



# SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL

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March 2018

## Southwood School Invites You to Our Student Learning Expo

on March 22

On Thursday March 22, from 5-7 pm we invite you to our Learning Expo. This is a family night created for students to demonstrate and celebrate the learning they have done so far this year. Our theme for this night continues to be STEAM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. The foundation of STEAM lies in design thinking and reflecting on the process and purpose of the learning experience. This year we've looked at how we can use technology to further our learning and to assist in the reflection process. There will be students presenting in the gym on the main stage, as well as throughout the common areas of the school and their own classrooms.

Once again, we have invited Colleen Watchorn, a local Steinbach artist, to work with our students. Colleen teaches art at several of the local schools, and has also given free art lessons at the Loewen Green Art Scene during the summer months and painted in the Artists in the City tent at the Summer in the City Festival. We look forward to having her tap into our students imaginations and have them construct some magical creations.

In addition to the classroom exhibitions, a stage and seating will be set up in the gym for the evening. There will be some students who will share various forms of expression (drama, poetry, choir, readers theatre, etc.) on the stage. We are also planning to have the classes who participated in the speech arts festival perform on stage, Mrs. Brown will have some numbers prepared by students as well. It should be a great evening of celebrating the arts at Southwood School

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Earth Day Makerspace Challenge

The next Makerspace Challenge will require each class to work collaboratively to create an outfit made completely out of recycled materials. During our Earth Day assembly on April 27th at 1pm we will have a fashion show to reveal these amazing creations. Each class will be able to pick one person to wear their design. Looking forward to seeing all the creativity that is going to happen over the next couple of months while everyone completes their recycled outfits.

### Upcoming Dates:

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

### March 26 - March 30

#### SPRING BREAK

No School



### April 2018

- 2 1st day back after spring break
- 6 Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 11 Assembly 9:10 a.m.
- 27 Assembly 1:00 p.m.

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## 4D & the Olympics



On February 22, 4-D had the opportunity to do a live chat with six athletes from the winter games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

The athletes talked about goals. They said goals were important because it gives you something to aim for.

The athletes encouraged us to keep trying, even when your goal is difficult to achieve. Don't worry if you think your goals are unachievable. You never know what you can do! You should always set a goal no matter how big or how small. It's a good way to keep yourself in check. Perseverance is what makes you keep going. Some of the athletes talked about their Olympic experiences.

They feel supported in Canada House in Pyeongchang and by friends, family, and fans back home in Canada. Many of the athletes dreamed of being an olympian when they were just kids and when they found out they were going to the Olympics, many of them said it felt like their heart was going to explode!

~by Dillon Plett and Emma Siemens

## Southwood Chocolate Sales Fundraiser - February 26-March 16

Our chocolate fundraiser is underway! This fundraiser supports Southwood School to provide students with our students with fun activities and special assemblies throughout our school year. There are weekly prizes along with prizes for selling 3 or more cases along with 6 or more cases.

We appreciate your willingness to make this a fun filled event.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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

Feb. 28, Mar. 2, 5, 7, 8, 12, 16:

**8:45 a.m. to 3:45 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 1:00 p.m. on March 16.



**GREAT PRIZES!**

## Report Cards



March 9th, 2018 is an Administration Day for all Gr. K-4 teachers. The teachers use this time to complete report cards and other planning and administrative tasks in their classrooms. This is the second of three annual report cards for Gr. 1 - 4 to parents. Please call your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

## Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child born in 2013 please return the form sent home or call the school to register your child for Kindergarten September 2018 if you have not already done so.

Please let friends and neighbors know it is time to register for Kindergarten for 2018-2019.



## 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](mailto: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.

### MARCH DRESS-UP WEEK!

March 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Monday – House Colour Day!

Tuesday – Animal Day!

Wednesday – Black & White Day!

Thursday – Formal Day!

Friday – Super Hero Day!



### “Explore Science After School Program”

Open to grade 3 & 4 students!

This new and exciting after school program will be lead by grade 11 and 12 students from SRSS.

Over the course of 8 weeks (every second Thursday), students will learn exciting scientific concepts through a variety of demonstrations, inquiry-based discussions, and hands-on-labs where students create something to take home! All streams of science will be explored.

Materials will be provided. Cost is \$20/student.

Limited space available.

Contact Sherri James – [sjames@hsd.ca](mailto:sjames@hsd.ca) – to register





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## CREATION OF 2018-2019 CLASS LISTS

Staff will soon be meeting to determine class lists for the 2018-2019 school year. This is a complex process which is taken very seriously by school administration. It is our strong belief that the learning atmosphere in the classroom must be the first consideration in the formation of class groupings. Classes are organized to ensure appropriate education takes place for all students. We make every effort to minimize the potential for negative student interactions.

Staff teams strive to create classes that are balanced in all respects. The following criteria (in no specific order) are considered when determining class lists:

- Student abilities (class composition)
- Our knowledge of social interactions and dynamics between individual students and groups of students
- Student/teacher match
- Placement of students new to Southwood School
- Male/female ratio
- Parental information
- Approximately equal class sizes

Parents can assist the class formation process by:

1. Helping their children to understand the importance of class formation.
2. Supporting placements that have been made.

Given the criteria used to generate class groupings, it can sometimes be difficult to accommodate requests that we get to place a particular student with another student or group of students. It is equally difficult to accommodate requests for a particular teacher. We will do our best to accommodate requests, that are based on the student specific needs, but we do not guarantee that requests will be honoured. Any such requests should be submitted by email to Mr. Rod Kehler (rkehler@hsd.ca) or in writing by April 30, 2018 to the school administration. Late requests will not be considered.

Given appropriate support at home and at school, it has been our experience that the vast majority of placements are successful. Where a placement is proving to be difficult, we ask that parents and students give it the time required for friendships and classroom community building to develop.

The name of your child(ren)'s teacher for the 2018-2019 school year will be included with the June report card. Should you have any concerns, you are asked to put them in writing addressed to administration. Concerns will be dealt with upon return in August 2018. Once the lists are compiled, administration tries not to make adjustments. However, certain circumstances may arise where placements need to be altered due to students leaving or enrolling, registration of new students with high needs etc. In these instances, parents will be notified before the start of classes in September of the change in order to prepare your child.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education.