

The Dove's Nest

The Official Newsletter of SKTCS – December 2020



Susie King Taylor
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

December 2020



The Giving Tree

Each year SKTCS families show that we are a community by taking care of one another. Many members of our community are in need this Winter Season. If you are able and willing to help a family in need you can adopt a family and help to provide presents for this holiday season.

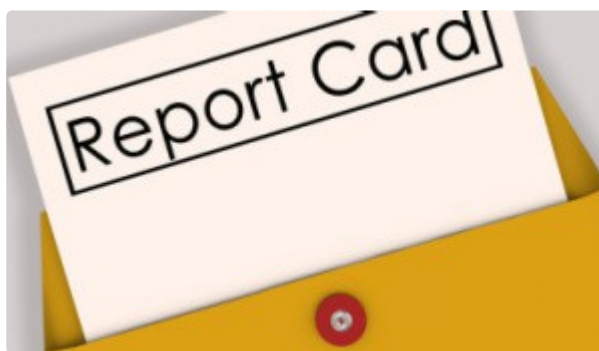
Step 1: Contact Mrs. Hardy at dsel@sktcs.org

Step 2: Purchase the items provided to you on our virtual ornaments

Step 3: Return the items wrapped/bagged in carline (AM or PM) on or before December 17th.

It's that simple to be a blessing this holiday season.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Hardy.



Grading Policy

Homework Policy

Any classwork that is not completed in class will be assigned as homework.

Progress Reports vs. Report Cards

Progress Reports are distributed mid-way through every quarter. Progress Reports are not Report Cards. Progress Reports are a formal notice to parents that their students are behind in turning in assignments, not scoring well on assessments, and/or have behavioral/social emotional needs that need to be addressed.

Remaining Progress Reports Dates for 2020 - 21

Third Quarter - February 5th 2021

Fourth Quarter - April 23, 2021

Critical Decision Forms

Critical Decision Forms (CDF) are issued with Progress Reports. These forms let families know if a student is having a particular issue and/or are in danger of failing or being retained. Only students who are in danger will receive a Critical Decision Form.

Report Cards are the final recorded grade for a student for that marking period. These are the grades that will be averaged at the end of the year and are the only grades a part of the students' formal transcript.

Remaining Report Card Dates for 2020 - 21

Second Quarter - December 18th 2020

Third Quarter - March 12, 2021

Fourth Quarter - May 21, 2021

Roles and Responsibilities

Faculty - Will maintain an accurate gradebook. Grades will be updated in PowerSchool no later than Sunday evening.

Families - Will check their PowerSchool portal as frequently as needed to stay abreast of students' progress and/or missing assignments.

Either the family or the faculty member may call a conference at any time if a student's progress becomes a concern.



Technology Protection Plan (TPP) for Parents and Students

Traveling with technology is hard. We are happy to offer a family protection plan to offset repairs and/or replacement for the technology device that will be issued to students. A one-time charge of \$25* will cover accidental damage and 2 device replacements for the school year 2020-2021. Without the plan, parents/guardians are responsible for the full cost of repairs and/or replacement costs as stipulated in the agreement that you signed when you took the device.

If you would like to participate in a TPP for your student(s) please complete the form below. You can also download a copy from our website: <https://www.sktcs.org/tech-support>

How to participate:

1. Drop-off your cash or money order at SKTCS between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm.
2. Mail your payment to:

Susie King Taylor Community School
Attn: Quiana Aikens
Re: TPP Payment
1709 Bull St, Savannah, GA 31401

3. Send the forms with cash or money order in with your student. If you do this, please email Mrs. Q (business@sktcs.org) so that we may ensure that it is received by the office.

If there are any questions please contact Ms. Q at business@sktcs.org



**SUSIE KING TAYLOR
COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

PRESENTS

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and RESOURCE NIGHT with Mrs. Hardy and Guests

**With all of the challenges that come with everyday
life, the unexpected events of 2020 and then
COVID, we want to provide info to help build a
mindfulness and SEL toolkit that's needed to
sustain us during these unpredictable times.**

DECEMBER 16, 2020

@ 6 PM

VIA ZOOM

**HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/91290253732?
PWD=BMC2RWIGUWFTWDAXY3LGYZGSY00ZQT09
MEETING ID: 912 9025 3732
PASSCODE: 2NEZNR**

Family Engagement Corner

Resource Night Event: December 16 @ 6pm

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December 16, 2020 @ 6 PM

Join us via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 912 9025 3732

Passcode: 2NEZNR

If there are any topics or how to that you feel will be beneficial to fostering school-student-family pact, please email [Family Engagement](#).

- Lea Jones

Family Engagement Coordinator



Eye Exam & Glasses Assistance

Through partnerships between the Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision, City of Savannah and The Lighthouse of Georgia, residents of Georgia qualify for free vision screenings, eye exams, and low cost glasses.

Parents/guardians must complete an application **before the end of December** to receive assistance. The application can be found on our website on the [Title 1 page](#). Completed applications must be submitted to Anika Futch using the information below. Applications may be submitted via email or in person.

