

SOUTHGATE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Daily Announcements



Friday, September 19, 2025

- **The Gator Den** is closed today.
- **Running Club** is happening today after school. Everyone is welcome! You don't need to have any prior running experience or special skills to enjoy this club being run by Mr. Seifert. All runners who plan to attend next week's run at Highland need to get a permission form from Mr. Seifert after school today even if you can't participate in today's run.
- **Leadership is hosting our Annual Terry Fox Pod Challenge. They have extended the deadline for Terry Fox Donations until lunch time TODAY! Keep Going, Gators!** There is a link for online donations on our website, or you can bring your toonie for Terry to your advisory teacher.

Upcoming & Ongoing

- **PARENTS:** We are looking for a **Grade 6 Boys Volleyball Coach and a Grade 7 Boys Volleyball Coach**. If you know anybody interested, please email Mrs. Kay at Leah.Kay@sd72.bc.ca
- **Make sure you have purchased your Gator Den Card from Jana in the office.** You can pay with cash or by e-transfer to Southgate.Accounting@sd72.bc.ca and can purchase in fifteen- or thirty-dollar increments.
- **Friendly Reminder:** The upper parking lot is **not a safe drop off area** in the morning. Please remind your folks about the specified **student drop off area** that is off Alder. If they have any questions, please have them call the office.
- **Reminder from our Admin that you are not permitted to use your cell phone on school grounds.** If you are seen using your phone during the day or while waiting for the school bus, you will receive a gentle reminder to put it away. If you are seen using your cell phone *again*, this will constitute your *second* warning and if you are seen using it a *third* time, your phone may be taken to be returned at the end of the day or before you board your bus. If it continues to happen, your phone will be brought to the office for your guardian to retrieve. Of course, if you are a repeat customer ... and frustrations increase, it is possible your three strikes were up a while ago and your phone may just get taken.
- **Re: BUS PASSES** – All applications submitted prior to the last week of August have been issued and our transportation staff are working through late applications. This will be our last year of replacing all district bus passes each year. Starting September 2026, students will be able to re-use passes from this year unless they are changing routes. We will once again be using the Temporary Bus Pass Slips for students who forgot or lost their passes. Starting September 22nd, students **MUST** either swipe their pass or provide a temporary pass from the bus supervisor to ride the bus home. **Drivers will never leave students on the side of the road in the morning, with or without a pass.** A reminder that temporary bus passes are only to be used to ride your own route.
 - **TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY – NO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th**
 - **PICTURE RETAKES ARE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th**

These announcements and more can be found on our Southgate School website and are emailed to teachers every morning. <https://www.sd72.bc.ca/southgate>