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## OCTOBER...

### A Busy Month @ S O U T H W O O D

There are a number of school activities during the month of October that we wanted to highlight. Along with photo day, Fire Prevention Week, and special assemblies, Southwood School is recognizing the fact that October is also "International Walk-to-School" month and also "Bus Safety" month.

#### Bus Safety

Although we rehearse a number of different safety drills during the year, students who are transported to and from school will take part in bus evacuation drills during the week of October 17th. Hanover School Division is also planning some additional safety measures over the course of the year. More information to come soon.



#### International Walk-to-School

October is walk to school month. Southwood School will help celebrate by doing a walk to school event on Oct. 5th, 12th, and 19th. Each day will have a different starting point. Students are to meet at the different location depending on the area they live. Meeting time is 8:30 am and we will walk to the school together as a group. Kids can join in as we travel the safe route to school. There will also be a School wide walk-a-thon in the afternoon of Oct 26<sup>th</sup> so all students can participate. Parents are welcome to join!

We will once again be offering "walk-a-thon" t-shirts for all students who raise \$25.00 or more. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used towards school-wide programs like artist in the school, special guests, and playground equipment. Donations of \$25 or more will be issued a tax receipt. Details to follow.

Meeting areas are as follows and leaving @ 8:30am

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Barkman Park Parking Lot

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Hanover Division Office

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> E Free Church Parking Lot



October 2016

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### October

- 5 Photo Day
- 10 Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL
- 21 Admin Day - NO SCHOOL
- 31 Admin Day - NO SCHOOL
- ♦ International Walk to School in October
- ♦ Bus Safety Week in October

#### November

- 10 Photo Retake (AM only)
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00 a.m.
- 11 Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL
- 14 Admin Day - NO SCHOOL
- 21 Report Cards - Term 1
- 24 Parent / Teacher Conferences (evening)

#### HOT LUNCH

##### EVERY MONDAY - \$3.00

From Dairy Queen  
Cheeseburger or Chicken Wrap

##### EVERY WEDNESDAY - \$2.00

From Dominos Pizza  
Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese Pizza

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## Message From the Parent Advisory Council

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for making hot lunch happen twice a week this year! Hot lunch started Monday Sept 12th! Look for the hot lunch schedule in the news letter.

If you have already filled out the Volunteer Opportunities form that was sent home, we thank you, and will get in touch with those interested. Thank-you in advance for your help and stay tuned for more updates!

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## The New Lifetouch Photo ordering system ....

Picture Day is Coming! Mark your Calendar for our School Picture Day on

### Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Picture day order forms were sent home with all students. Your photography program this year offers exciting online ordering capabilities. There are 80 looks and backgrounds to choose from.

For this prepay program, each student will receive a flyer and have the ability to view and order from all of these different looks online at [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca).

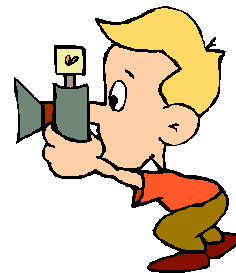
Orders can also be placed using the paper flyer which handed on photo day. Orders after **October 5th** must be done online. Students may order up to 48 hours after Picture Day online.

The online site will open and be available to accept your order 2 weeks prior to the photo day. Be ready to bring your smiles on picture day! To place your order online, Log on to [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) or Click the link below.

<https://my.lifetouch.com> and enter your Picture Id of QL916455Q0.

For Tips on preparing for photo day visit [www.lifetouch.ca](http://www.lifetouch.ca)

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## Absentee Policy

Please call the school by 9:00 am if your child is going to be absent. You may contact us in the following ways:

- Phone: 204-326-3518
- Email: [southwood@hsd.ca](mailto:southwood@hsd.ca)

If we have not heard from the parent/guardian of an absent student, we will be calling the home and if needed work places to make sure the student is safe.

## DRIVE AWAY HUNGER - 2016

Southwood School, together with Farm Credit Canada, is pleased to announce the "Drive Away Hunger" food drive happening in October. We will be collecting food items up until October 6. Students may bring the food items to their classrooms or parents may drop them off on the tables in our foyer.

