

# SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "SOARING TO SUCCESS"



Jeff Overkleeft, Principal  
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March 6, 2026  
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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

March is here and hopefully spring will be too! Southwood students will be "Hooked on Reading" all month long! Our committee has planned fun reading activities for all grade levels.

We would like you to join us on March 24, 2026, from 5:30–7:00 PM for a special evening with guest author Mark Newman, author of the *Soooper Yooper* series. We will enjoy dinner together, and all students will go home with a book.

Looking ahead, April is Autism Awareness month and we are selling items as a fundraiser to support our Autism program at Southwood. Please look for more information to be sent home soon.

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### March

Wednesday, March 18  
Friday, March 20  
Tuesday, March 24

PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM  
Popcorn Friday  
Parade of Nations @ 10:30AM  
SW Reading Night @ 5:30

### April

Thursday, April 2  
April 3-10  
Monday, April 13  
Wednesday, April 15  
Friday, April 17

½ Day/Dismissal @ 12:15 PM  
Spring Break – No School  
Classes Resume  
PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM  
Popcorn Friday

### May

Friday, May 1  
Tuesday, May 12  
Friday, May 15  
Wednesday, May 20  
Monday, May 25  
Friday, May 29

Popcorn Friday  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day  
Popcorn Friday  
PTC Meeting @ 4:15 PM  
No School Memorial Day  
All School Field Day

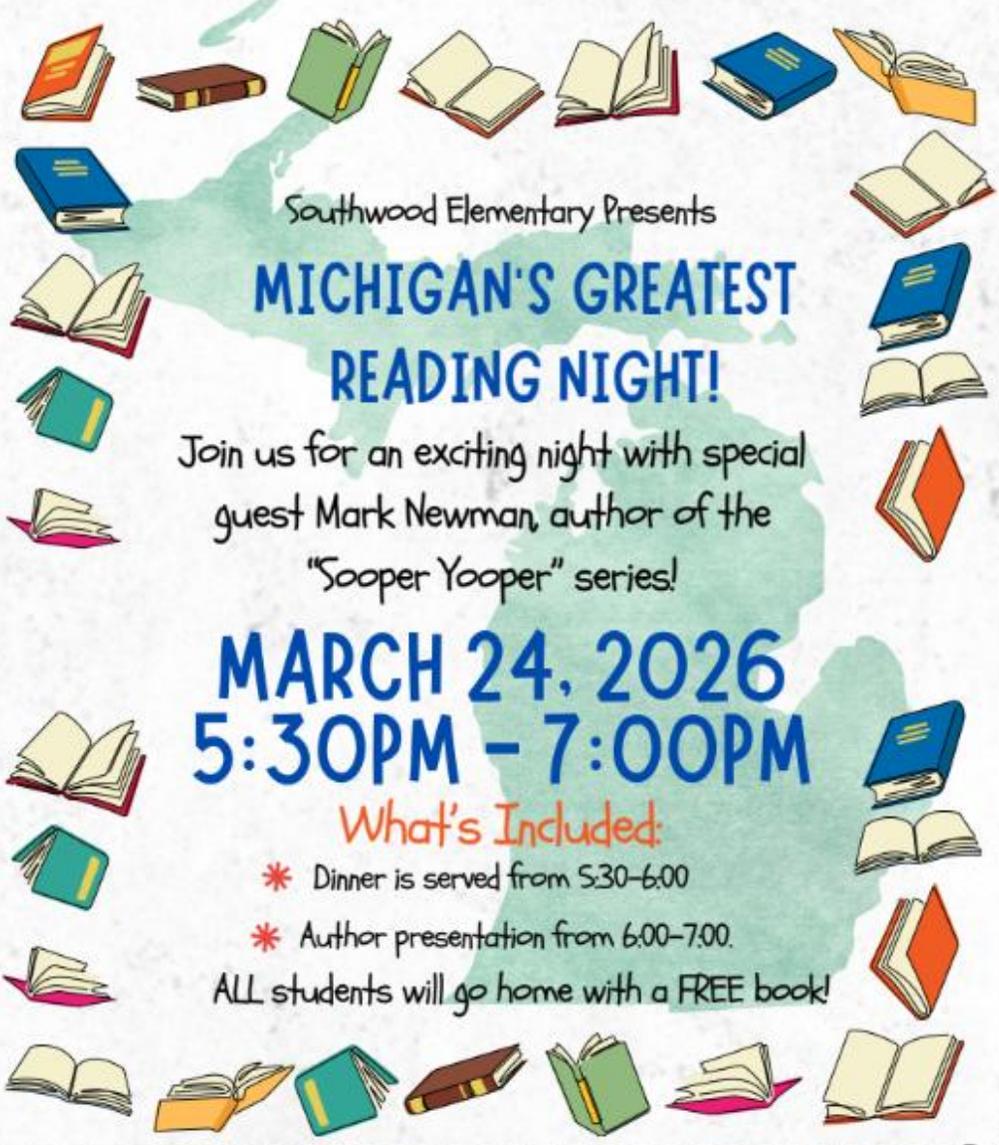
### June

Tuesday, June 2  
Thursday, June 4  
Friday, June 5

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation  
½ Day/Dismissal @ 12:15  
Last Day of School  
½ Day/Dismissal @ 12:15

You're  
Invited!

NEXT PTC MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, March 18 @ 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.





## PARADE OF NATIONS

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

Where: Southwood 630 66<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.





*It's showtime!*



# POPCORN FRIDAY!

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

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*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 24<sup>th</sup>

# 2026

## \$115 PER ATHLETE

### GRADES 3<sup>RD</sup> (AGE 8) - 6<sup>TH</sup>

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

PINEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

2100 60<sup>TH</sup> ST SE

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49508

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*Falcons Cheer*



# KIDS SWIM

1ST-5TH GRADES

**MARCH REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

LINK TO ENROLLMENT PAGE



KPS Aquatic Center  
6230 Kalamazoo Ave SE , Grand Rapids, MI 49508  
Enter in Door "A"

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### QUESTIONS?

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