

SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“SOARING TO SUCCESS”



Jeff Overkleeft, Principal
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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Thank you all for attending our parent/teacher conferences this past week. Our goal, every year, is to have 100% participation during conferences, so I appreciate you making this a priority in your child's education.

Just a reminder that we dismiss at 3:59 PM each day. Please make sure any changes to dismissal for your student is conveyed to the office by 2:00pm (unless it is an emergency). Calls to the classroom at the end of day to pass on messages can be disruptive to learning.

Anytime you come to the building to pick up your child(ren) prior to dismissal at 3:59 PM, you must stop in the office to sign them out. We will call your child(ren) to meet you at the office.

We ask that all of our students are on time at 9:00 AM and stay until the 3:59 PM dismissal time each day. Thank you for helping to keep our kids safe.

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LOOKING AHEAD



October

Tuesday, Oct 29
Thursday, Oct. 31

Picture Retakes
Fall Harvest Parties

November

Friday, Nov 1
Wednesday, Nov. 20
Wednesday, Nov. 27
Thursday, Nov. 28
Friday, Nov. 29

No School
PTC Meeting @ 4:15 PM
Thanksgiving Break-No School
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December

Wednesday, Dec. 18
Thursday, Dec. 21
Friday, Dec. 22
Monday, Dec 23

PTC Meeting
Holiday Parties @ 2:50 PM
½ Day 12:15 PM Dismissal
Holiday Break Begins

January

Monday, Jan. 6
Wednesday, Jan. 15
Monday, Jan. 20

Classes Resume
PTC Meeting @ 4:15 PM
No School, MLK Day



It is starting to get cold. Please dress your student appropriately for outdoor activities.

Lost and Found

With these cold mornings and warm afternoons, our Lost and Found is growing. Please remind your students to check for missing items. Again, we will send out reminders on when we will donate the items.

Fall Harvest Parties



Thursday, October 31st
Parade at 2:50 PM

Our Harvest Parties will take place on Thursday, October 31 following the parade. We are planning on having an exciting celebration while keeping safety protocols in place. The district is allowing volunteers/parents into the buildings for our festivities.

Students are not allowed to wear their costumes all day. We are asking that costumes are appropriate and respect the following:

* No blood or anything that can be considered gory.

*No weapons of any kind – real or toy.

*Appropriate size so that students can sit at their desks.

Teachers will determine what festivities will take place. Please be respectful of their decisions. There is no longer restrictions on homemade treats. Teachers will be reaching out to parents for assistance with their parties. Please also feel free to reach out if you would like to participate



PTC Meeting Reminder
Next Meeting
Wednesday, November 20
@ 4:15PM



Picture Retake Day

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Your student's photos should be coming home soon. If your student had their photo taken and you would like a retake, please return the photo book to their teacher.

**SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY PTC
SUBS & SWEETS SALE**



SANDWICHES,
PIES
&
CINNAMON
ROLLS!

SALE RUNS OCTOBER 4- 21, 2024

ORDER PICK-UP ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH- 4:00-6:30PM

NOTE:

- CASH OR CHECK UPON ORDER
(MAKE PAYABLE TO "SOUTHWOOD PTC")
- THERE WILL BE NO REFRIGERATOR ACCESS AT SCHOOL, SO ORDERS NEED TO BE PICKED UP ON NOVEMBER 6TH.
- STUDENTS CAN BRING HOME ORDERS IF THEY CAN ALL FIT IN ONE GROCERY BAG.
- ALL LARGER ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP BY AN ADULT.
- TOP SELLING CLASS WILL WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE!

EMAIL: PTCSOUTHWOOD@GMAIL.COM

Input Needed on New Elementary School Boundaries for 2025-26

Kentwood Public Schools is opening a new elementary school in August 2025. Our student population continues to increase, as KPS is a destination district, a place where families want to be in order to offer their children an environment for learning that includes a caring culture and a culture of excellence for academics. The new Hamilton Elementary and Early Childhood Center will be the district's 11th elementary school. Because of this, the district is in the process of creating new attendance school boundaries for all elementary schools, including our school.

Input from families, students, and staff has been very important throughout this process in making these important decisions. You have an opportunity to learn more about the changes for 2025-26 and to provide input at a series of town hall meetings, taking place at each elementary school throughout the fall. A meeting at our school will take place on (insert date) at (insert time.) There is also a virtual option being offered in case you are unable to attend in person. To attend a town hall meeting, go to this link:

[bit.ly/hamiltonrsvp](https://www.kentwoodps.org/ourdistrict/elementary-redistricting/). To learn more about the process, visit our website at: <https://www.kentwoodps.org/ourdistrict/elementary-redistricting/>

Your voice and input matters to us. Hope to see you there! Thanks for your continued support of Kentwood Public Schools.



Our Southwood Robotics team have been working hard and preparing for their first competition on Saturday, November 16.

Southwood has 2 teams this year participating in our Robotic Teams.

Southwood SuperGirls:

Aileen Gomez-Romo
Emberly Darling
Scarlett Stehle
Remi Dyson
Kenzie Alvey

Southwood Robotics Society

Xavier Cavasos
Jezzabella Simpson
Aria Olson
Deu Chol

