



SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr. Rod Kehler

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Kim Koop

November 2017

Student Led Conferences Coming to Southwood

DATES TO REMEMBER



Parent teacher conferences are taking on a new look at Southwood this November. Traditionally we have had parents meet with the classroom teacher for ten minutes to discuss the strengths and challenges of the current school year. We feel there is a key component missing from this equation...the student. This year we are pleased to include the student as we move to student-led conferences that engage them in the process. These conferences can provide powerful opportunities for students to advocate for their own learning.

November

- 6 Online booking begins for Student Led Conferences
- 10 Photo Retake - 9:08 (AM only)
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00 a.m.
- 13 Admin Day - NO SCHOOL
- 24 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 24 Online booking ends for Student Led Conferences - end of day
- 28 Report Cards - Term 1
- 30 Student Led Conferences (evening)



December

- 8 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 20 Christmas Program
- 22 Assembly 1:00 p.m.
- 22 Last Day of Classes before Christmas



How Do Student-Led Conferences (SLCs) Work?

Though the format may vary, these conferences differ from traditional conferences in that they place students at the helm of teacher-supported discussions with parents about student progress and learning. SLCs also often present opportunities for students to prepare, reflect on, and discuss evidence of their learning and growth by way of student portfolios.

Schools that implement student-led conferences report that they:

- Encourage students to take responsibility and ownership for their learning by involving them in the goal-setting and assessment process.
- Engage families in richer, more transparent conversations about student learning.

Once again, parents will be able to sign up for a half hour appointment where your child will lead you through their learning thus far. We look forward to this exciting time for you and your child. If you have any questions feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Student Led Conferences for Gr. K-4

November 30 - 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

IMPORTANT - PLEASE BOOK YOUR INTERVIEW APPOINTMENTS ONLINE

All parents are asked to register for a parent teacher conference appointment for each of their children on the website below. The instructions will be sent home with the students in the next week or so. All instructions will also be posted by the end of Friday, November 3rd on our website:

<http://southwood.hsd.ca>

The website for booking appointments will be available November 6 - 24, 2017.

<http://southwood.schoolappointments.com>

We ask all parents to register online for an appointment with your child's classroom teacher by the end of the day on Friday, November 24th **If you are having difficulties creating an appointment online, you may call the school between 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for assistance (204-326-3518).**

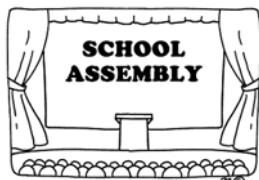
Community Bulletin Board is located in the front office foyer.

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Email: southwood@hsd.ca
Website: <http://southwood.hsd.ca>
Twitter: @SouthwoodHSD
Phone: 204-326-3518
Fax: 204-326-7535

Southwood Assembly 17 18

All parents are welcome to attend assembly at Southwood.

- Guests are not required to sign in if they proceed directly to the school gym and are asked to sit along the back of the gym allowing teachers to sit along the side for supervision purposes.
- Parents can refer to the upcoming dates schedule on the front of the newsletter for upcoming dates and times.
- The schedule will also be made available on our school website.



Charitable Tax Donations

Hanover School Division is able to issue tax receipts for donations of \$25.00 or more. If you are interested in donating towards Southwood School projects please make your cheque out to Hanover School Division and drop it off at the Southwood School office.

Examples of ongoing Southwood School projects paid for by Southwood School fundraising: Nature Playground (ongoing 8 year project); playground equipment (skipping ropes, soccer balls, etc.); Artist in the School guests; Grade 4 Water Safety Program; Grade 4 Farewell (June); Picnic Day Expenses (June) and Student Reward Programs.

If you choose to donate in this way, we thank you very much for your contribution.



Christmas Program

We will be having our concerts at the Grace Mennonite Church.

December 20, 2017

2:00 pm - Grade 3 & 4 Afternoon Performance

6:00 pm - Kindergarten Program

7:15 pm - Grade 3 & 4 Evening Program

More details to follow



Picture Retake Day - Nov. 10th at 9:08 am

November 10th is picture retake day. Lifetouch will be sending new forms with a new code two weeks before retake day to the school. If you would like your student to have a retake please indicate to their home room teacher and we will send home the new form.

Kindergarten parents:

Please make sure you bring your child for 9 a.m. in the morning on November 10th if you wish to have retakes.

Thank you!





**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO
SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 30.**

Reading at home on a daily basis can impact a child's success in school and in life. A home library is an ideal space where children can expand their knowledge and vocabulary, and develop stronger thinking skills.

We invite your entire family to participate in our fundraiser which puts new books directly back into our school library.

An evening Family Event is planned for:

Thursday, November 30
4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
which is the same night as
Student Led Conference Night.

A letter and flyer will be sent home in November.

thank
you!

September 2017 Terry Fox donations reached approximately
\$ 2,460.70
Thank you to all who participated.