



SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr. Rod Kehler

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Kim Koop

February 2018

Dates to Remember:

Literacy Month at Southwood School

Literacy Month Theme is Dr. Seuss

We will be listening to the the story “Horton Hears a Who” throughout the month during the morning announcements and then watching the movie on Wednesday, February 28th.

Dr. Seuss Dress Up Week: Monday, February 26 - Wednesday, February 28

Monday - Mix Up Monday: Wear your clothes backwards or inside out

Tuesday - Top Hat Tuesday: wear your favourite hat

Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday: Wear wacky socks



February 2018

- 1 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 2 Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 9 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 19 Louis Riel Day-NO SCHOOL
- 21 Assembly - 1:00 p.m.
- 21 Artist in the School Begins
- 22 Kindergarten Report Cards
- 22 Winter Fun Day
- 23 Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 26 Chocolate Sales Begin

March 2018

- 2 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 9 Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 15 Report Cards - Term 2
- 16 Chocolate Sales End
- 22 Student Learning Expo
- 23 Assembly - 1:00 p.m.

March 26 - 30
SPRING BREAK
No School



Community Bulletin Board is located in the front office foyer

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

We are already accepting Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have a child born in 2013 please call the school to register and/or pick up a registration form at the office and return the completed form to Southwood School. We need you to return the forms or register by phone as soon as possible and before February 9th.

If you have a friend, neighbor or relative who has a child eligible for Kindergarten for September 2018, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible. Phone: 204-326-3518

SAVE THE DATE!

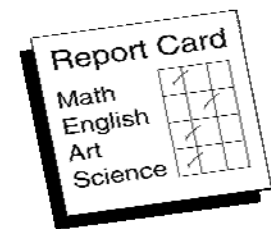
The staff at Southwood School would like to invite all students attending Kindergarten in 2018-2019 to a special Kindergarten Welcome Evening scheduled on **May 8, 2018** from **5:30-7:00 p.m.** The evening will include a school tour, classroom visits, and a bus ride! Students attending will receive a special gift!

Kindergarten Orientation days are scheduled for **May 8th** and **May 9th**. Parents will be informed prior to the screening date of which day and time to bring their child. The orientation days will be approximately 30 minutes long with play-based learning stations arranged in the classroom.

Kindergarten Report Cards

Report cards for Kindergarten will be going home on February 22nd for the first reporting term. If you have signed up on the HSD Parent Portal you will find the reports there by 4:00pm on February 22nd, if you have not, a printed copy will be sent home with the student.

If you have any questions or having trouble logging into the Parent Portal please feel free to contact the school at (204) 326-3518. Reports for grades 1-4 students will be sent out **March 15, 2018.**



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.

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



Mark March 22nd on your calendar for the....

Southwood Student Learning Expo 2018

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Milk

Milk is sold during the lunch hour to all students. The cost of the milk is \$0.75. Please bring correct change.

Thank you!



Don't Walk in the Hallways

We are very excited to bring, "Don't Walk in the Hallway" to the hallways of Southwood School!

"Don't Walk in the Hallway" takes a passive environment and turns it into an active one by encouraging students to jump, skip, or hop across brightly colored patterns using floor adhesives. The adhesive tiles are distributed throughout the hallways in patterns designed to help create movement as well as numeracy skills.

As per the creator of "Don't Walk in the Hallway", Chris Fenlon-McDonald, "It recognizes the importance that physical activity has on both health and academic outcomes. It's about creating awareness of the connection between activity and learning."

Time to get moving!



HOP



DIRECTION



TOUCH TOES



STEP

Artist in the School

Southwood School is pleased to welcome back Colleen Watchorn. Colleen is a local artist who joined us last year as our "Artist in the School". She spent a week working with each class to paint a beautiful piece based on the four seasons. This was then connected to music class, where Mrs. Brown created unique learning experiences based on Vivaldi's "Four Seasons".



We are glad Colleen is able to join us this year to celebrate STEAM Month, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Students will focus on many of these aspects throughout the month. With Colleen, the focus will be on Art. Using chalk pastels this time, we will have each grade focus on a different artist. Colleen will work with students and teach them to demonstrate the techniques that these particular artists used that made them so famous. These art pieces will be connected to the classroom, where teachers will create learning experiences to enhance student understanding and knowledge of art history.

Student artwork will be displayed throughout the school during our Learning Expo on March 22. We are excited that Colleen is able to join us once again, and our hope is that students will challenge themselves as artists and perhaps try something new.

Southwood Chocolate Sales Fundraiser February 26 - March 16

IMPORTANT DATES:

Jan. 30: Information went home with students.

Feb. 26: Chocolates are distributed to students and the sale begins!

February 28, March 2,5,7,8,12,14 & 16:

8:45 - 9:15 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. - 4:00 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. ****Please note that these are the only dates that we will do chocolate sales business with students.****

Mar. 16: **FINAL DATE** - All money and unsold chocolates should be returned to the school by 4:00 p.m. on March 16.

\$3.00/bar
\$90.00/case

GREAT PRIZES!

MARCH DRESS-UP WEEK!

March 19th – 23rd

Monday – House Colour Day!

Tuesday – Animal Day!

Wednesday – Black &
White Day!

Thursday – Formal Day!

Friday – Super Hero Day!



Global School Play Day

On February 7th our school will be participating in Global School Play Day. This is a movement that started in 2015 and has now grown to over 250,000 participants!

Research shows that play is the primary way children make sense of themselves and the world around them. We know that play helps to strengthen their physical, social and emotional development. At Southwood School this will be a day devoted to encouraging students to explore and engage in various forms of play throughout the day. The intention is to have an "unplugged" day. No tech, no devices. Your child may participate in playing board games, charades, legos, building forts, dolls, trucks and cars, and the list goes on. Play will vary from whole group, to partner to individual. Each classroom teacher will be coordinating how the day will look within their room.

Students may be invited to bring toys and games from home to play together with their classmates. Please make sure to label the items you send and be sure to let your child's teacher know that you are sending this game to school. If you'd like to learn more, you can visit www.globalschoolplayday.com/ or follow #GSPD2018 on twitter.



Southwood Winter Olympics Day

February 22nd we will be hosting the Southwood Winter Olympics Day! Students will spend portions of the day with their class participating in various outdoor games including a horse and wagon ride! The other portions of the day will be regular classes.

Please make sure to dress your child with warm winter gear for this day as we will be spending longer amounts of time outside than usual. If the weather is too cold we will postpone the date to February 28. We are looking forward to a fun and engaging day where we build character and community.