Hello SU Families,

We would like to share an update about our student that was injured during dismissal yesterday.  At this time, she is doing well, and it will take a little time to heal from the injuries, but she is expected to make a full recovery.  Thank you to all that jumped in quickly to help with the situation, we are incredibly fortunate to have a wonderful community at South Union.  #SUthisisUS.

We will review the following safety measures with students.  We are asking all families to review them at home also.

**Adults:**

-Always be on the lookout for children when dropping off or picking up students.

-Follow the speed zone designated for the area and ALWAYS look for children.

-Follow the procedures for dismissal and arrival that the school has provided and ALWAYS look for children.

-Dropping off and picking up students in the circle drive next to the curb is safest, but you still need to ALWAYS look for children as you are pulling through.

**Students:**

-Stay on sidewalks, Do Not cross the street in unmarked areas.  Students that need to cross South Union, should do so with the crossing guard at Leech and South Union intersection or at McKinley and South Union at the lighted stop.

-NEVER go in between stopped cars on the street to cross.  Only cross at the stop sign or at the stop light on McKinley.

-When crossing at a light, be sure to push the button and wait for the walk signal.  After you have the signal, still look both ways for traffic.

-When getting out on the circle drive, please stay on the sidewalk and enter the school as soon as you are dropped off.

**Family Night**

Please join us for cookies and cocoa on Thursday (1/11) from 5:00-6:30. The 4th grade music concert will begin at 5:15. Your student will have an activity in their classroom to share with you. There will be a chance to win a prize upon entering.  We hope to see you there!

**Parent Cafe**

Families are invited to join us for coffee and donuts Wednesday morning from 8-8:30. This will also be an opportunity to meet our student support team.  Parking in the circle drive will be available after 7:50. Be sure to check in at the office and get a visitor tag upon arrival.

**Attendance for ALL**

We saw our attendance dip below our school goal of 92% this week.  We look forward to seeing it jump back up next week as everyone gets back in their routines after break.

* This week’s attendance rates (% of students that are HERE):

K-85.8%

1-85.7%

2-88.5%

3-84.86%

4-90%

5-79.73%

Congratulations to Ms. Meola’s 4th graders for being our attendance leaders this week!  We were happy to see so many of them here all day, every day!

**Student Support Form**

If there is anything your student or family needs support with, please click on the link below to fill out our student support form:

[Student Support and Parent Feedback - Des Moines Public Schools (dmschools.org)](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dmschools.org%2Fstudent-support-and-parent-feedback%2F&data=05%7C02%7CAshley.Snyder%40dmschools.org%7C289bbc4300ac4f8d981508dc0e1a409d%7Ceba5623b50fe4e37bd3884cca5305de7%7C0%7C0%7C638400753123416662%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eR3nwCDsHJmM3xunJ%2FNGV0OO7PUZsiMQQ%2FUTuSDoWsY%3D&reserved=0)

**Important Dates**

1/10 Parent Café 8-8:30

1/11 SU Family Night 5:00-6:30

1/15-1/17 No School-PD Days

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