

SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“SOARING TO SUCCESS”



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March 20, 2026
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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that spring has arrived, even if the weather doesn't quite reflect it yet! This is a friendly reminder that progress reports were sent out on Friday, March 13. If you have not already participated in a conference, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.

As we begin the fourth and final marking period of the 2025–2026 school year, I hope you have a clearer understanding of your child's academic progress, along with helpful ways to support their continued growth. One of the most important things you can do is ensure your child attends school on time each day. Regular attendance plays a key role in academic success and achievement.

Wishing you all a fun, safe, and restful spring break!

Jeff Overkleeft, Principal



March

Tuesday, March 24

Parade of Nations @ 10:30AM
SW Reading Night @ 5:30

April

Thursday, April 2

½ Day/Dismissal @ 12:15 PM

April 3-10

Spring Break – No School
Classes Resume

Monday, April 13

PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM

Wednesday, April 15

Popcorn Friday

Friday, April 17

May

Friday, May 1

Popcorn Friday

Tuesday, May 12

5th Grade Field Day

Friday, May 15

Popcorn Friday

Wednesday, May 20

PTC Meeting @ 4:15 PM

Monday, May 25

No School Memorial Day

Friday, May 29

All School Field Day

June

Tuesday, June 2

5th Grade Graduation

Thursday, June 4

½ Day/Dismissal @ 12:15

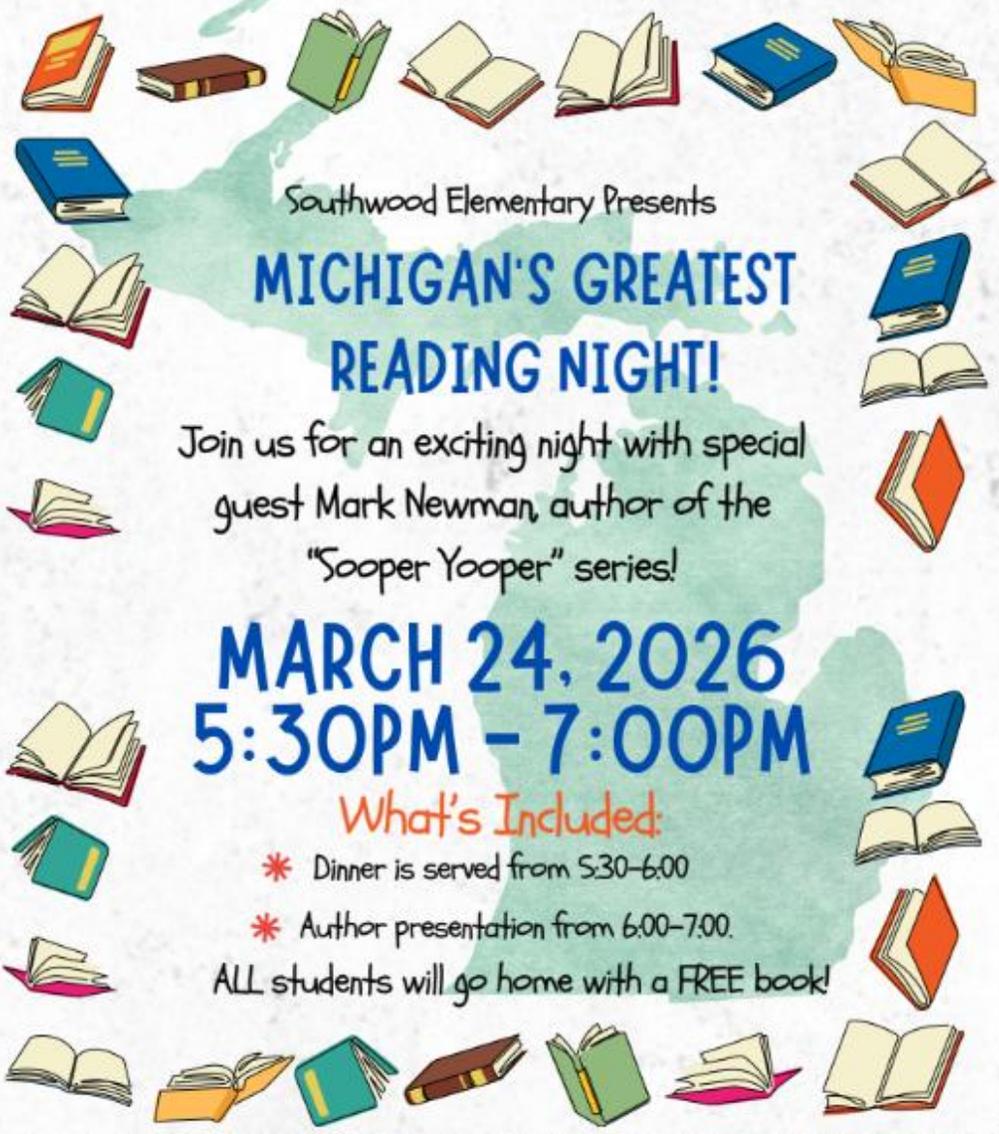
Friday, June 5

Last Day of School

½ Day/Dismissal @ 12:15

You're
Invited!

