SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
"SOARING TO SUCCESS"

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As we enter the month of November, it is hard to believe that winter is quickly approaching. With the colder weather on the way, please remind your child to securely store and keep track of their hats and gloves. While our school can provide winter clothing to students in need, we are unable to distribute hats and gloves daily.

We have also concluded the first marking period. Following parent-teacher conferences and the distribution of progress reports, we hope you now have a clearer understanding of your child's academic progress. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher for further discussion or support.

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On behalf of all of our Southwood Families and Staff, we would like to thank our PTC for putting on this year's Fall Fest. It was amazing! Also, thank you to all who participated in our Trunk or Treat.

Looking Ahead



November

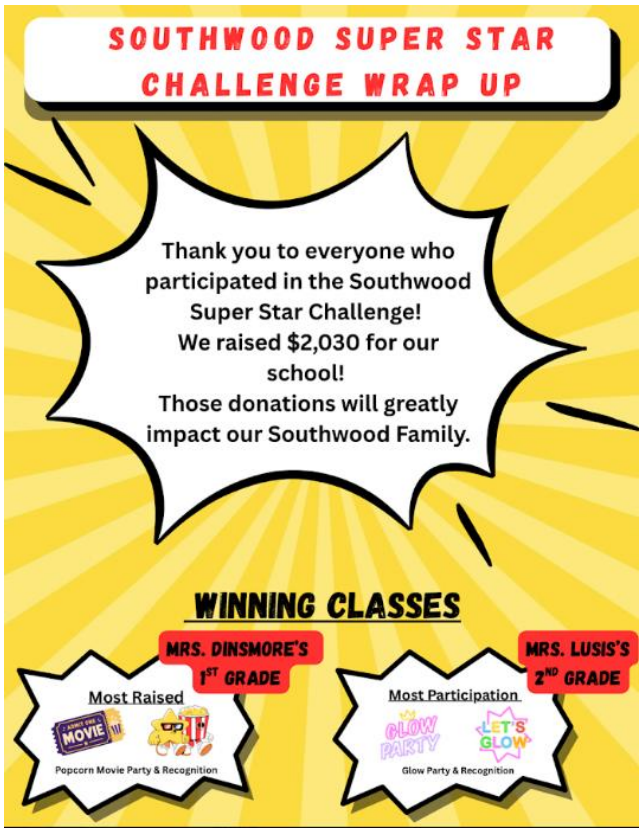
Wednesday, Nov. 18	PTC Meeting @ 4:15 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Break-No School
Thursday, Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Break-No School
Friday, Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Break-No School

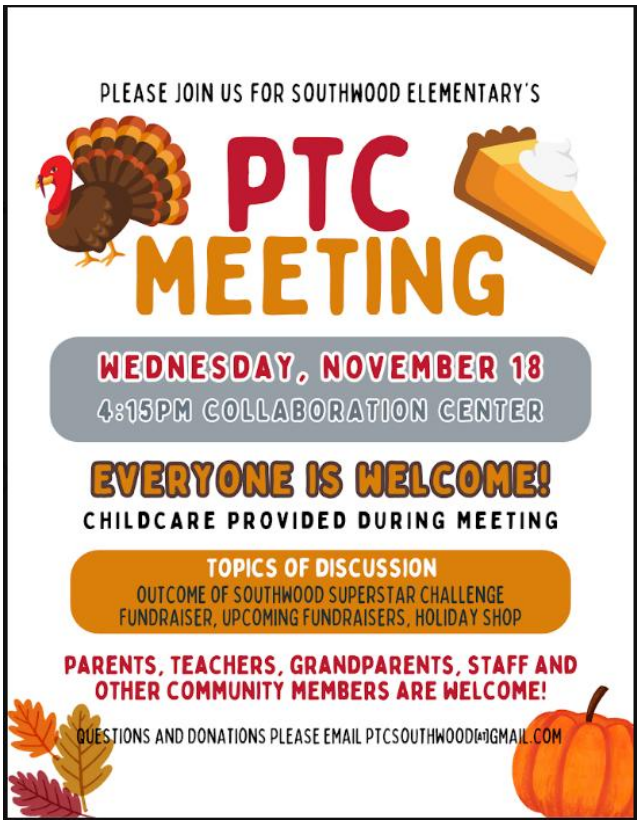
December

Friday, Dec. 4	Popcorn Friday
Dec. 7-11	Christmas Shop
Wednesday, Dec. 16	PTC Meeting @ 4:15 PM
Thursday, Dec. 17	Holiday Parties/ Time TBD ½ day 12:15 PM Dismissal
Friday, Dec. 18	½ Day 12:15 PM Dismissal
Monday, Dec. 21	Holiday Break Begins

January

Monday, Jan. 4	Classes Resume
Monday, Jan. 18	No School/MLK Day







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*
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

Now that we have completed our first Harvest Party of the school year, we are excited to continue welcoming family and friends into our building! As you plan for upcoming events, please keep the following in mind.

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.