

SOUTH EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT



JUDGE
Gayle Williams-Byers

CLERK OF COURT
Annetta L. Fisher

April 2, 2014

Dear Educator,

You as well as your students and staff are cordially invited to participate in the South Euclid Municipal Court *Democracy Days* program. Democracy Days is a special learning experience where schools, community groups and local athletic teams are invited to spend a day at the Court to witness, first hand, the important role the court plays in our system of democracy.

In this free program, students will have an opportunity to converse with myself, the court magistrate and the various attorneys who practice here. In addition, children will have a chance to learn about the many different aspects of how a court works including the duties of the Probation Department, how a bailiff keeps everyone in court safe and the difference between criminal and civil hearings.

Since 2012, more than a dozen school and community groups have participated in our program. Democracy Days has been a way to give the youth in our community an insight into a part of the legal system that may or may not be easy for them to otherwise understand. Enclosed in this correspondence is a Democracy Days pamphlet that explains in greater detail many of the great experiences your youth will be exposed to by participating.

The South Euclid Municipal Court is available for Democracy Days Monday thru Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Democracy Days is also available from 5:30pm to 8:00pm on the fourth Thursday of every month. A meal is generally provided for students at no cost to the school or community group.

Due to the size of the court, we request student groups no larger than 30 children. We also recommend at least one adult chaperone for every 10 students.

For more information, please contact Please contact Isaiah Simmons or Lester Holmes with any questions at (216) 381.2880 or via email at DemocracyDays@southeuclidcourt.com. You may also visit www.southeuclidcourt.com to download our Democracy Days participation application or to view the enclosed pamphlet electronically.

I look forward to seeing you and your students at the South Euclid Municipal Court in the near future.

Best Regards

Judge Gayle Williams-Byers,
South Euclid Municipal Court