



SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr. Rod Kehler

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Tracy Beaudin

February 2017

Dates to Remember:

Thank you Mrs. Barkman

After 24 years, Mrs. Cathy Barkman has decided to retire. Many of you know her as the friendly face when you enter through our front doors. Mrs. Barkman has been with the Division since September, 1992 when she started as an educational assistant and then moved into the office in 1998. We want to sincerely thank Mrs. Barkman for everything she has done for our Division and for Southwood School in particular. We wish her all the best as she enters into retirement. Mrs. Barkman's last day will be January 31.



...Hello Mrs. Davis

With Mrs. Barkman's departure, we want to inform you that we have also hired a 'new' secretary to fill the School Administrative Secretary position at Southwood School. Her name is Michelle Davis and previously worked as the Head Secretary at Niverville Elementary School for 3 years (after working as a backup secretary for half a year). We are looking forward to her coming to Southwood School.

...And One More Update

Mrs. Carolyn Peters, one of our half-time guidance counselors, will be on leave for the remainder of the year. We want to wish her and her family all the best in their exciting adventures that lay ahead. We look forward to seeing her back at Southwood in September.

Moving forward, Courtney Baudry will serve as our full-time guidance counselor for the remainder of the school year. Mrs Baudry has been teaching half-time morning Kindergarten and half-time guidance since the start of the school year up to now. In her place, Jessica Bottrell will be the new teacher for KAMB. We want to thank both of these teachers for making the switch in the middle of the year to accommodate our students with limited disruption.

February 2017

- 3 Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 10 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 17 Kindergarten Report Cards
- 17 Assembly 1:00 p.m.
- 20 Louis Riel Day-NO SCHOOL
- 21 Artist in the School Begins
- 24 Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 27 Chocolate Sales Begin

March 2017

- 3 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 10 Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 14 Chocolate Sales End
- 17 Assembly - 1:00 p.m.
- 21 Report Cards - Term 2
- 23 Student Learning Expo

March 27 - 31
SPRING BREAK
No School



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

Community Bulletin Board is located
in the front office foyer

155 Barkman Ave.,
Steinbach, MB R5G 0P2
Email: southwood@hdsd.ca
Website: http://southwood.hsd.ca
Twitter: @SouthwoodHSD
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Kindergarten Registration

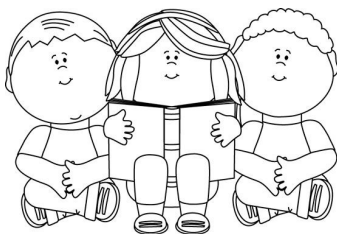
A blank form for Kindergarten registration was sent home to all Southwood School families. If you have a child born in 2012 please return the completed form to Southwood School office or call and register your child for kindergarten. We need you to return the form sent home or register by phone as soon as possible and before February 10.

If you have a friend, neighbor or relative who has a child eligible for Kindergarten for September 2017, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.
Phone: 204-326-3518

SAVE THE DATE!

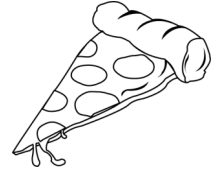
The staff at Southwood School would like to invite all students attending kindergarten in 2017-2018 to a special Kindergarten Orientation Evening scheduled on **May 9th, 2017** from 6:00-7:30. The evening will include a school tour, classroom visits, and a bus ride! Students attending will receive a special gift!

Kindergarten Screening is scheduled for **May 10th** and **May 11th**. Parents will be informed prior to the screening date of which day and time to bring their child. The screening will be approximately 30 minutes long with play-based learning stations arranged in the classroom.



Lunch Tickets

Hot lunch tickets are available at the office:



MONDAY - \$30.00 for 10 tickets

WEDNESDAY - \$20.00 for 10 tickets

Cheques to: Southwood School PAC

Milk

Chocolate and White milk are sold each day at the canteen at 12:00 noon.



Cost: \$1.00 each

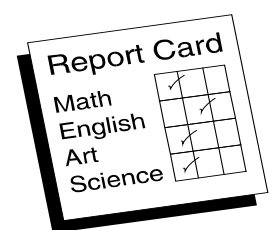
Please send the correct change.

Report Cards

Report cards for Kindergarten will be going home as a paper copy only on February 17th for their first reporting term.

Electronic Report Cards - Southwood School is happy to report that we will be emailing report cards to parents for grades one to four students from now on. Parents will still have the option of receiving a paper copy if requested. A form was sent home asking you for your preference. Please return to the office as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school. Reports for grades one to four students will be sent out **March 21, 2017.**



Tumblebooks

The Southwood literacy team subscribes to Tumblebooks. 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, 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



Southwood Chocolate Sales Fundraiser February 27 - March 14

\$3.00 per bar

\$90.00 per case



IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 13: Information Letter went home with students.

