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October 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

October is *Safety Awareness Month*



The month of October targets a number of safety awareness areas. Southwood School will be recognizing *International Walk-to-School Month* with three morning walks and our school walk-a-thon. The morning walks will take place on October 10, 17 and 24th. Each day we will be starting from a new location and walking to school. Students are invited to join staff as they "walk to school".

These morning walks are intended to promote traffic safety, physical activity, and promoting environmental issues. We will also be selling "walk-a-thon" t-shirts for \$10 per t-shirt while supplies last. Proceeds from the sales will be used to purchase playground equipment. The iwalk dates and locations are as follows:

- Iwalk#1 – Oct 10th/leaving from Barkman Park Parking lot at 8:30 am
- Iwalk#2 – Oct 17th/leaving from Hanover School Division Office at 8:30 am
- Iwalk#3 – Oct 24th/leaving from Emmanuel Free Church Parking lot at 8:30 am.

Bus safety drills will be conducted with all students during the week of *Bus Safety Week from October 15 to 19*. Bus specific evacuation drills will be conducted for each student that takes the bus to school by their bus drivers during one of the bus runs in the month.

October is also *Fire Safety Month*. Students from grade one will be visiting and touring the local firehall and hear from some of our volunteer firefighters. On October 26, fire safety will be one of our special features during our school assembly.

October

- 2 Photo Day - see schedule
- 3 Photo Day - see schedule
- 5 Assembly @ 9:10 a.m.
- 8 Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL
- 19 Admin Day - NO SCHOOL
- 26 Assembly @ 12:10 p.m.
- ♦ International Walk to School in October
- ♦ Oct 10 iwalk #1
- ♦ Oct 17 iwalk #2
- ♦ Oct 24 iwalk #3
- ♦ Bus Safety Week in October (Oct 15-19)

November

- 5 Admin Day - NO SCHOOL
- 9 Photo Retakes (AM only)
- 9 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 12:10 p.m.
- 23 Assembly @ 2:00 p.m.
- 27 Report Cards - Term 1
- 29 Student Led Conferences (evening)
- 29 Book Fair Evening

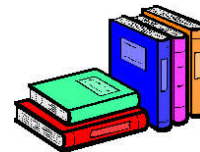
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Learning Commons News...

We are excitedly looking ahead and planning our Scholastic Book Fair which will take place in our school November 26-29th. **Our Evening Family Event will be held on Thursday, November 29th, the same night as our Student Led Conferences.**



This is a great opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours, purchase new books and have a chance to win some prizes!

Mark your calendars and watch for more information to be sent home in November.

Absentee Policy

Please call the school by 9:00 am 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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

After School Messages...

Please call the school to relay after school messages to your student by 3:30pm if possible so that we can ensure the student message will be given in a timely manner.



Thank you for your cooperation!

Note from Transportation

All urban bus routes are posted on the HSD website with times and maps. Any bus **urban or rural** that will be late due to weather or mechanical issues is listed on the HSD website in the bus delay area.



Please go to hsd.ca
Go to drop down menu of Services/Transportation where you can choose:

1. School Bus Delay Bulletins where any bus that is late is posted with approximate delay.
2. STEINBACH URBAN BUS ROUTES - When you go to your school specific routes and click on the map icon you will see times as well as a map AM/PM displayed.

Thank you for checking these options before calling the Hanover School Division Transportation Department with your questions regarding bus delays and Steinbach urban bus route times and maps.

Picture Day at Southwood School

Picture Day is Coming - mark your calendars...

Tuesday, October	Wednesday, Oct 3rd
1G	2J
1M	1ST
1CM	1SM
2F	2C
2R	2K
K2KF	K1CB
K4JG	K3JG
3P	K5HV
3/4J	3/4T
4B	3H
4H	4L
4N	



Picture day order forms were sent home with all students. Your photography program this year offers exciting online ordering capabilities.

For this prepay program, each student will receive a flyer and have the ability to view and order from all of these different looks online at mylifetouch.ca.

Orders can also be placed using the paper flyer which handed on photo day. Orders after **October 3rd must be done online**. Students may order up to 48 hours after Picture Day online.

The online site will open and be available to accept your order 2 weeks prior to the photo day. Be ready to bring your smiles on picture day! To place your order online, Log on to mylifetouch.ca or Click the link below.

<https://my.lifetouch.com> and enter your **Picture Id: QL918455Q0**

For Tips on preparing for photo day visit www.lifetouch.ca

Questions call Lifetouch at 1-866-457-8212 or email: guestservices@lifetouch.ca

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER - 2018

Southwood School, together with Farm Canada Credit will be participating in the **Drive Away Hunger Food Drive** which will be happening in October. We will be collecting food items from **Oct. 9 to Oct. 17**. Students may bring food items to their classrooms or parents may drop the items off on the table in our foyer.

The most needed items are as follows:

- *Pasta products and rice
- *Canned meat and fish
- *Dry and canned soups and stews
- *Canned fruits and vegetables
- *Flour
- *Breakfast cereal
- *Canned/powdered milk
- *Fruit juices
- *Pasta sauces
- *Beans and legumes
- *Infant formula and baby food



Thank you for your support.

