

April 17, 2017

Dear Southdale Families:

Southdale Elementary is fortunate to be a **Leader In Me School**. Therefore we will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "This Is Me" event. One of the goals of Leader In Me schools is to **develop leadership skills** both inside and outside of the classroom by using the 7 Habits.



**We need your help** as families to encourage your child to share his or her passion and talent with us on **May 11<sup>th</sup>**. Participation is optional, but we hope everyone will find **one thing** to showcase.

What makes your student who he is? What is **she interested in** and **passionate about**? What is **important** to him? What can your child **share with the community** that she can proudly say, "This Is Me!"?

All projects are to be **student driven** with **students completing the work outside of school hours**. Parents are strongly encouraged to let your child explore and learn on his/her own. Offer guidance and suggestions, but **please let them do the work**.

Our **4 main categories** (and a few ideas of projects in each):

- **Academic Topics:** Science Fair type project (biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, space, etc.); traditional tri-fold display and report on topic of interest; Creative Writing (poetry, short story, comics, etc.); Math (puzzles, problem-solving, real world uses); History/Social Studies topics
- **Hobbies and Interests:** Collections (stamps, coins, etc.); Nature (gardening, plants, insects, geology); Cooking; Sports or Outdoor Activities; Dinosaurs; Pets; Legos (no kits); Computer Science/Coding
- **Musical Performance:** students will perform a short solo (either vocal or instrumental) of their choosing. The school will have a piano available. All others will need to bring their own instruments. These performances will **not** involve the music, orchestra, or vocal teachers. Students will be expected to write a short report related to their musical selection.
- **Visual Arts: Original work only** (not involving a pre-purchased craft kit). Many mediums are available: drawing/sketching, painting, knitting/weaving, photography, woodworking, and so forth. We ask that students not submit items from craft kits or commercial products (e.g., perler beads, shrinky dinks).

**Step 1:** Have your child select **ONE** category. Fill out the appropriate application that is attached.

**Step 2:** Turn in the application to your child's teacher by **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**The evening of May 11<sup>th</sup> will be our "This Is Me!" night. This will be an open house from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** Students are not required to be present the whole time. Depending on what your student is doing, there may be a specific time for him/her to be there (e.g., musical solo). Otherwise, students doing a more traditional tri-fold display can stand by their project for a while and talk to guests or they may visit all the other displays as well. Projects should be such that it can stand on its own and be self-explanatory for all those reading it.

The teachers and Southdale IMPACT look forward to this **exciting event**. We hope you will encourage your child to say, "This Is Me!"

Sincerely,

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