Feb. 27: Chocolates are distributed to students and the sale begins!

March 1, 3, 6, 9, 13:

8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each of these dates - Money is collected and more chocolates are distributed to families who want to sell more. These are the dates that we have parent volunteers at the school from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Please note that these are the only dates that we will do chocolate sales business with students.**

Mar. 14: **FINAL DATE** - All money and unsold chocolates should be returned to the school by 1:00 p.m. on March 14.

GREAT PRIZES!

Talent Show in Assembly

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March 24th, 2017

Students in Grade 3 & 4 will be given the

opportunity to perform during one assembly at the end of March. Staff

will be auditioning starting the week of March 6th to ensure that each student is ready to perform. This is an opportunity to share joy and talents with others! It is important that parents help their child prepare and practice for their big day. We always encourage family members to join all of our assemblies as your presence is extra special to your child. If students are interested in performing, forms will be available closer to the end of February.



Absentee Policy

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

- Phone: 204-326-3518
- Email: 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.

Artist in the School

This years ***Artist in the School*** is Colleen Watchorn who is a local artist. She inspires people with her own paintings and is an art educator in the community. Colleen leads painting classes with children as well as adults in schools and in other venues. Her passion for art is reflected not only in her own work, but in the work of her students.



We are privileged to have Colleen as our Artist in the School from February 21 to March 3. During this time, she will be working with every class, guiding each student as they create their own unique pieces. These paintings will be showcased at the Learning Expo being held at the school on March 23. Southwood is excited to welcome Colleen to our school community.

Mark March 23rd on your calendar for the....

Southwood Student Learning Expo 2017

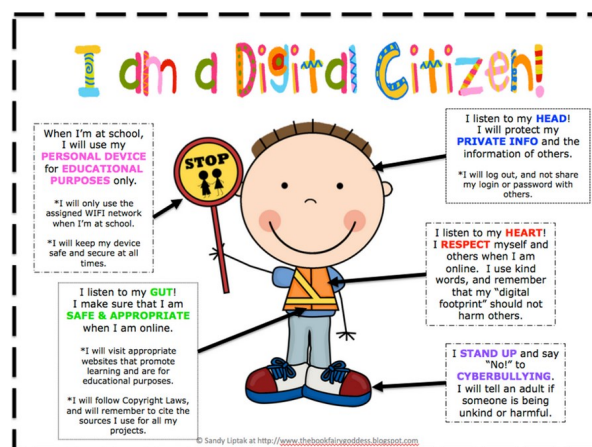
Southwood Student Learning Expo 2017

Digital Citizenship @ Southwood School

In a division-wide, multi year plan, Hanover School Division has committed to placing tablets into the hands of every Early Years student. The vision is for students and teachers to make use of these powerful educational tools to explore, discover, create, and learn together. At Southwood, the Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 students have been learning and sharing with amazing educational apps on the iPads in each of those rooms. Using these iPads, and the features and apps that they offer, teachers have new and meaningful ways to teach, and help each student learn. There are numerous and varied examples for you to review. Create an account on Twitter and follow @SouthwoodHSD. You, too, can take advantage of the educational technology that HSD is offering. Our Twitter account gets added to every day with the exciting learning happening in our building and around our community. We (and your children) would be delighted for you to be a part of it.

So much access to technology comes with responsibility. Southwood teachers are mindful of which websites and apps their students are using. Their use is controlled in order to help protect students from harmful contents and actions that can be associated with an internet presence. In our efforts to help produce thoughtful citizens, one of our priorities is to help students learn to conduct themselves appropriately when using technology. That is why the staff and students will begin to focus on the skills of Digital Citizenship using Sandy Liptak's model, which is extremely appropriate for early years students.

As you can see, this model teaches students skills for safety and awareness in an online environment. It also encourages students to trust themselves and their instincts to make appropriate choices in murkier situations in the online world.



Students can expect to learn, practice, and demonstrate skills of digital citizenship as lessons with their teachers and as events in school assemblies. Teachers will be able to include such activities in students' report cards because these ideas connect to student wellness – a running theme in the subject of Early Years Health.

We also intend to include you, the parents, in our focus on Digital Citizenship. We recognize (and can sometimes relate) that students have an amazing capability to access technological resources that sometimes surprise or even confuse adults. In order to support you and help you to continue to learn to monitor and protect your children at home on their electronic devices, we will provide resources and opportunities through the school. You can expect there to be a page in the parent section of our school website – southwood.hsd.ca – dedicated to parent-specific tools and literature to help you with your child's use of technology at home.

We are excited to begin this project in the new school year so that you can feel confident in the meaningful use of educational technology by your child at Southwood School.

By: Bret Johnson