

SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"SOARING TO SUCCESS"



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Now that we have entered into the month of September, I am pleased to report that our routines and procedures are running quite smoothly.

I would like all of our students to begin their year with exceptional attendance. School attendance is a key factor when it comes to school success and student behavior. Students who are tardy and miss the beginning of class often have a lower GPA, lower scores on standardized tests and lower graduation rates. While most of our students are on time and ready to learn, our goal is for 100% of our students to be on time and ready to learn each day. Our first bell rings at 8:58 AM, so we can begin promptly. Thank you for your support.

Please see our attendance incentives for the month of September in this newsletter.

Jeff Overkleeft
Principal

LOOKING AHEAD



September

Wednesday, Sept. 17
Friday, Sept. 19
Wednesday, Sept. 24
Thursday, Sept. 25

PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM
Picture Day
1/2 Day, 12:15 PM Dismissal
Magic Bookshelf Night @ 5:30

October

Wednesday, Oct. 1
Wednesday, Oct. 8

Thursday, Oct. 9

Friday, Oct. 10
Wednesday, Oct. 22
Thursday, Oct. 23
Tuesday, Oct. 28
Friday, Oct. 31

Count Day
Parent Teacher Conferences
4:30 – 8:30 PM
1/2 Day 12:15 PM Dismissal
Parent Teacher/
Virtual Conferences
No School
PTC Meeting @ 4:20 pm
PTC Fall Fest
Picture Retakes
Fall Harvest Parties

November

Monday, Nov 3
Wednesday, Nov. 19
Wednesday, Nov. 26
Thursday, Nov. 27
Friday, Nov. 28

No School
PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM
Thanksgiving Break-No School
Thanksgiving Break-No School
Thanksgiving Break-No School

December

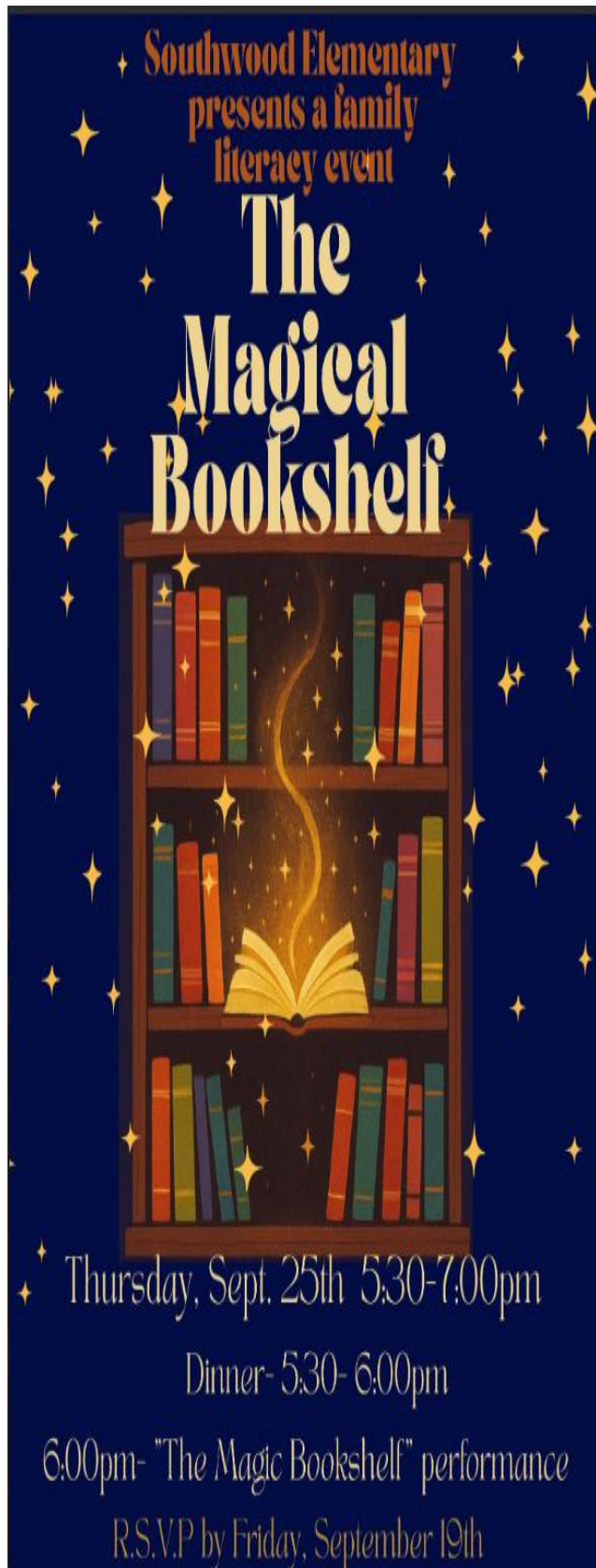
Wednesday, Dec. 17
Thursday, Dec. 18
Friday, Dec. 19
Monday, Dec 22

PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM
1/2 Day 12:15 PM Dismissal
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Holiday Break Begins

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



If your child is celebrating a birthday, you are welcome to send a treat. Either send it with your child or drop it off in the office. Teachers will pass birthday treats out when time allows. ***Pre-packaged snacks only please*** (no cakes or balloons).



STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICKUP

As you know, our number one priority is student safety. With that being said, we ask for your patience and that you stay in your car, forming 2 lanes, as you pick up your child and exit the lot. A staff member will be sure to bring your student to your car. Do NOT wave your child to your car, potentially endangering them, walking between vehicles.

We are working to eliminate congestion, to keep the flow of traffic moving, making pick-up safe and more efficient at the end of the day.

Before School West Parking Lot

Students who are dropped off by parents before school should not arrive before 8:45 AM.

Again, I thank you for your patience as we work through this process.

Please see our signage to assist you with your student's safety!!!



Please join our PTC.
First Meeting is on Wednesday, September 17.
4:20 PM

• SAVE THE DATE

SOUTHWOOD

• FALL FEST

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 23RD
5:30-7:30PM

see you there!



Southwood Elementary

SPIRIT WEAR SALE!

Show your school spirit with all new Southwood spirit wear!

T-shirt: \$15
Hoodie: \$26
Crew Neck: \$22

Order online or fill out and return the form below along with cash or check.

(Checks can be made out to Southwood PTC)



Online orders can be placed from 8/20-9/12



SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM

Student Name: _____

Teacher/Grade: _____

	Youth	Adult
T-shirt	XS__S__M__L__	S__M__L__XL__2XL(+ \$2)__3XL(+ \$3)__
Hoodie	XS__S__M__L__	S__M__L__XL__2XL(+ \$2)__3XL(+ \$3)__
Crew Neck	XS__S__M__L__	S__M__L__XL__2XL(+ \$2)__3XL(+ \$3)__

Cash orders and payment due no later than 9/10

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Help Southwood PTC earn some cash
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