

SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“SOARING TO SUCCESS”



Jeff Overkleeft, Principal
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January 26, 2026
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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Students go outside for at least two recesses a day. Please remember to dress your student appropriately. Winter coats, snow pants, hats, boots and gloves.

Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD



February

Tuesday, Feb. 3
Friday, Feb. 6
Wednesday, Feb. 11
Monday, Feb. 16
Tuesday, Feb. 17
Wednesday, Feb 18
Friday, Feb. 20

Southwood Music Program
Popcorn Friday
Count Day
No School/Mid Winter Break
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PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM
Popcorn Friday

March

Wednesday, Mar. 4
Friday, March 6
Wednesday, March 18
Friday, March 20

½ Day /Dismissal @ 12:15PM
Popcorn Friday
PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM
Popcorn Friday

April

Thursday, April 2
April 3-10
Monday, April 13
Wednesday, April 15
Friday, April 17

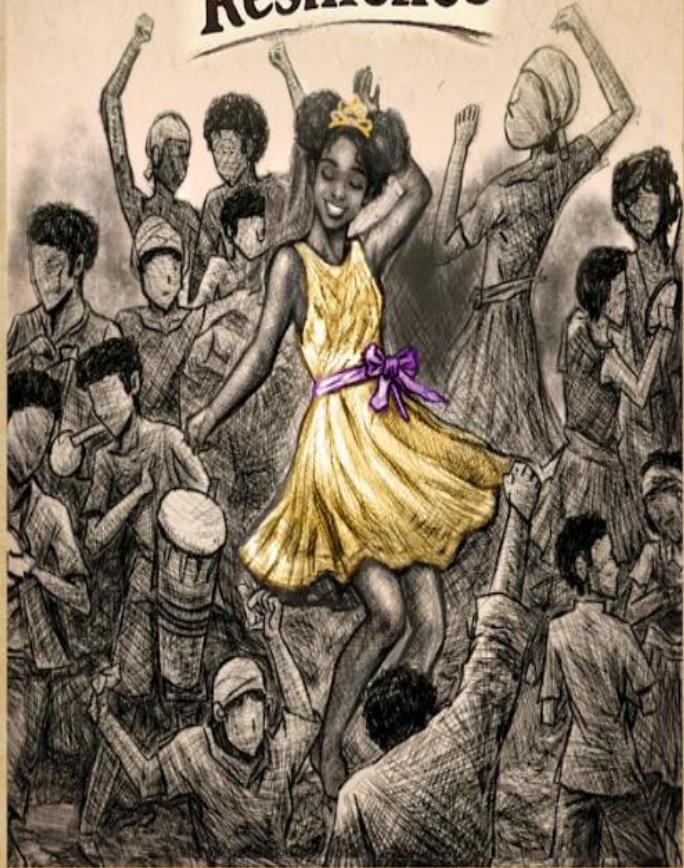
½ Day/Dismissal @ 12:15 PM
Spring Break – No School
Classes Resume
PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM
Popcorn Friday

PTC MEETING
Wednesday, March 18
4:20 PM

Everyone is welcome and we appreciate
your ideas and input.

Kentwood Public Schools Annual Black History Program
EKHS Fine Arts Auditorium

Voices of Freedom; Roots of Resilience



FEBRUARY 18, 2026



For more information call 616-698-6700

Community Reception 5:30-6:15
Program & Student Performance 6:30-8:00



Reminder:



POPCORN FRIDAY!

NEXT FRIDAY!! FEBRUARY 6

Money due **THURSDAY!**

Attendance



HIGHLIGHT

This month, 38% of students are at 90% or below attendance rate.

That means 145 students out of 382 have missed 10% or more school days.



INSIGHT

Missing 10% of school days by January usually means about 18 days, which translates to roughly 126 hours of missed school.

We want our students here as much as possible. We miss our students when they aren't here.



WAYS TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

- Establish morning routines
- Plan ahead for appointments to avoid school hours
- Prepare clothes and lunch the night before
- Talk positively about school
- Reach out for help



RESOURCES

If you need any help please contact Meghan Swayne via email or phone number.

meghan.swayne@kentwoodps.org

616-426-4280 ext. 27301

CHEER REGISTRATION

- WEEKLY CHEER PRACTICE
- WEEKLY GYMNASTICS
- PERSONALIZED WELCOME GIFTS
- ANNUAL PINK-OUT GAME FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

- RED AND BLACK BOW (I)
- PINK-OUT BOW (I)
- PINK-OUT SOCKS (I)

DEADLINE

July 24th

2026

\$115 PER ATHLETE

GRADES 3RD (AGE 8) - 6TH

- POM POMS
- CHEER CAMP
- END OF THE YEAR BANQUET
- END OF SEASON GIFTS
- AND MORE!

PINEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

2100 60TH ST SE

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49508

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Help Southwood PTC earn some cash
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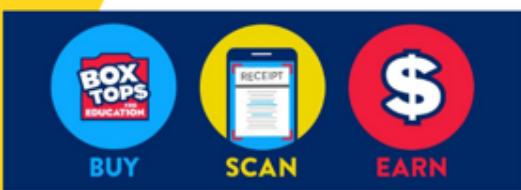
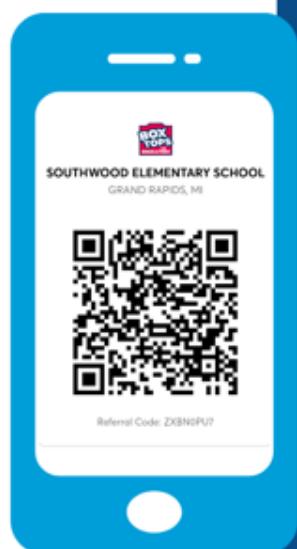


NO TIME TO SCAN? BRING YOUR RECEIPTS TO SCHOOL!

Let us do the hard part for you! Send your receipts in with your child or drop them off to the office. We'll scan them for you so your purchases still earn money for our students!

2 SIGN UP & USE PROMO CODE:

Enter referral code
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code to make sure your
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QUESTIONS?

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