NEXT PTC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 15 @ 4:20 PM



Southwood Elementary Presents

MICHIGAN'S GREATEST READING NIGHT!

Join us for an exciting night with special guest Mark Newman, author of the "Sooper Yooper" series!

MARCH 24, 2026 5:30PM - 7:00PM

What's Included:

- * Dinner is served from 5:30-6:00
- * Author presentation from 6:00-7:00.

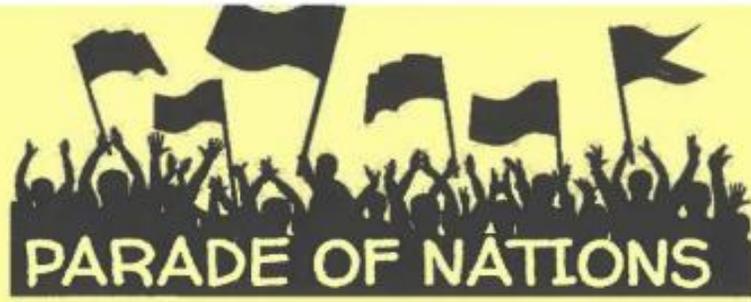
ALL students will go home with a FREE book!

PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Please Note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.



When: March 24, 2026 10:30 am
(date) (time)

Where: Southwood 630 66th St. SE
(school name & address)

At the parade of nations, students will walk with their classmates, waving the flag of their country, dressed in clothing typical of the country and culture. If you do not have clothing, you can dress in the colors of your flag. This is an event to celebrate the many different countries and cultures we have represented in our school! ALL students are invited to participate and parents are welcome to come watch the parade.

Please fill out the form below and return it to school by March 17th to be sure there is a flag for your country in the parade!

Students are not required to participate.
Those who do not participate will still be able to watch the parade.



Southwood PTC presents:

Soup, Sub, & Pie

FUNDRAISER

Warm up your spring with delicious soup, subs, and pies from Frandale Sub Shop!

Order dates: March 2-13

Pickup: March 31

Watch for order forms coming home with students soon!

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Family Owned Since 1981

Subs, Soups & PIES

- 1/2 Sub (6" long)
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- 1/2 Sub (10" long)
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- 1/2 Sub (14" long)
- 1/2 Sub (16" long)
- 1/2 Sub (18" long)
- 1/2 Sub (20" long)
- 1/2 Sub (22" long)
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- 1/2 Sub (92" long)
- 1/2 Sub (94" long)
- 1/2 Sub (96" long)
- 1/2 Sub (98" long)
- 1/2 Sub (100" long)

FRANDALE SUBS, SOUPS & PIES



It's showtime!



FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Money due **THURSDAY!**

CHEER

REGISTRATION

- WEEKLY CHEER PRACTICE
- WEEKLY GYMNASTICS
- PERSONALIZED WELCOME GIFTS
- ANNUAL PINK-OUT GAME FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
- RED AND BLACK BOW (1)
- PINK-OUT BOW (1)
- PINK-OUT SOCKS (1)

DEADLINE

July 24th

2026

\$115 PER ATHLETE

GRADES 3RD (AGE 8) - 6TH

- POM POMS
- CHEER CAMP
- END OF THE YEAR BANQUET
- END OF SEASON GIFTS
- AND MORE!

PINEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

2100 60TH ST SE

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49508

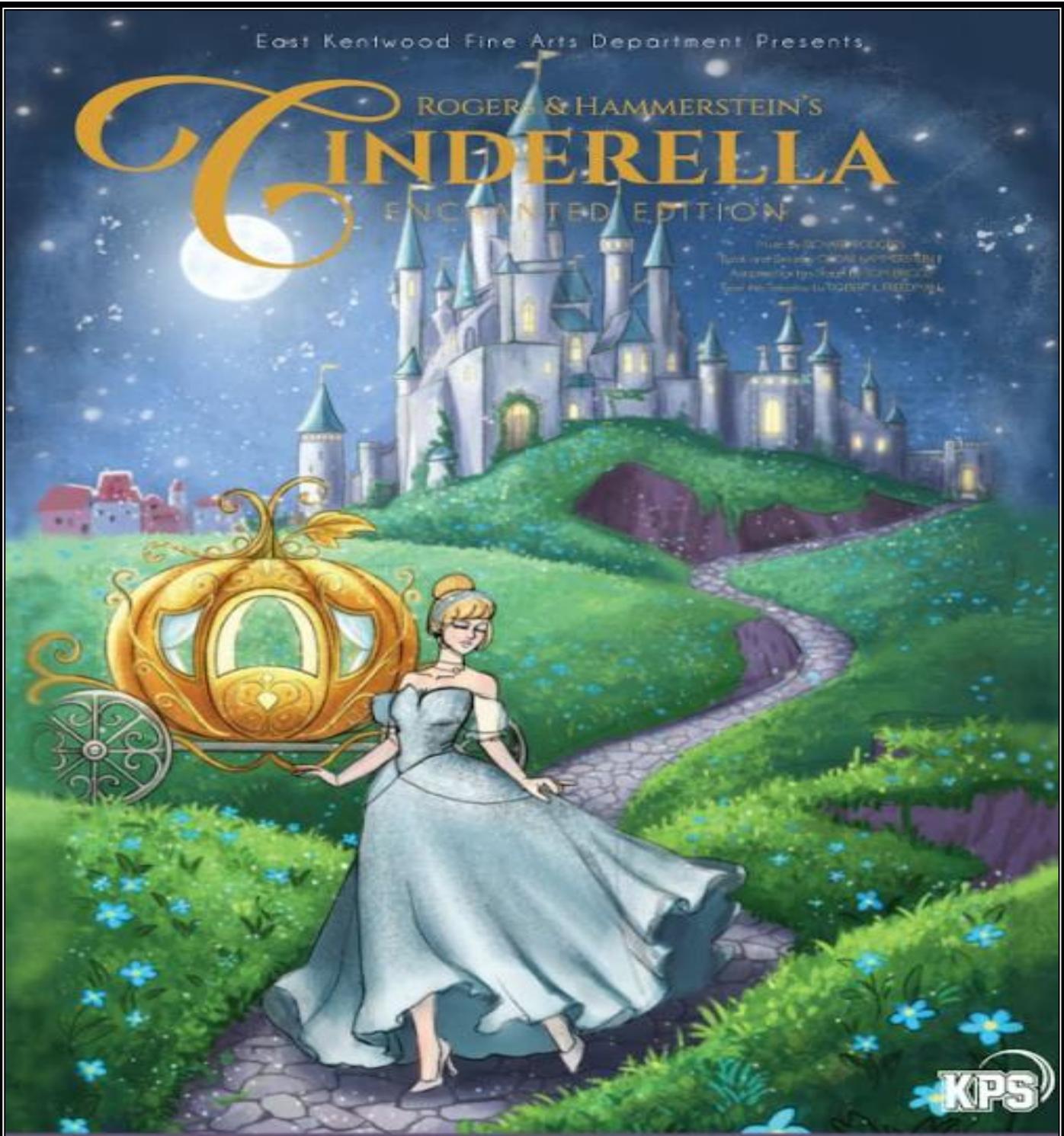
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East Kentwood Fine Arts Department Presents

ROGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA ENCANTED EDITION

Music by SCHWANDT
Book and Lyrics by CAROL LINDBERGH
Adapted for the Stage by ROBERT LEECH
Costume Designer: LUTHER LINDHOLM



March 26, 27, 28 - 7:30 PM

March 28 - 2:00 PM

KENTWOOD FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM

Illustration by: Kaitlyn Ferguson



Scan for tickets

ROYAL TEA

CINDERELLA FAMILY EVENT

March 28 12:00 - 1:30 PM

EKHS SCHOOL FOYER (OUTSIDE THE KFAA)



Illustration by EKHS senior, Kaitlyn Nguyen

ROYAL TEA

Families attending the 2:00 PM Cinderella matinee are invited to arrive early for a Royal Tea before the show.

ENJOY

- Royal tea & light refreshments
- Crown-making craft station
- Royal photo booth
- Special appearances from the cast
- Learn some Royal dance steps

ROYAL ATTIRE ENCOURAGED

ADMISSION

Free for families attending the 2PM matinee.
Optional Support the Arts Donation - \$20

RSVP THROUGH GOFAN IS REQUIRED

Opens: Monday, March 16

Closes: Friday, March 20

Scan to RSVP for the Royal Tea and reserve performance tickets



Royal Tea Tickets



Cinderella Matinee Tickets

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Enter referral code **ZXBNOPU7** or scan the QR code to make sure your earnings support **Southwood Elementary**.



QUESTIONS?

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