# SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "SOARING TO SUCCESS"



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#### 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.

Jeff Overkleeft, Principal

### **Important Dates**

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

#### LOOKING AHEAD



December

Wednesday, Dec. 17 Thursday, Dec. 18 Friday, Dec. 19 Monday, Dec 22 PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM ½ Day 12:15 PM Dismissal ½ Day 12:15 PM Dismissal Holiday Break Begins

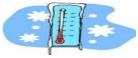
<u>January</u>

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.