Tumblebooks

The Southwood literacy team has just subscribed to Tumblebooks. What are Tumblebooks? "Tumblebooks is a collection of **books** (animated, talking picture books) with fiction, non-fiction and foreign language titles, **Math Stories, Read-Alongs** (chapter books with sentence highlighting and narration but no animation), **Videos** (from National Geographics), **TumbleTV** which consists of pre-set playlists of a sequence of books, **Tumble Puzzles & Games**, and **TumbleResources** for teachers and students. TumbleBooks are created from existing picture books which we have licensed from children's book publishers and converted to the TumbleBook format". 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>

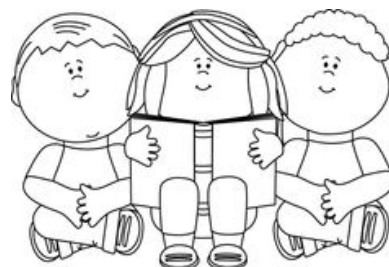
To login at the top right, simply enter the following information;

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



SOUTHWOOD COSTUME PARADE!



On October 31, Southwood students are once again invited to participate in our annual costume parade. On this day, students will be getting dressed during the second learning block (between 11:55 and 1:10 pm) in preparation for the costume parade. The costume parade will begin just after 2 pm starting with the kindergarten students making their way through the various classrooms and through the gym. Parents who would like to observe the parade, are welcome to find a seat in our gym for this fun event. Parents are also reminded that students are not permitted to wear full masks or costumes that “scary” for young children. We thank you for your cooperation regarding this request.

Activity Breaks

Starting on October 10th, students will have the opportunity to join activities put on by Southwood teachers. These activities will occur on the playground and inside the school during Activity Breaks. Students will sign up before a session starts if they so desire and will partake in the session for 4 weeks.

The activities vary every day of the cycle and for morning and afternoon breaks. A variety of sessions such as coding, soccer baseball, beading, choir and many others will be offered!

The first session will take place from October 10-November 6th.



Southwood School

Planning Priorities for 2018-19

We believe in empowering students to use their imagination and creativity to learn and grow into thriving global citizens through skillful teaching and a love for kids.

About Us

Southwood School originated in 1947 and currently has 486 students, 31 teachers, 14 educational assistants, 2 administrative assistants, 1 learning commons clerk, and 3 custodians.

The staff of Southwood School believes that relationships have a strong impact on the social, emotional, and intellectual development of each child. This is the foundation for all of our learning.

We are committed to continuing to improve in our teaching practices through the Hanover School Division Deeper Learning plan.

Our goal is to provide rich and relevant learning experiences for all students through the use of digital and intentional learning partnerships. These practices may include play-based learning, STEAM, coding for students, MakerSpace challenges, and inquiry based learning. At Southwood we celebrate and value our diversity.

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Planning Priority #1 – Learning Partnerships

Strategies and Success Indicators

- Students will be provided opportunities and resources to be actively involved in classroom and whole-school experiences that support collaboration and learning with others. Students will identify themselves as collaborators and effective communicators using the language of the 6 C's as part of the *Deeper Learning Plan*.
- Intentional activities for cross grade groupings will provide opportunities for deeper connections amongst students and enhance a sense of belonging. This includes the house colour system, implementation of balanced school day, *Global Day of Play*, and MakerSpace challenges.
- Learning partnerships with Indigenous leaders, high school students, and community members will be leveraged to support a variety of curricular objectives and school goals.

Planning Priority #2 – Learning Environments

Strategies and Success Indicators

- The introduction of the balanced school day schedule is an intentional effort to support students well-being emotionally, physically and intellectually.
- Staff and students will have opportunities to be actively involved in a variety of classroom, school-wide, and broader community activities to support both local and global initiatives.
- School programs and activities will be provided to increase student engagement and enhance student learning. Activities include iWalk, iBike, Earth Day, STEAM Month, Pink Day, Terry Fox Run, Literacy and Numeracy Month. Programs include WEB Program, Buddy Systems, House Colour System, Kindergarten Welcome and Orientation, Gr 4 Farewell, and school picnic.
- A focus on student well-being and activities that promote positive mental health choices will support healthy learning environments. These include *Zones of Regulation*, *Roots of Empathy*, *Real Restitution*, Career Development, *Second Step*, *Project 11*, and *Deeper Learning*.
- Teachers will be provided with professional learning opportunities, which promote and support this priority.

Planning Priority #3 – Pedagogical Practices

Strategies and Success Indicators

- Teachers will receive professional development and training opportunities which incorporate technology to enhance student learning and engagement. Students will be provided with numerous learning experiences which incorporate technology to deepen their learning.
 - Teachers will take part in professional book studies and learning opportunities which include culturally appropriate content, numeracy, literacy, and developing student attachments. Success indicators will be reflected in our provincial report cards and our grade three assessment data.
- The school based *Deeper Learning Plan* will focus on Treaty Education and numeracy as our staff strives to develop more diverse and engaging learning opportunities for all students.