The most needed items are:

Pasta, rice and sauces  
Canned meats, fish  
Canned goods (beans, soups, stews)  
Powdered or canned milk  
Canned fruit, vegetables  
Flour, whole grain cereals  
Baby formula and food



Thanks for participating!

# Good to Grow

Manitoba's Elementary School Milk Program



At Southwood School, we encourage our students to drink milk every day by making it available and rewarding!

We will not be selling sheets of tickets this school year. Your child may purchase milk from the canteen at 12:00 noon each day. The cost will be \$1.00. Please send the correct change.

Each time a child drinks milk, either purchased at school or from home your child will be given a "milk ballot" and be eligible to win prizes. Each winner receives a promotional prize provided by *The Dairy Farmers of Manitoba*. This is one fun and simple way to encourage our students to DRINK MILK! Just another way we can encourage our student to - TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES!

## Hot Lunch Program 16/17

The Hot Lunch program is in full swing here at Southwood, with the help of our many FANTASTIC VOLUNTEERS.

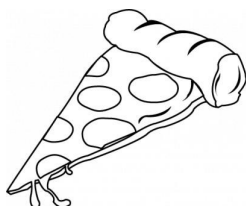
Monday hot lunches cost \$3 (exact change or ticket) per order and students can choose between a Cheese Burger and a Chicken Wrap.

Wednesday hot lunches cost \$2 (exact change or ticket) per order and students can choose between Cheese Pizza and Pepperoni Pizza.

Hot lunch tickets may be purchased on Mondays or Wednesday mornings from hot lunch volunteers or at anytime from the school office. Please make cheques payable to Southwood School PAC. If paying for tickets by cash, please have the correct change.

NOTE that only tickets purchased THIS SCHOOL YEAR (expire in June 2017) will be accepted.

**MONDAY** - \$30.00 for 10 tickets per sheet  
**WEDNESDAY** - \$20.00 for 10 tickets per sheet  
 Cheques to: Southwood School PAC



## Note from Transportation

All urban bus routes are posted on the HSD website with times and maps. Any bus **urban or rural** that will be late due to weather or mechanical issues is listed on the HSD website in the bus delay area.

The website is at: [hsd.ca](http://hsd.ca)  
 Go to drop down menu of Departments /Transportation where you can choose:



1. School Bus Delay Bulletins where any bus that is late is posted with approximate delay.
2. STEINBACH URBAN BUS ROUTES - When you go to your school specific routes and click on the map icon you will see times as well as a map AM/PM displayed.

Thank you for checking these options before calling the Hanover School Division Transportation Department with your questions regarding bus delays and Steinbach urban bus route times and maps.

Everyone is welcome to attend the  
 HSD Public Consultation on Budget  
 Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 25 @ 7:00 pm  
 at the HSD conference room  
 (back door will be open).

## Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be taking place in November this school year.

## Hanover Parent and Child Community Program - 16/17

The Hanover Parent and Child Community Program would like to invite Southwood parents and their preschool children (1 to 5 years) to attend **free parent-child programming**. This program is being provided by the **Hanover School Division** to promote development of school readiness skills. Children will have the opportunity to play, learn, create, sing and develop skills to prepare them for kindergarten. Parents will be able to visit with other parents, learn new skills and participate in activities with their children. Snacks will be provided.

**When: Wednesday afternoons from 1:15-3:15 pm**

(This will begin September 21, 2016 and run until June 7, 2017.

Families can attend weekly or just drop in when you can.)

**Where: Room # B7 at Southwood School in Steinbach.**

**\* We will follow the same schedule as the division school calendar in regards to school closure days.**



**\*Note: Children should bring indoor footwear.**

**Parents please report to the office for check in and park in the designated parking areas.**

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## Tumblebooks

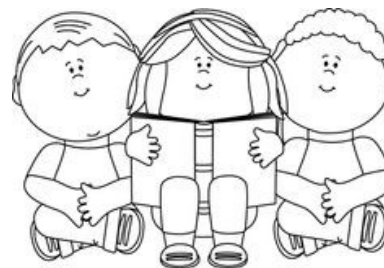
The Southwood literacy team has just subscribed to Tumblebooks. What are Tumblebooks? “Tumblebooks is a collection of **books** (animated, talking picture books) with fiction, non-fiction and foreign language titles, **Math Stories, Read-Alongs** (chapter books with sentence highlighting and narration but no animation), **Videos** (from National Geographics), **TumbleTV** which consists of pre-set playlists of a sequence of books, **Tumble Puzzles & Games**, and **TumbleResources** for teachers and students. TumbleBooks are created from existing picture books which we have licensed from children's book publishers and converted to the TumbleBook format”. This collection of online books, etc. can now be accessed from a link on our school website, or at the following web address:

