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**SOUTH POINT LOCAL SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER****UCAN/ South Point Beverly Christian Osborne Scholarship Endowment**

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The Scioto Foundation's University College Access Network or UCAN was launched in 2008. It is a program that helps youth plan, prepare, and pay for college through strong partnerships with all Scioto County, Ohio schools, the South-Central Ohio ESC, local businesses, and donors. Five years ago, we expanded the program into neighboring counties and launched it as UCAN Neighbors Program. The Beverly Christian Osborne Memorial Scholarship is part of the UCAN Neighbors Program. South Point has over \$16,000 in its endowment fund and has given away \$2,650 in scholarships to 5 students since they joined the program. To celebrate the beginning of the UCAN program's 15th year in the fall of 2022, the Scioto Foundation will offer a \$2,000 match this year for Neighbor schools who raise \$2,000 for their endowment funds for the 2022/2023 school year. If you would like to donate to this fund, go to [www.sciotofoundation.org](http://www.sciotofoundation.org) or mail a check to the **Scioto Foundation, P.O. Box 911, Portsmouth, OH 45662**. You may also contact the school or the Foundation for more information.

**School Safety: A Top Priority**

**South Point Local Schools are always striving to improve School Safety so that students can learn in a safe, nurturing environment. The school district has made an effort to increase and improve safety each and every year. Some of the recent improvements include:**

- Completed a full scale drill on 12-12-2022 in correlation with local fire, and law enforcement to practice the emergency management plan
- South Point High School and South Point Middle School were each awarded 100,000.00 dollars through Governor Mike DeWine's Ohio K-12 School Safety Grants Program. Funds will be used to cover expenses associated with physical security enhancements such as security cameras, public address systems, automatic door locks, visitor badging systems, and exterior lighting
- Each building has completed an emergency management plan in collaboration with Local Law Enforcement
- Updated and expanded Camera Systems for better image quality and coverage
- Resource officer on campus full time

## School Safety Continued...



- Staff completes online Public School Works training yearly to stay up to date and in line with state and federal laws.
- Schools all have threat assessment teams in place
- Provided Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) training to teams of staff.
- Schools will have Positive Behavior Intervention Support training for tier 2 and 3 this year.

### Simple strategies make reading exciting (Courtesy of the Parent Institute)

Children who are strong readers find it easier to do well in other subjects, because so much of learning depends on the ability to read. But experts say that to improve reading abilities, children must want to read. Unfortunately, many children just aren't interested.

#### **To show your child that reading is rewarding:**

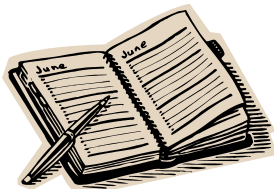
- Plan a field trip together. Ask your child to research attractions in your area, such as museums and parks. When you visit, your child can share the information with you and act as a tour guide.
- Give reading coupons. Show your child that you think reading is special with reading coupons. Some might be for an extra 20 minutes of reading with you. Others might be good for a trip to the bookstore or an extra visit to the library.
- Follow current events together. Is there a developing news story that interests your child? Read the latest reports in the paper or online together.

#### LITERACY reading extras

**Introduce audiobooks.** This is a great way to show a reluctant reader how interesting books can be. You could even record yourself reading a book. Then your child could listen while reading along.

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## GET INVOLVED



Every South Point Local School has a need for volunteers and there is a wide variety of opportunities available. If you think you would enjoy a deeper involvement with children, contact the building principal to see what is available.

Children perform better in school when they know their guardians are part of the "education team." Talk to your child's teacher on a regular basis. Two parent teacher conference days are provided during the year at all of our schools.

## Parent Information

If you or anyone you know is experiencing homelessness as defined below, please contact Brian Kidd—South Point Local Homeless Liaison at 740-377-4315.

Definition of homelessness:

The McKinney-Vento law says that homelessness includes individuals who do not have a fixed, regular and adequate home because they have lost their own home. This means:

- Individuals who have lost their own home, suffering a financial hardship or similar reason.
- Individuals who are sharing the housing of others.
- Individuals who are living in hotels or motels or in campgrounds or trailer parks that are not viewed as year round homes because they do not have accommodations, such as heat or running water.
- Individuals who are living in emergency shelters or who have been abandoned in hospitals.
- Individuals who are living in cars, parks, or public spaces.

