



SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL

care. learn. grow.

Principal: Mr. Rod Kehler

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Kim Koop

September 2017



A very special welcome to all of our returning students and a very, very special welcome to all our new students. Staff have been working hard in preparation for the upcoming school year.

Have a great school year!

Welcome Back!!

The staff at Southwood School are excited to welcome back all of the returning students and also want to welcome all of the new students. Phase II of the Nature Playground is near completion and the outdoor learning environment will be a great place for students to explore and learn. A new climbing wall has been added to our gym along with other improvements to our playground areas.

New for this school year is the introduction of the all day/alternate day kindergarten classes. Students attending kindergarten will be following either an odd day or even day cycle. The days of the cycle can be seen on the divisional calendar. We encourage you to review the calendar dates carefully.

Please note we have made some changes to our noon hour lunch and recess schedule. Kindergarten, grade one, and grade four students will eat lunch from 12:00-12:25 while the grades two and grades three students enjoy time outside for recess. From 12:25 to 12:50 the schedule will flip and the grade two and three students will eat their lunch and kindergarten, grade one and grade four students will have their recess time.

We look forward to a tremendous year of personal growth academically, socially and emotionally for all our students. Thank you again for your continued support and wish you all the best in the school year to come.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 6 First Day of Classes
- 15 Strong Connections
- 18 Strong Connections
- 28 Terry Fox Run

October

- 3 Photo Days
- 4 Photo Days
- 9 Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL
- 11 IWalk #1
- 18 IWalk #2
- 20 Admin. Day - NO SCHOOL
- 25 IWalk—#3
- 30 Admin. Day - NO SCHOOL
- ◆ International Walk to School in October
- ◆ Bus Safety Week in October

The Community Bulletin Board is located in the office foyer.

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2017 - 2018 Southwood Staff

Teaching Staff

Mrs. C. Boschman - K1CB
 Mrs. H. Vogt - K2HV
 Ms. J. Bottrell - K3JB & K4JB
 Mrs. A. Brandt - K5AB
 Ms. M. Cormack - 1C
 Mrs. S. Gudmundson - 1G
 Ms. M. Smyth - 1M
 Mrs. S. Steinhilber - 1S
 Ms. C. Tomchuk - 1T
 Mrs. L. Cox - 2C
 Mrs. C. Friesen - 2F
 Mrs. S. Kauenhofen - 2K
 Ms. N. Sharpe - 2S
 Mrs. M. Dueck - 3D
 Mrs. C. Healey - 3H
 Mr. J. Hurton - 3J
 Ms. A. Loewen - 3L
 Ms. H. Schroeder - 3S
 Mrs. L. Daley - 4D
 Mr. B. Johnson - 4J
 Ms. M. Neufeld - 4N



Mr. R. Kehler - Principal
 Mrs. K. Koop - Vice-Principal
 Ms. C. Johnson - Support Teacher
 Mrs. M. Heinrichs - Support Teacher
 Mrs. C. Martens - Support Teacher
 Mrs. C. Peters - Guidance - AM

Ms. K. Friesen - Flex (Guidance/Music/Gym)
 Mrs. D. Neufeldt - Literacy Support - AM
 Mrs. C. Chernos - Phys. Ed.
 Mrs. K. Brown - Music

Support Staff:

Mrs. M. Davis - Office Manager
 Mrs. S. James - Office Assistant
 TBD - Librarian

Mrs. K. Bergen - EA
 Mrs. A. Friesen - EA
 Mrs. H. Hildebrand - EA
 Mrs. K. Mahi - EA
 Miss E. Nickel - EA
 Miss E. Schoenrock - EA
 Mrs. S. Stampe-Sobering - EA
 Ms. N. Kehler - EA
 Ms. B. Penner - EA



Mr. R. Sobering - Custodian
 Mr. P. Ballares - Evening Custodian
 Mrs. A. MacDonald - Evening Custodian

Milk Sales

Chocolate and White milk will be available starting September 12th. Your child will be able to purchase milk at the canteen in the foyer Monday to Friday at noon.



Cost: \$1.00 per milk

Please send correct change.

Photo Days

PHOTO DAYS will be held on October 3rd & 4th, 2017.

Details will be sent home in the near future on which day your child's class will be scheduled.



Southwood School a “Nut Aware School”

We are a ‘Nut Aware’ school



At Southwood School we are committed to provide a safe environment that is inclusive for all children. In common with most other schools, we have a number of children with nut allergies. The purpose of this page is to give families the information they need to support us in providing a safe and inclusive school.

