

SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“SOARING TO SUCCESS”



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www.kentwoodps.org/southwood/

Principal's Corner

Welcome back from spring break. Our 5th grade students have begun M-Step testing this week. All of our students in 3rd, 4th and 5th will continue to test periodically throughout the rest of the school year. You should have received information regarding your child's testing schedule. Please do your best to schedule appointments around these times if possible.

As the weather warms, it seems we have more and more students walking or riding bikes to and from school. If you drop off or pick up, please be aware of those students walking along our streets by driving a slower rate of speed. As always, student safety is a top priority.

Thank you,

Jeff Overkleeft, Principal



LOOKING AHEAD

May

Wednesday, May 15	PTC Meeting @ 4:15 PM
Thursday, May 23	All School Field Day
Friday, May 24	½ Day 12:15 PM Dismissal
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day- No School
Wednesday, May 29	5 th Grade Graduation @ 2:30
Thursday, May 30	PTC Celebration 5:30 -7:30
Friday, May 31	½ Day 12:15 PM Dismissal LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

You can also check our website for important calendar information.

<https://www.kentwoodps.org/ourschools/elementary-schools/southwoodelementary/>

PTC MEETING

Wednesday, May 15

At 4:15 PM.

Everyone is welcome and we appreciate your ideas and input.

We're thrilled to announce the exciting results of the "Feed the Piggy's" competition, where grade levels competed against each other to earn the most points! The energy and enthusiasm displayed by all participants truly made this competition memorable.

🏆 **Winning Overall Grade Level: ASD**

🏆 **Winning Lower El Grade Level: 1st Grade**

🏆 **Upper El Grade Level: 3rd Grade**

Congratulations to all the winners and participants for their dedication and sportsmanship throughout the competition! Each winning grade has earned a Piggie Potluck: Movie and Snacks Party hosted by the PTC.

🎉 **Total Raised: \$1,000.90**

In this unique competition, each grade level had the opportunity to contribute positively by adding pennies for points. However, the competition intensified with the introduction of sabotage, where silver coins and dollar bills could be used to hinder rival grade levels.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the "Feed the Piggies" competition. Your efforts have not only made this event a success but also contributed to the overall spirit of camaraderie within our school community.

Thanks to everyone's amazing participation our PTC will now be able to do more fun things and give back to our students and community! Stay tuned for more exciting events and competitions in the future!

Save the Date



Mark your calendars:

PTC will be hosting an End of Year Celebration on Thursday, May 30th from 5:30-7:30pm. Be on the lookout for more information coming home with your students very soon!

Feed the Piggy's

Update:





**ONLINE REGISTRATION
IS OPEN.
REGISTER BY 5/10/2024
TO ENSURE PLACEMENT
AT SOUTHWOOD!**

<https://www.kentwoodps.org/our-district/enrollment/olr/>

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If you have any questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office team at your child's school for support. Thank you and we look forward to working with you and your child (ren) next school year. Go Falcons!

SPEND YOUR SUMMER AT THE POOL!!!

LEARN HOW TO SWIM

& TRY A NEW SPORT! (K-5th)

SWIM LESSONS are available year-round. And your child can also learn WATER POLO via splash ball and DIVING through the KIDS summer camps!

Dates, Details and Registrations here:

<https://kentwoodps.facilitywerks.com/>



AGE GROUP SWIM SEASON (K-12th)

UPCOMING TRYOUTS!

GR Aquatics is coached by Kentwood Staff and Coaches and is a great opportunity to make friends, stay active, learn life skills, and become a better athlete. Majority of the practices are held at East Kentwood High School, and entry level meets are local. Practice Times and days vary by skill. Potential athletes must be able to confidently swim a full pool length in deep water on both their front and back. You can find more information about the team at GRaquatics.org

Tryouts are April 24, 29, & 30; May 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

← Sign-up for tryouts via this link!

<https://forms.gle/bxAfSdu3f1oEL28Q6>



