curb before you let students leave your vehicle.
 - Children should never exit on the driver's side of a vehicle. Do not drop off students so that they mingle with traffic. A student should never cross in front of a vehicle or behind a vehicle.
 - When dropping off a child stay in the right lane, please do not weave in and out.
 - Vehicles should never be parked in the drop off lane. Parents/Guardians cannot get out of their vehicle while dropping students off.
 - Parents/Guardians should have children seated so they can quickly exit the vehicle on the passenger side. Children must be ready to exit (with lunch money, pick up arrangements worked out, etc.) as soon as the vehicle stops in front of the building.
 - If a child needs assistance with a seatbelt or opening a door, pull into a parking space in either of the two lots.
 - Do not drop students off in the parking lot or on the approaches to the school. They must be supervised for their safety.
 - Staff members are in front of the building until the bell rings. Therefore, it is not necessary for you to wait in your vehicle to see the children enter the school.
- By following this procedure, a stop of only a few seconds will be necessary, and traffic will flow smoothly, alleviating a long wait and potentially a dangerous situation.

Dismissal Procedure:

Students who are picked up from school will assemble in the gym at dismissal time. Parents/Guardians will need to pick up their child/children up from the gym. Parents will be greeted by the Brummer staff. You will be required to sign your child out on the After School Student Sign Out Sheet. Please be prepared to show picture identification as requested.

Parking:

Parents/Guardians should park their vehicles in the main parking lot and enter through the doors by the gym. Please do not park in the loop to pick up your child. Parking in the loop causes too much traffic congestion at dismissal. This becomes a safety issue for students.

Please Take
Note!



***SCHOOL
PICTURE
DAY!
SEPTEMBER
16TH
MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR***



Please see
Brummer's
webpage (Google
Calendar) for
monthly events

South Lyon Community Schools

2015-2016



August 27-28	New Teacher Orientation
August 31- September 1	New Teacher Curriculum Days/ PD for performance
September 2-3	All Teacher Curriculum Days
September 4-7	Labor Day weekend; No school
September-8	Students AM Only
September- 9	First Full Day of School
October-22	Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences
October-29	High School Parent Teacher Conferences
November-3	All Teacher Curriculum Day; no school for students
November 17 & 19	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences; Elementary Students ½ Day
November 25	Compensatory Day; No School
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Recess
December 21- January 1	Winter Break
January 18	All Teacher Curriculum Day; No school for students
January 26-28	Middle School Students ½ day for Assessments
January 26-28	High School Students ½ Day for Assessments
January-29	Records Day - Teachers AM Only No School for Students
February 15-19	Mid-Winter Break
March 25	Good Friday
April 4-8	Spring Break
April-20	Elementary Records Day No School for Elementary Students
May-30	Memorial Day
June 14-16	Middle and High School Students ½ Day for Assessments
June-15	1/2 Day Elementary AM Only
June-16	Last Day of School; Students AM Only Teachers All Day
June-17	Records Day; Teachers AM Only

Brummer Mission Statement:

The Brummer Elementary community is dedicated to encouraging life-long learners by providing a safe environment that enhances academic growth, acknowledges individual uniqueness, and encourages respect and responsibility.

BRUMMER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Brummer Neighborhood Council is the Parent/Teacher Organization for Brummer Elementary. Meetings are every fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. in the library. Without our parents, our school would not continue to be successful. One example of success is Brummer's 100% attendance at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Our dedicated parents make this statistic possible. We ask that you please join us at BNC meetings and take note of the BNC Bulletin that you will receive via e-mail.

Contingency Plans

Occasionally, school systems have to send students home early due to weather conditions, power outages, boiler failure and so on. Although we try to avoid sending students home early, there have been times in the past and there will, no doubt, be times in the future when this action is necessary.

Please discuss this possibility with your children, and devise a plan for them to follow. Your plan might involve going straight home and calling a parent at work. It might involve going to a neighbor's home, if the neighbor agrees. Whatever plan is decided upon, make sure your children know and follow it, for their safety and your piece of mind. Whenever possible, students at the elementary level will not be released unless contact has been made with a parent, guardian, or other individual listed on their emergency card. Please continue to keep emergency cards up to date for all students regardless of their ages.

Follow Brummer on Twitter!

<http://twitter.com/SLCSBrummer>

The first BNC meeting will be Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00 P.M.

Grade Level Neighborhoods!

The teaching staff is excited to announce grade level neighborhoods! Starting with the 2015-2016 school year, grades 1-5 will be grouped together as much as possible in each of the four neighborhoods. The purple and green hallways are devoted to lower elementary students. The blue and red neighborhoods are devoted to upper elementary students. Kindergarten classrooms will remain the same.

The South Lyon Community School District does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or age in its programs, activities, or employment. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policy.

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