<http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com>

To login at the top right, simply enter the following information;

Username = **southwoodelem**

Password = **reads**



We hope that teachers, students and families will all enjoy this collection of great books at school and at home. Enjoy!

The Southwood School Literacy Team

## SCHOOL PLANNING REPORT 2016—2017

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### **Priority #1 - Acquisition of literacy of numeracy skills: what we learn.**

Strategies: Standardized assessment and training of literacy assessment and instruction for teachers. Fontas and Pinnell training provided for teachers. Improved writing practices adopted by teachers using a two-year professional development plan using Regie Routman in Residence Program (year 1 of 2 year PD). Implementation of provincial kindergarten document, "A Time for Learning, A Time for Joy" by school based support teachers and divisional learning coaches. Focus on play-based approach and Regio Amelia teaching philosophy. Improved methods of assessment to include student electronic portfolios (ie Seesaw ipad app). Portfolios intended to improve communication between school and home which will positively impact students learning. School Deeper Learning team expanded with a focus on grades K-2. Team planning and co-teaching. Numeracy training and professional development focused on how to provoke student learning, vertical learning, Three-act math (Graham Fletcher), and the Michael Fullen's Six C's (particularly communication and collaboration).

### **Priority #2 - Enhancing student learning engagement: how they are learning.**

Strategies: Southwood staff will design, develop, and improve the classroom learning environments to support and meet the individual learning style of the students. The development and construction of a nature playground (Phase I) Professional development will be provided to staff to improve teaching practices in order to improve student learning. Professional development opportunities for kindergarten teachers to implement a play-based learning environment for all kindergarten students. The re-location and implementation of a "Maker Space" for students to explore their interests and foster project based learning. Increased use of technology provided to classroom and teacher professional development provided. School based Deeper Learning Team will continue to examine and make recommendations for improved learning spaces. Deeper Learning i-Pad roll-out for grades K-2. GAFE training for teachers and support staff. House Points System to build school community and to promote our school motto of Care, Learn, Grow.

### **Priority #3 - Student well-being: safety, resiliency, social/emotional regulation, and coping strategies).**

Strategies: School committee members will promote healthy living styles to support student healthy mental. Real Restitution, Play is the Way, Second Step, career development, and Roots of Empathy programs continued to build student skills related to well-being.. Guidance counselors provides classroom support of health curriculum, focusing on personal/emotional/social development. Also, expand programming for individual and small groups by adding additional half-time guidance counselor for 2016-2017. Increased number of noon hour and after school clubs. Partnership with ROC (Recreational Opportunities for Children) continued for second year. Development and implementation of the school-wide positive real restitution plan (and data collection process).

## **About Us**

- Southwood School originated in 1947 and is home to 458 students, grades K to 4.
- We have 27.5 teachers, 7 Educational Assistants, 2 Secretaries, 1 Library Clerk, and a custodial staff of 3.
- Our school support team include the following members: Guidance counsellors, support teachers, and a reading recovery teacher.
- We strive to teach our students about the basic needs of behavior through an approach called Real Restitution. This belief is supported through programs like Second Step and Roots of Empathy.
- We believe that through a caring learning environment, students are able to learn and grow as productive individuals.
- Students in Southwood School demonstrate they care for others in our community in a variety of ways, by supporting local charities and fundraising organizations through our actions.
- Southwood School is striving to provide students with a variety of hands-on and expeditionary learning opportunities within the school community and beyond. Our plan is to provide continued support and training to our teachers to facilitate these type of learning opportunities for students.
- Our goal is to partner with our communities and parents through school events and open communication in an effort to provide a caring learning environment for students that fosters their learning and growth.

2016—2017