

SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"SOARING TO SUCCESS"



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LOOKING AHEAD



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the school year as we are preparing to leave for break during the holiday season. I continue to be proud of our students and staff for the work they have done and will continue to do into the New Year.

This past Tuesday, December 9, representatives from Foremost Insurance were at Southwood for most of the day teaching students Junior Achievement lessons within our classrooms. These lessons had a business focus and taught students about supply and demand, marketing, and economics just to name a few. We were excited to have these guests with us for the day.

Please have a safe and wonderful holiday break. See you in the New Year.

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Important Dates

***Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025 and
Friday, Dec. 19, 2025 are Half
Days. Dismissal at 12:15 PM***

December

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

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

January

Monday, Jan. 5
Friday, Jan. 9
Monday, Jan 19
Wednesday, Jan 21
Friday, Jan. 23

Classes Resume
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
No School/Mid Winter Break
PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM
Popcorn Friday



**It is starting to get cold. We do go
outside for recess. Please dress your
student appropriately for outdoor
activities.**

PTC MEETING
Wednesday, December 17
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.