### Title I

South Point Elementary School and Burlington Elementary are both Title I schools. Title I is a federal assistance program that allocates resources to help schools better educate students. Both elementary schools have School Wide Programs which means they are schools with more than 40% low-income families. Title I programs offer districts opportunities for smaller classes, additional teachers and aides, additional training for staff, extra time for instruction, a variety of teaching methods, counseling and mentoring, and college and career readiness. If you have any input about how South Point Local Schools can use Title I funding to better meet the needs of your child, please contact Title I Coordinator Brian Kidd at 740-377-4315.

### Math Tips for Parents

#### **Use math for a different view of sports**

1. What percentage of passes did the quarterback complete in the first quarter?
2. What percentage of three-point shots did your favorite team make?
3. Compared to your team, how many more (or fewer) at-bats did the opposing team have?



Courtesy of The Parent Institute

## South Point Schools ESSER Projects

You may have noticed a lot of construction around the district this year as we were able to make improvements or new additions to our school campuses. These projects were all made possible through a part of the CARES Act called the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) which covered 100% of the costs. Although there are many different things we were able to use ESSER funds for both inside and outside the classroom, we'd like to highlight a few of the larger projects.

An outdoor classroom area was constructed at each of the schools with heavy-duty picnic tables for student seating. Our playgrounds at both elementary schools were expanded and upgraded with new equipment and a turf surface. Stadium lights were installed at both the baseball and softball fields at the middle/high school. Lastly, the old grass football field behind South Point Elementary was replaced with a new turf field. This new field is great for our youth sports as well as an additional practice field for middle and high school sports.

We are always looking for ways to do what is best for our students, and we are hopeful that these new additions to our district will be something they can enjoy for a long time.





**A WORD FROM OUR SCHOOLS ABOUT WHATS GOING ON.**

The Burlington Elementary PAC continues to provide instruction, intervention, and enrichment for its students before and after school. The PAC finished the first semester with an amazingly fun and well organized Christmas party. The students and staff have been working hard in making this program a success.

David Ashworth

Burlington Elementary Principal

We are having another great year in our afterschool program! If your child hasn't joined, there is still time! Our Pointers Afterschool Club offers academic support as well as many enriching activities. The academic hour focuses on homework completion and additional academic help as needed. The activity hour offers a variety of activities such as arts/crafts, games, hiking, cooking, sewing, jewelry making, book clubs, editing programs, drawing, sketching, digital art, painting, broadcasting, and much more.

Sara Coleman

South Point Middle School Principal

South Point Elementary is excited to share the success of the Pointers Afterschool Club (P.A.C.). The before and after school program began on Monday, October 3, 2022. The purpose of the program is to offer homework help to our students and to provide enrichment activities. Students staying after school enjoy a healthy snack before an instructional period which focuses on completing assignments, studying for tests, reading books and general tutoring in all content areas. The second half of every after school session offers students a chance to play games, do crafts, cook and participate in a variety of extra curricular activities. The after school program runs Monday through Thursday from 3:25-5:00 pm. South Point Elementary has an average daily attendance of 130 students in our after school program. The P.A.C. before school program runs Monday through Friday from 7:10-8:25 am. Much like the instructional period after school, students focus on completing school work but may also participate in activities designed to enhance their learning experience at South Point Elementary. Students may utilize Chromebooks to access many of the digital programs offered in our school. The before school program at South Point Elementary has an average daily attendance of 25 students.