Why ‘Nut Aware’? Southwood School is ‘Nut Aware’. We do not describe the school as being ‘Nut Free’ because we can’t guarantee that students or adults have not brought nuts, or traces of nuts, into the building.

What is Anaphylaxis? Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that can be life threatening. Approximately 1-2% of Canadians live with the risk of an anaphylactic reaction. Food allergies are the most common cause of anaphylaxis. The most common food allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, seafood, egg and milk products. Anaphylaxis can affect multiple body systems. This can range from skin inflammation to anaphylactic shock, which is an explosive over-reaction of the body’s immune system. This can be characterized by swelling, difficulty breathing, abdominal cramps, circulatory collapse, coma and, ultimately, death.

Source: *Anaphylaxis Canada*

Southwood School staff receive training and information related to many life threatening conditions common in our community. These conditions include anaphylaxis, seizure disorders, and diabetes. Students with life threatening conditions have URIS (health care) plans outlining their condition and the safety procedures required of school staff members in the event of an emergency. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

MedicAlert’s No Child Without Program at Southwood

The No Child *Without* program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy, or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program.

Your child’s voice in an emergency, MedicAlert membership - Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child’s medical information on their MedicAlert bracelet or necklet; Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child’s Electronic Health Record through the 24 Hour Emergency Hotline; Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the Hotline; Allows free updates of the child’s medical record as needed.

MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child’s medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or visit www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a *No Child Without* brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-866-679-3220 Ext 1 to update your child’s file.

SCHOOL HOURS for 2017/2018

School doors are open as of 8:50 a.m. and students are welcome to come into the school at that time. As children arrive at school they will be expected to stay outdoors until 8:50 a.m. They will not need to come into the school or classroom to put away their school bags - they can keep their bags on their backs, hang it on the fence, or place it on the ground near their door. Supervision is available for early bus students and on the school yard starting at 8:30 a.m.

**1st bell rings at 8:50 a.m.
Students may enter the school**



9:00 - 9:05	Religious Exercises for students whose parents have given permission
9:08	Announcements & O Canada Start of Morning Classes
10:40 - 10:55	AM Recess
12:00 - 12:25	Gr K, 1 & 4 LUNCH Gr 2 & 3 RECESS
12:25 - 12:50	Gr 2 & 3 LUNCH Gr K, 1 & 4 RECESS
12:55	Start of Afternoon Classes
2:25 - 2:40	PM Recess
3:45	Dismissal

Lunch Hour

Lunches that need to be given to students during the school hour should be dropped off at the office. Please label your student's lunch with their name and homeroom number. The office will make sure they get their lunch by lunchtime.

Cutlery - The school does not provide cutlery to students for lunch-time use. Please send necessary utensils with your child's lunch.



TERRY FOX RUN - Sept. 28



Support our Terry Fox Run Day on Thursday, September 28th with your donation. Each class that raises \$100 will be able to take part in a "Candy Rock Wall Climb".

More details about the run as well as a pledge forms will be sent home with the youngest and only in the family very soon. Be sure to check your child's backpack for this information or have a look on our website.

Check out the website www.terryfoxrun.org/

PLEDGE SHEETS
WILL BE COMING HOME SHORTLY.

Absent

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

- Email: southwood@hsd.ca
- Phone: 204-326-3518



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.

Student Accident Insurance

MAST (The Manitoba Association of School Trustees) endorsed the Reliable Life plan which has been designed to provide maximum benefits where experience shows claims are made. For more in information please go to:

www.studentaccidentinsurance.ca/schools

School Routines



Remember to “sign in” When you enter the school you will see a sign that welcomes you to Southwood School! This sign reminds all visitors to report directly to the office and that parents need to stop at the office. The secretary will provide the necessary assistance.

All visitors, including parents, must sign in at the office. This allows the school to be aware of all adults in our building for safety and educational purposes.

Identification labels will be provided to all volunteers, substitute teachers, substitute educational assistants and Hanover School Division personnel that work in our school. These are to be picked up in the office when signing in.

Pick Up and Drop Off

When you are picking up or dropping off your child at the end of the day it would be best to arrange a pickup/drop off that is outside and near an entrance to the school. This will help reduce the crowding in the halls by the classroom doors at dismissal time (**3:45 p.m.**)

If a friend or relative is picking up a child from school the parent/guardian needs to notify the school or classroom teacher.

