

# ROCKET NEWS

*Southridge Elementary Newsletter*

*Blast off to the Stars!*

December 2008 - January 2009



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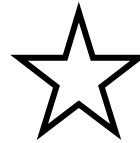
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## *Upcoming events*

- Dec. 09 McDonald's spirit night
- Dec. 16 Winter Celebration of the Arts
- Dec. 13 Garage Sale
- Dec. 18 Class parties
- Dec. 22- Jan. 04 Holiday - No school
  
- Jan. 5 Return to school
- Jan. 13 McDonald's spirit night
- Jan. 15 Early release 1:30 p.m.  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks
- Jan. 16 No school
- Jan. 19 Holiday - M. L. King, Jr.  
No school

## **Southridge Elementary**

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May  
lovely



happy times  
decorate your



holiday season,

may warm, special



memories brighten your

new year, may the wonder of

the season be with you forever





### Boosting Your Child's Self-Esteem

Source: [www.childparenting.com](http://www.childparenting.com) and [www.kidsonline.com](http://www.kidsonline.com)

- Praise and encourage your child
- Accept and love your child unconditionally
- Make your child feel connected through affection and loving words
- Let your child express herself
- Listen to your child
- Respect your child's thoughts, feelings, and ideas
- Teach your child good social and conversational skills
- Nurture compassion and kindness for others
- Teach good problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Encourage your child's curiosity and creativity
- Help your child develop good character by being a good role model
- Allow your child to make mistakes ~ no one is perfect
- Give your child responsibilities in the family
- Allow your child to feel she is an important member of the family
- Teach good choices versus poor choices
- Help your child learn from failures and setbacks
- Tell your child ~ "I LOVE YOU!"

### Emergency Tips

#### Is your family prepared?

Source: PTA Parent e-newsletter

Unfortunately, emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere. While no one can anticipate every scenario, there are some basic things families can do to be better prepared. Here are some tips on emergency preparedness from the US Department of Homeland Security's website: <http://www.ready.gov>

**Get a kit:** Put together a kit of emergency supplies that will allow you and your family to survive for at least three days. The kit should include basic items like water, nonperishable food, a battery-powered radio, a flashlight, extra batteries, and a first aid kit.

**Make a plan:** Plan in advance what you and your family will do in an emergency. Develop a communications plan and know your options for both staying put and evacuating. Ask about the emergency plans of your children's schools, your place of work, and other key locations.

**Be informed:** Learned about the potential man-made and natural threats that could affect your community, as well as the appropriate responses to them. Seek information about state and local emergency plans.

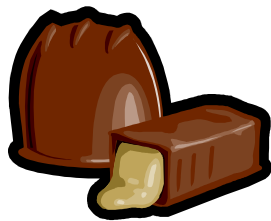
**Get involved:** After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step: get training in first aid and emergency response and get involved in preparing your community.

Finally, talk to your kids about emergencies. Visit <http://www.ready.gov/kids> as a family to start conversations with your children about their fears and the things they should know and can do in case of emergency.

## Special corner

# Chatting with Chocolate

Come enjoy some chocolate while we chat about the proposed standard dress code.



Please join us for this informal discussion.

The Standard Dress Committee will be on hand to answer any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there.

When: Thursday, January 22nd

Time: 6:30-7:30

Where: Southridge cafeteria

## The UIL Results Are In!!!

Congratulations to all of you and many thanks to the staff that made it possible, especially to Sandi Rockne, who coordinated the Southridge UIL Team!

### Art

4<sup>th</sup> Grade **Christian Madison** 4<sup>th</sup> Place

5<sup>th</sup> Grade **Elya Morgan** 4<sup>th</sup> Place

### Dictionary Skills

5<sup>th</sup> Grade **Jennifer Kim** 6<sup>th</sup> Place

### Music Memory

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade **Gabriela Velenga** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade **Amil Naik** 5<sup>th</sup> Place

4<sup>th</sup> Grade **Alexandra Wiley** 1<sup>st</sup> Place

4<sup>th</sup> Grade **Alexander Silva** 6<sup>th</sup> Place

5<sup>th</sup> Grade **Karina Garcia** 4<sup>th</sup> Place

### Number Sense

4<sup>th</sup> Grade **Alissa Rybak** 1<sup>st</sup> Place

5<sup>th</sup> Grade **Chris Hamill** 1<sup>st</sup> Place

5<sup>th</sup> Grade **Christian Leon** 4<sup>th</sup> Place

### Ready Writing

4<sup>th</sup> Grade **Sarah Reed** 1<sup>st</sup> Place

4<sup>th</sup> Grade **Christian Silva** 4<sup>th</sup> Place

### Social Studies

5<sup>th</sup> Grade **Nancy Pham** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### Spelling

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade **Revath Sankar** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

4<sup>th</sup> Grade **Madison Skelton** 5<sup>th</sup> Place

# Announcements

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## Class parties – Dec. the 18<sup>th</sup>

Parents that are interested in participate in the parties with their child, **NEED** to have the background check completed (this process can take up to three weeks).

The form could be accessed at:

<http://www.lisd.net/schools/southridge/SouVolunteer.htm>

If you should have any questions regarding to this process, you may contact your child's teacher or visit our school's office.

## Winter Celebration is Coming!

You are invited to attend the Winter Celebration of the Arts on Tuesday evening, December 16, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Student groups will showcase activities and skills that they have learned in their specials classes.

Artwork by each student will be exhibited and you will enjoy physical education and music performances.

Students from Creative Dramatics classes will perform lessons from class.

The library will be open for our special guest- The Grinch!

*The Specials Team  
Southridge Elementary*



## School Spirit Night

Dec. 09 and Jan 13- 4:30 to 8:00pm

Come join the families and staff of Southridge at **McDonald's** at the 121 Business location  
Come see your friends there!



## Rocket Fridays

Each Friday show the pride of being a "Southridge Rocket" by either wearing your school shirt or a teal shirt.





## Questions?

If you should have questions,  
any suggestion or comments,  
please let us know.

We want to make this year a  
very special one.

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