Chris Mathes

South Point Elementary

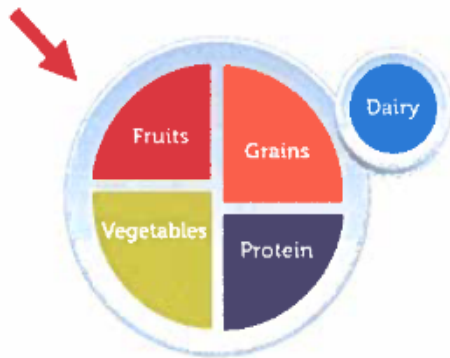
The SPHS library has started a Reading Rewards Program this year that compensates students with gift cards based on the number of points they earn using Accelerated Reader. Students have the opportunity to receive \$5 - \$100 in gift card rewards. Additionally, this school year has seen the return of the Renaissance Club, which recognizes students based on academic achievement as well as attendance and discipline. SPHS had a successful food drive in November that was used to create a pantry that will be used to distribute food to some of our needy families. The Christmas Project continues to be a tradition at SPHS. Rho Kappa and Mu Alpha Theta once again shared the Christmas spirit with many disadvantaged children in our school community. December also saw the 1st Annual Career Fair, where SPHS students were given the chance to meet and speak with leaders from many tri-state businesses. Lastly, Mrs. Hall's Entrepreneurship class is running a Coffee Shop for students and teachers, before school and during lunch periodically throughout the year. It has been a tremendous success!

Doug Graham

South Point High School Principal

# HELPFUL NUTRITION TIDBIT

Nutrition



## Focus on the Fruit

Eating fruit provides many health benefits! Fruit contains nutrients, fiber, vitamins, and minerals vital for the health and maintenance of your body.

### Super Fruits



Pineapples, grapefruit, apples, avocados, blueberries, and mangos are packed with nutrients.

### Helpful Hints

- ✓ Eat a rainbow of fruit
- ✓ Try new types of fruit
- ✓ Use fruit as a topping for cereal or yogurt
- ✓ Make a fruit smoothie with different types of fruit

### How many fruits do you need?

<b>Children</b>	2-3 years old	1 cup
	4-8 years old	1 to 1 ½ cups
<b>Girls</b>	9-13 years old	1 ½ cups
	14-18 years old	1 ½ cups
<b>Boys</b>	9-13 years old	1 ½ cups
	14-18 years old	2 cups
<b>Women</b>	19-30 years old	2 cups
	31-50 years old	1 ½ cups
	51+ years old	1 ½ cups
<b>Men</b>	19-30 years old	2 cups
	31-50 years old	2 cups
	51+ years old	2 cups

## **RESOURCES**

- Safer Schools Ohio Anonymous Tip line—Text or Call 844-SAFEROH
- State Homeless Liaison (Susannah Wayland) - 877-644-6338 (Toll Free)
- Human Trafficking Hotline—Text Help to #233733
- Ohio Department of Education Parent Page—<http://education.ohio.gov/Parents>
- National Teen Dating Violence Helpline — 1-866-331-9474 or Text LOVEIS TO 22522
- Smoking, Drugs, and Alcohol tools—<http://www.starttalking.ohio.gov/>

### **Superintendent Comments**

Dear South Point Families,

I'd like to start off by saying "thank you" to the South Point Community! You have been extremely helpful in the endeavors of the South Point Local School District. Multiple people have volunteered their time from the community to help at each of our four buildings to make the holiday season unforgettable for our children. Donations from the community made many Christmas dreams come true! The relationships between the school and community is a real focus for me as I work with you to lead this school district. I realize the positive impact this relationship can have on our young people.

I would also like to give a shout out to our staff. Their efforts to #LoveFirst are evident every, single day. Multiple staff members have gone above and beyond by donating time, among other things, to our students here in the district. Since coming to South Point in August, the pride that our staff takes in serving our students is unparalleled. I appreciate that and it encourages me daily.

The South Point Board of Education has also helped support the needs of our staff and students and I don't want to leave them out. Their efforts and time is sometimes unnoticed, but it has an effect on everything we do here in the district. January is School Board Appreciation Month, so if you see one of the board members out in the community, give them a "thank you" for all they do.

As we start our second semester, I would like to encourage you to continue working alongside me to make South Point Local School District the best in the state. I feel our goal is mutual. It is to give the community of South Point a school system which prepares their children for the future, both as a person and as a student. Have a great second semester and once again thank you for all you do.

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**#LoveFirst**

Sam Gue, Superintendent of South Point Local Schools