Parking near and around our school:



Obey the “**loading zone only**” areas of our streets that are marked out by yellow paint on the curbs. Parking is available behind the cross walk on 3rd street and past Barkman Ave. It is best to park on 3rd and 2nd streets, or further down Barkman Avenue. **Please DO NOT park, pick up or drop off your students in the bus lane or in the staff parking lot.** Double parking on Barkman Ave. or on 3rd Street poses a serious risk for everyone.

There are many students that are walking along these sidewalks and streets at the end of the day. We appreciate the extra care parents are taking as they drive their children to and from school and watching out for other students. It is important for you to establish a routine with your child to be picked up either along 3rd Street or at the front of the school on Barkman Ave. as you waiting in the car for your child. This should allow for the traffic to flow quickly and safely at pick up and dismissal time.

Leaving Messages

Keep this in mind when you are leaving a message for your child...

- **Call or email the school as early as possible to leave a message (the end of the day is very busy in the office).**
- Keep the message simple.
- As much as possible, please make arrangements for your child the day before and send a note in the agenda

Custodial arrangements:

If you have a situation where parenting arrangements are unique and specific you need to inform the office and classroom teacher about these arrangements. Schools are required to follow legal documents that describe Custodial arrangements.

Strong Connections - September 15 & 18

Strong Connections is an assessment and relationship building program designed to enhance the beginning-of-the-year connection, assessment and familiarity of each student.

These activities are not tests. It is a day to help us get to know our students from a variety of perspectives. The format for *Strong Connections* also provides an opportunity for teachers to extend and consolidate their understanding of each child through one-on-one interview/assessment times, and hopefully, help build a strong foundation for a positive relationship between the child and the teacher.

Approximately 240 out of Southwood's 480 students **will attend school only one of these two days.**

Please understand that your family will NOT be at school either Friday or Monday.

Parents will be notified early next week as to which day their children are to attend; if you have more than one child, all of your children will attend on the same day.

More detailed information
will be coming soon!



Magazine Fundraiser

Our magazine fundraiser process will be the same as last year for 2017-2018. Parents will be able to purchase magazine subscriptions on a website at anytime throughout the school year. We will not be sending packages home for the students to fundraise over a shorter period of time. Details will be sent home shortly.



We thank you for your support in this fundraising effort.

Religious Exercises and Religious Instruction at Southwood

Notice - Religious Exercises - Southwood School, 2017-2018

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious exercises be held in Southwood School during the 2017-2018 school year.

The petitioners have specified their desire for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of a Bible passage or story from the Bible.

As the petitions bear the signatures of parents representing more than 60 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has authorized religious exercises, as specified above, to be held before the official instructional day, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m., in a designated common area of the school.

Provincial and divisional guidelines will be followed. These guidelines are available from the school office, the divisional administration offices, or on the web site at www.hsd.ca.

Only children of parents who have signed or joined the petition may participate. Parents may join the petition by forwarding a signed note to the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division (forward to Southwood School), indicating the name and the grade of the students they are signing for.

Notice - Religious Instruction - Southwood School, 2017-2018

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious instruction be held in Southwood School during the 2017-2018 school year.

The petitioners have specified their desire for the Discovery Time program offered by Child Evangelism Fellowship.

As the petitions bear the signatures of parents representing more than 25 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has passed the required by-law permitting religious instruction, as specified above, to be offered by volunteers during designated half-hour per week classes.

Provincial and divisional guidelines will be followed. These guidelines are available from the school office, the divisional administration offices, or on the web site at www.hsd.ca.

Only children of parents who have signed or joined the petition may participate. Parents may join the petition by forwarding a signed note to the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division (forward to Southwood School), indicating the name and the grade of the students they are signing for.

Practice of Religion in Hanover School Division

As a Manitoba public school division, The Hanover School Division is obligated to comply with the provisions of *The Public Schools Act* and provincial guidelines governing the implementation of religious exercises and religious instruction. *The Public Schools Act* states that public schools must be non-sectarian. Religious exercises and religious instruction in public schools may only be implemented by school boards in a manner consistent with the Act and departmental guidelines after a parent petition is presented to the school board. Petitions must be submitted annually. The Hanover School Division will continue to provide for appropriate religious exercises and instruction consistent with provincial and divisional guidelines.



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Hanover Parent and Child Community Program

The Hanover Parent and Child Community Program would like to invite Southwood parents and their preschool children (birth 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 20, 2017 and run until June 4, 2018.
Families can attend weekly or just drop in when you can.)

Where: Room Hut C -1 at Southwood School in Steinbach.

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

***Note: Children should bring indoor footwear.
Parents please report to the office and park in the designated parking areas.**

