

SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“SOARING TO SUCCESS”



Jeff Overkleeft, Principal
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November 14, 2025
www.kentwoodps.org/southwood/

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As we move into the heart of the school year, I want to take a moment to express how proud we are of the progress our students have made. This also includes our students modeling our Southwood STARS Expectations: Safe, Take Responsibility, Attitude is Positive, Respect and Success.

Every Friday, teachers nominate one student from their class who modeled Southwood STARS behavior to be the Powerball winner. The Powerball Prize Machine is an additional effort to recognize and acknowledge students who exemplify outstanding performance on a weekly basis.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to all who sent in non-perishable items for the Stuff the Bus Food Drive for the Streams of Hope Food Pantry. Southwood Students were excited to be a part of a district wide food drive. Southwood had the most non-perishable items donated of all the elementary schools. Way to go Southwood Superstars!!

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LOOKING AHEAD



November

Wednesday, Nov. 19
Friday, Nov. 21
Wednesday, Nov. 26
Thursday, Nov. 27
Friday, Nov. 28

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

January

Monday, Jan. 5
Monday, Jan 19

Classes Resume
No School/MLK DAY

PTC MEETING
Wednesday, November 19
4:20 PM

Everyone is welcome and we appreciate
your ideas and input.

SNOW IS COMING



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

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!



NEXT FRIDAY!! NOVEMBER 21

Money due **THURSDAY!**

Southwood Holiday Shop
December 8-11, 2025

Volunteers Needed



Scan here to sign up



or

Press and hold the QR code to be
redirected to the sign up genius website.



East Kentwood **SOCCER** Camp

Boys
Grades K-6



5-6:45 pm



SESSION 2 DATES
11/16, 11/22, 11/23
\$10
PER PERSON

SESSION 3 DATES
12/6, 12/7, 12/14
\$10
PER PERSON

SCAN QR TO SIGN UP

Passing, Shooting, Dribbling

EK Soccer players

EK Soccer Coaches

Fun Games & More

East Kentwood High School Gym

6230 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Kentwood, MI
49508

For more information, please contact
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Southwood PTC

Presents



Students of the Week

October 2025



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for our school - it's **EASY** and **FREE!**



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Elementary**.



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