

SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“SOARING TO SUCCESS”



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www.kentwoodps.org/southwood/

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/net-safety.html>

Thank you for your support.

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LOOKING AHEAD

February

Wednesday, Feb. 14	Valentine's Party/Count Day PTC Meeting @ 6:00 PM
Monday, Feb. 19	Winter Break – No School
Tuesday, Feb. 20	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

April

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	½ Day 12:15 PM Dismissal
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day- No School
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/>



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.

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

4th: Blue

5th: Black

ASD: Rainbow

Staff: Purple

STREAMS

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](https://streamsg.org/adult-education-application)

FREE CLASS

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.

CLASS LOCATION



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

DAY & TIME



Wednesdays
5:30 - 7:30 PM



TO REGISTER:

Email kroy@literacycenterwm.org

Text "Health" to 616-213-3313

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