

# SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## "SOARING TO SUCCESS"



Jeff Overkleeft, Principal  
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[www.kentwoodps.org/southwood/](http://www.kentwoodps.org/southwood/)

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Thank you all for attending our parent/teacher conferences here at Southwood. 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 4:05 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 4:05 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 8:55 AM and stay until the 4:05 PM dismissal time each day. Thank you for helping to keep our kids safe.

Jeff Overkleeft, Principal

### LOOKING AHEAD



#### October

Wednesday, Oct. 22  
Thursday, Oct. 23  
Friday, Oct 24  
Tuesday, Oct 28  
Friday, Oct. 31

PTC Meeting @ 4:20 pm  
PTC Fall Fest  
Popcorn Friday  
Picture Retakes  
Fall Harvest Parties

#### November

Monday, Nov 3  
Friday, Nov. 7  
Wednesday, Nov. 19  
Friday, Nov. 21  
Wednesday, Nov. 26  
Thursday, Nov. 27  
Friday, Nov. 28

No School  
Popcorn Friday  
PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM  
Popcorn Friday  
Thanksgiving Break-No School  
Thanksgiving Break-No School  
Thanksgiving Break-No School

#### December

Friday, Dec. 5  
Wednesday, Dec. 17  
Thursday, Dec. 18  
Friday, Dec. 19  
Monday, Dec 22

Popcorn Friday  
PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM  
½ Day 12:15 PM Dismissal  
½ Day 12:15 PM Dismissal  
Holiday Break Begins



**Southwood's Lost and Found is overflowing. Please remind your students to check Lost and Found. Items will be donated Friday, October 24, 2025.**



## FALL HARVEST PARTY



Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Parade at 3:00 PM

Our Harvest Parties will take place on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> following the parade. We are planning to have 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. Students may bring their costumes to school to wear for the celebration.**

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.
- \*Please do not send large props or anything than can be perceived as violent.

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.



## Southwood Visitor Expectations

**With our first Harvest Party 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.



**You're Invited!**

# **SOUTHWOOD FALL FEST**



**Southwood Elementary School**

**Thursday, October 23**

**5:30-7:30pm**

## **BECOME A VENDOR**



To participate, simply donate a gift  
basket valued at \$20 or more for our  
raffle

### **Event highlights include:**

- Trunk or Treat
- Games & Activities
- Festive photo opportunities
- Raffle giveaway



Interested in participating? Questions?  
Please contact us via e-mail at [southwoodptc@gmail.com](mailto:southwoodptc@gmail.com)



**SOUTHWOOD**

# **FALL FEST**

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP**



**SCAN HERE**

**WE ARE IN NEED OF  
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US  
MAKE THIS A GREAT FIRST  
SOUTHWOOD FALL FEST!**



*It's showtime!*



**every other FRIDAY**

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*Starting* **OCTOBER 24**



# SUPPORT SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY WITH BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



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



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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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