

# SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## “SOARING TO SUCCESS”



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### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

I hope you all had a good holiday break. We are now into the 3rd quarter of our school year. Report Cards for all students will be sent home this Friday. Please take the opportunity to look closely over them so that you know how your child is progressing this school year.

Please remember that your child's information is based on end of year expectations. The teachers and staff worked hard assessing each child and put a lot of work into your students Report Cards.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

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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



#### January

Friday, Jan. 9  
Monday, Jan 19  
Wednesday, Jan 21  
Friday, Jan. 23

Popcorn Friday  
No School/MLK DAY  
PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM  
Popcorn Friday

#### 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

PTC MEETING  
Wednesday, January 21  
4:20 PM

Everyone is welcome and we appreciate your ideas and input.



### Winter is Here



#### School Closure Information

**Winter is approaching and we could have Snow Days or possible delays. If you would like to receive this information via text, please see below:**

#### How can I opt-in to receiving text messages?

Text YES to 67587 from the cell phone you wish to receive text messages on. You will receive the following confirmation message: *You're registered 4 School Messenger notifications. Reply STOP to cancel, HELP for help. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies.* [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt)

**IMPORTANT:** The cell phone number must be associated with your student in our Synergy Student Information System in order to receive text messages.

#### Southwood Visitor Expectations

**With Holiday Parties on the horizon, we're excited to welcome family and friends into the building!**

The safety of our students is our highest priority. As a reminder, if you plan to attend an event during school hours at Southwood, you will need one of the following: **An approved Volunteer Consent Form** – These forms are available in the office and take approximately **two weeks** to process and approve.

- **Your driver's license** – Please bring this with you if you do not have an approved Volunteer Consent Form.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep Southwood safe and secure for all students.

*It's showtime!!*



# POPCORN FRIDAY!

**JANUARY 23**

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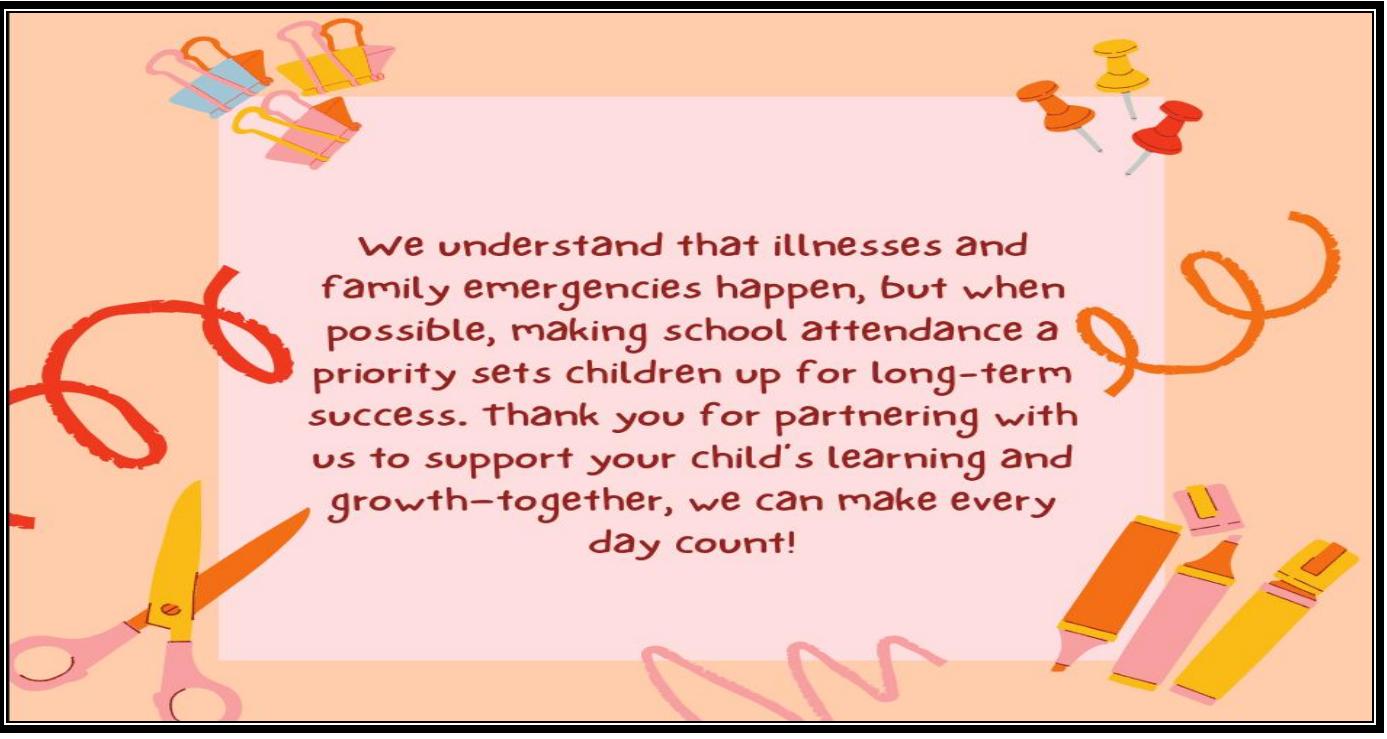
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## ATTENDANCE

Every school day counts! When students attend school regularly, they build strong learning habits, stay connected with their teachers and classmates, and gain confidence in their skills. In the elementary years, children are learning the foundations of reading, math, and social skills, missing even a few days can make it harder to keep up.

## REGULAR ATTENDANCE HELPS STUDENTS:

- Develop routines and responsibility
- Build friendships and a sense of belonging
- Strengthen academic skills step by step
- Feel more confident and successful at school



We understand that illnesses and family emergencies happen, but when possible, making school attendance a priority sets children up for long-term success. Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's learning and growth-together, we can make every day count!

## WAYS TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE:

- Establish morning routines: Consistent bedtimes and wake-up times make mornings smoother.
- Plan ahead: Schedule appointments outside school hours whenever possible.
- Prepare the night before: Lay out clothes, pack backpacks, and set alarms.
- Talk positively about school: Children mirror adult attitudes toward attendance.
- Reach out for help: Encourage families to communicate with the school if challenges arise.

# SUPPORT SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY WITH BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Help Southwood PTC earn some cash  
for our school - it's **EASY** and **FREE!**



## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Box Tops gives our school 10 for every participating product you buy. No more clipping - just scan your receipt, and the app does the rest. Over time, these small amounts add up to **THOUSANDS** of dollars for supplies, programs, and more!



### 1 DOWNLOAD THE BOX TOPS APP

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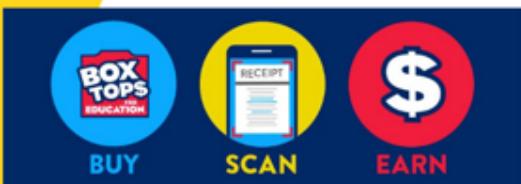


### NO TIME TO SCAN? BRING YOUR RECEIPTS TO SCHOOL!

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  
**ZXBN0PU7** or scan the QR  
code to make sure your  
earnings support **Southwood**  
**Elementary**.



### QUESTIONS?

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