Anika Futch, LMSW

Director of Services

Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision

1141 Cornell Avenue

Savannah Georgia 31406

Office: 912-236-4473 Ext. 105

Fax: 912-234-9286

Email: afutch@savannahcbly.org

WWW.SAVANNAHCBLV.ORG



THE AVIARY

The SKTCS Aviary Family/Faculty Volunteer Association

Join us for a Virtual Interest Meeting!

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER BRANCH

Virtual Interest Meetings: Community Partnership & Volunteer Branch

Join us for a Virtual Interest Meeting!

These meetings are information sessions on ways to support our school and students. All interested community partners, volunteers, and parents are encouraged to select one session to attend. Meet Committee Chair Susan Smith and ask any questions you have!

Upcoming Virtual Interest Meetings (select one to attend):

December 10: Noon or 6:30pm

December 14: Noon or 6:30pm

December 17: Noon or 6:30pm

The first interest meetings were a great start toward developing new Community partnerships and interested volunteers! We are excited about the second half of the school year and anticipate great opportunities to stem from them. Partnership and Volunteerism leans on Time, Talent and Treasure! Everyone in the community has something to offer in order to pour into our students!

A note to the previous attendees:

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to connect with us at our 2020-21 The Aviary - Community Partnership & Volunteer Interest Meetings. Developing and nurturing relationships within the community is a vital part of our success. We look forward to connecting further in the coming weeks and months to strengthen the bridge between the school and the community for the good of our youth. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, ideas for partnership or suggestions on other community partners/volunteers we should meet! Email us at: volunteer@sktcs.org

A note for current families/parents:

Our success is your success! 2020 has been a year like no other--to say the least. Please know that we are working diligently to develop quality partnerships in order to pour into your children which will positively impact your families. To that end, we need your help also. What businesses do you

patronize? What organizations are you a part of that the school could benefit from an introduction? There's an incentive in it for them! Reach out to them and, with their permission, share contact information with us. Invite them to the next meeting and/or encourage them to reach out! We'll take it from there!

A note from our Committee Chair:

As a parent of two SKTCS students and a business owner, I have a vested interest in the wonderful connections that can be made to enrich the lives of the future leaders coming out of Susie King. Whether you attended as an interested community partner/volunteer or a parent -- we greatly value your willingness to come alongside as a resource. As mentioned during our sessions, chairing the committee is a new endeavor for me. With that in mind, your input on ways to partner in support of SKTCS and her students is very much welcomed.

Description: Community Partnership and Volunteer Interest Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5734083971...>

Meeting ID: 573 408 3971

Passcode: sgs2020

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 573 408 3971

Passcode: 682559

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5734083971...>

The Aviary is the SKTCS Family/Faculty Volunteer Association

aviary@sktcs.org

All parents, grandparents, caregivers, and community members are welcome. No dues. Join anytime, participate at your convenience.

Join our team of volunteers!

[Fill out this form.](#)

The Aviary welcomes families and SKTCS faculty and staff to participate in school culture through volunteerism in classrooms, fundraising, event planning, and other aspects of school culture. Learn more about The Aviary [on our website](#).



Nothing Bundt Cakes Youth Reading Program: Books and Bundts.

Local cake store "Nothing Bundt Cakes" is rewarding local students for reading!

- This program is for students Pre-K through 5th grade.
- Students will receive a free bundtlet cake for every 400 minutes read each month. They must record minutes read and have a parent signature.
- Students will also receive a certificate and have their picture taken!

The program is currently running through March 31, 2021.

[Nothing Bundt Cakes](#) is located at 1801 E Victory Dr., Suite 102, Savannah, GA 31404 next to Chipotle, across Victory Drive from IHOP.



In Search of...

[Title 1 Math Paraprofessional](#)



Save The Date:

Stay Connected!

Did you know you can link the school calendar to your phone so that you never miss a school event or the end of a marking period?! [Just click here!](#)

December 10

> Noon or 6:30pm - Virtual Interest Meeting for Community Partnership & Volunteer Branch of The Aviary. Drop in via Zoom for one of our information sessions.

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December 16

> 6pm - Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and RESOURCE NIGHT with Mrs. Hardy and Guests.

December 17

> Last day for Giving Tree donations drop-off (AM or PM car line).
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December 18

> 2nd Quarter Report Cards issued.
> Registration Opens for Returning Students for the 2021 -22 school year.
> Application open for New Students for the 2021 - 22 school year.

December 21 - January 4

> Winter Break: School Closed

December 31

> Last day to submit application for Eye Exam & Glasses Assistance.

January 5

Students return to school (In-person and virtually)



SKTCS 2020-21 Annual School Calendar



2020-2021 School Calendar

July '20

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

11 Days

August '20

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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16 Days

September '20

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16 Days

October '20

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20 Days

November '20

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14 Days

December '20

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14 Days

January '21

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18 Days

February '21

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19 Days

March '21

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19 Days

April '21

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20 Days

May '21

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15 Days

June '21

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Total = 166

Color Key:

Teacher In-Service Day (no school for students)	Grades 4 - 7 Progress Reports
Report Card Conferences	First and Last Day of School
Virtual Learning Days	9 - week period ends
School Closed - Holiday	* Report Cards Issued

