



# SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr. Rod Kehler

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Tracy Beaudin

April 2017

## Kindergarten for 2017/2018 school year

**REGISTRATION** - If you have a child born in 2012 please call and register your child for kindergarten. Kindergarten interviews will be held during the month of May but we need you to register by phone if you have not already done so.

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



**WELCOME EVENING** - The staff at Southwood School would like to invite all of the students attending kindergarten in 2017-2018 to a special "Welcome Evening" on May 9, 2017 starting at 6:00 pm at Southwood School. The evening will begin with a few information presentations for parents in the school gym followed by a school tour, classroom visits, and a bus ride! Students attending the welcome evening will receive a special gift. For more information feel free to call Southwood School at 204-326-3518. We hope to see you there!

**REGISTRATION PACKAGES AND INTERVIEW DATES** - The Kindergarten Interviews for 2017/2018 students will be held May 10 & 11 by appointment only. **The packages with registration forms and Interview date and time will be mailed out in April.** (All Kindergarten classes will be running as usual.)



## **New Vice Principal To Southwood School**

We want to welcome Mrs. Kim Koop to Southwood School as the new Vice Principal for the 2017-2018 school year. More information will be provided in our June newsletter.

### Dates to Remember:

#### April 2017

- 3 1st day back after spring break
- 3-4 WISE Camps
- 7 Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 12 Pink Shirt Day
- 12 Assembly - 1:00 p.m.
- 14 Good Friday—No School
- 20 Assembly - 1:00 p.m.
- 28 House Hoopla @ Kidzone

#### May 2017

- 9 Kindergarten for 17/18 Orientation Evening from 6 - 7:30 pm
- 10 & 11 - Kindergarten Screening for 17/18 students
- 12 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 22 Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
- 26 Assembly - 1:00 p.m.



#### HOT LUNCH

- EVERY MONDAY - \$3.00**  
From Dairy Queen  
Cheeseburger or Chicken Wrap
- EVERY WEDNESDAY - \$2.00**  
From Domino's Pizza  
Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese Pizza

**Community Bulletin Board is located in the front office foyer**

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## SPRING CONCERT

Come One, Come All  
to the  
Grade 1 & 2 Spring Concert

7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, June 1st.

More details to coming soon.



## PAC News

**Hot Lunch Schedule** – The last regular Hot Lunch date is Wednesday, June 21st. Any Hot Lunch tickets should be used up by the end of June.



Southwood School PAC will **NOT** be offering a lunch at our annual School Picnic.

Please remember Hot Lunch tickets expire at the end of **June 2017** and do not carry over to the 2017/2018 school year. If you have any questions about the PAC Hot Lunch Program please call Ashley Toews @ 204-346-0321 or email [ashleytoews@hotmail.com](mailto:ashleytoews@hotmail.com)

## Stars of the Future Program

Stars of the Future

Children born between July 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013, together with their parents, are invited to attend a Spring 2017 **Stars of the Future** clinic. Stars of the Future is a FREE screening program for children that live in South East Manitoba. It is a onetime appointment, designed to find out how your child is doing in the areas of speech & language, hearing, growth and development. The appointment is one hour long. Appointments may be booked by calling 204-346-6136 and leaving a message. For more information on Stars of the Future go to [www.healthychildcoalition.ca](http://www.healthychildcoalition.ca). Appointment times do fill up quickly, so we encourage you to book your appointment early.



Clinics will be held in the following communities:

Steinbach: April 12 and 13; May 10 and 11	Vita: April 24
Grunthal: May 8	Sprague: April 6
Ste. Anne: April 21	Niverville: April 27
	Lorette: May 2

Stars of the Future is offered FREE to families living in the South East region through a partnership with Southern Health-Santé Sud, South East Children's Therapy Initiative and Healthy Child Coalition – South East.

## Getting ready for Bicycles!

All bicycles must be parked in the racks provided and all bicycles should be equipped with locks. The school is not responsible for damage or theft of bicycles or their parts while they are parked in the racks.



Bicycles are not to be used during the school day other than going to and from school. It is important that K-4 students have a good understanding about the rules of the road and bike safety before they venture on their own to and from school with their bicycles.

## Transition for Grade 4 Students to Grade 5

**May 18th, 2017 at 7 pm**

All parents of students who will be attending Grade 5 at Clearspring Middle School or Stonybrook Middle School next year (17/18) are invited to an information evening on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the school where they will be attending.

\* Your student will receive a registration package from their middle school sometime in April.



## Safety Reminder

**ALL VISITORS  
PLEASE  
CHECK IN AT  
FRONT OFFICE**

We would like to remind parents and caregivers to please check in at the office when you come to the school. Please use the front doors near the office to enter the building. The secretaries will be happy to help you. As an early years school we value the relationship that we have with all of our families and we will always welcome you. We care about the well-being of all of our students which is why it is important for parents and visitors to use the front doors and check in at the office.

Parents are also reminded that when alternative home arrangements are being made for your child, please notify the office. Students will not be released to individuals that are not their legal guardian unless the teacher has received a note or the individual is listed as an emergency contact in our system.

We thank all of you in advance for helping us create a safe environment for our students.

## Chocolate Sales - Thank you!

Thanks to all the students and their families for supporting this year's chocolate sales event. A special thank you to the parent volunteers who helped out each day.

Funds raised from this fundraiser will be used to purchase gym equipment, playground improvements, and to support special events to support student learning. Thank you once again for your support!



## Roots of Empathy: Southwood Babies

Over the past three years, Southwood School has been proud to offer the *Roots of Empathy Program* to our grade three classes. This past year we had the privilege of having three **Baby Teachers** visit our grade three classrooms to teach our students about empathy. We want to thank *Baby Julianna*, *Baby Oden*, and *Baby Jade* (and their parent) for their contribution to supporting the learning of our students.



We are excited to continue the program for all our grade three students for the upcoming year as well. For more than fifteen years across Canada and internationally, thousands of children have learned about empathy and respect for one another with the lessons started through their Roots of Empathy baby. At this time we are looking for participants to support this program. If you, or someone you know has recently had a baby and would be interested in volunteering one hour per month with your baby, please contact Rod Kehler at Southwood School. If you would like more information, visit <http://www.rootsofempathy.org/>.

## WISE Camps Coming to Southwood

WISE Kid-Netic Energy is a community outreach program offered by the Faculty of Engineering.

One service WISE Kid-Netic Energy provides is delivering workshops to Manitoba classrooms.

These workshops are hands-on, curriculum-based and delivered by University of Manitoba undergraduate students in Engineering and Science-related fields.

Southwood School is excited to host a number of WISE workshops on **April 3 and 4**. Students will take part in a variety of science related activities which are connected to their curricular outcomes.

