SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "SOARING TO SUCCESS"



Jeff Overkleeft, Principal 455-7230

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Principal's Corner

In today's world, technology is all around us. Our students do not know a world without cellphones and the internet. I encourage you to have internet safety discussions with your child and always be aware of their activity while online. We do talk about internet safety here at school, but I encourage you as a parent to reinforce this with your child. Below is a link to a website that can give you more information about how to keep our kids safe on the internet.

https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/netsafety.html

Thank you for your support.

Jeff Overkleeft, Principal



It is cold outside and we do go out for recess. Please remember to dress your student appropriately. Winter coats, snow pants, hats, boots and gloves.

Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

February 1 4 1

Monday, Feb. 19

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Wednesday, Feb. 14 Valentine's Party/Count Day

PTC Meeting @ 6:00 PM Winter Break – No School Winter Break – No School

Wednesday, Feb. 21 Classes Resume

March

Wednesday, March 6 ½ Day 12:15 PM Dismissal

Wednesday, March 13 PTC Meeting

Thursday, March 28 ½ Day 12:15 PM Dismissal Friday, March 29 Spring Break – No School

<u>April</u>

April 1-5 Spring Break – No School

Monday, April 8 Classes Resume Wednesday, April 17 PTC Meeting

May

Wednesday, May 15 PTC Meeting

Friday, May 24
Monday, May 27
Friday, May 31

Y2 Day 12:15 PM Dismissal
Memorial Day- No School
Y2 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, February 14 6:00 PM

Everyone is welcome and we appreciate your ideas and input.



Winter is here

With possible school cancellations and late buses, please make sure you have opted in to the KPS School Messenger to make sure you are aware of school changes. Please see below:

Text Message Opt-In Procedure
To opt-in to receive important
information via text message,
you must first opt in to this
service. To do so text "YES" or
"Y" to 67587. Please note that
KPS is not responsible for any
text message charges you may
incur.



FEBRUARY FUN FRIDAYS

SW Student Council would like to invite all students and staff to participate in fun Fridays for the month of February.

Please join in the fun to break up the winter months

Feb 2: Cozy Day - wear sweats and bring your favorite stuffed animal to read with

Feb 9: Rainbow Day – Dress up with the color assigned to your grade level (see below)

Feb 16: Dress Like a Teacher Day

Feb 23: Movie Day Grade Level Rainbow assignments:

Kindergarten/Y5: Red

1st: Yellow

2nd: Orange

3rd: Green

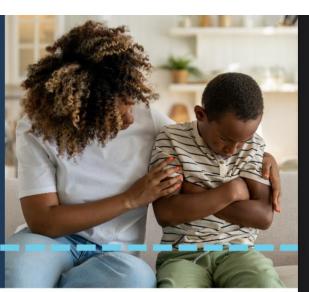
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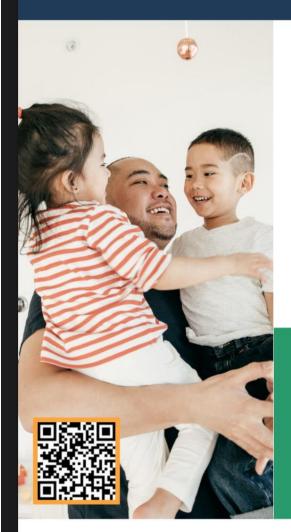
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ASD: Rainbow Staff: Purple



PARENTING 101: BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT --





Do you struggle with your children's behavior and question the best way to respond?

Gain practical insights and tools from Jeff Ashby, retired licensed school psychologist and social worker, as he guides parents through understanding and managing their children's behavior.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- the impact anxiety has on children's behavior and family dynamics
- understanding the source of difficult behavior
- · effective ideas on how to respond

WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY (February 7, 14, 21, 28) 6-7:30PM

280 60th Street SE

FREE CHILDCARE FOR AGES 0-12

REGISTER ONLINE AT STREAMSGR.ORG/ADULT-EDUCATION-APPLICATION

LEARN ABOUT YOUR HEALTH + IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has free classes to help you improve your English while learning about your health. Class topics include:



Food & Nutrition



Exercise & Movement



Eye Health

DETAILS + REQUIREMENTS:

- Class is 10 weeks and begins on January 24.
- · Free childcare is provided.
- An Intermediate level of English in Reading and Listening is required.
- Registration is required.

DAY & TIME



CLASS LOCATION

Streams Neighborhood Hub 280 60th St SE Suite 100 Grand Rapids, MI 49548



Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30 PM

PROVIDED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH







TO REGISTER:

Email kroy@literacycenterwm.org
Text "Health" to 616-213-3313



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