



SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL

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CREATING A RICH LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OF NUMERACY FOR SOUTHWOOD

At Southwood School, we have had the pleasure of working with a group of our teachers on the components that make up a balanced numeracy program. One of these elements is a rich learning environment of numeracy. We looked at the Laney Sammons Guided Math Framework which emphasized the importance an environment of numeracy “environments rich in mathematical opportunities for children are essential if we want our children to develop a thorough understanding of mathematics.” An environment rich in numeracy has many components. One of these components is the physical arrangement of the classroom including the furniture, which provides students with the opportunities to collaborate and allow for mathematical conversations to develop. Many of our teachers have created a non-permanent vertical learning space within their classroom to support this collaboration and to make their thinking visible.

Another component of the numeracy environment is about creating a safe learning environment where students feel supported in their learning and willing to take risks. We want students to feel confident and share their thinking which allows the students to learn from one another. We also want the walls of our classroom to demonstrate the learning and math discoveries of the students. This includes anchor charts that can prompt classroom routines or strategies that have been discovered through engaging math experiences.

Finally, using math related literature in the classroom is another way to create an environment rich in numeracy. Literature can provide the beginning of an investigation or a problem solving context or provoke other math related explorations. For example, Amanda Beans Amazing Dream is an excellent book which supports multiplication.

We want our students to develop a growth mindset which can be supported and nurtured in a numeracy rich environment. We are striving for a classroom environment that surrounds students with real-life math tasks, data analysis, math walls, instruments of measure, mathematical communication, class-created math charts, graphic organizers, manipulatives, and loose parts. When we add all of these elements together it equals a rich numeracy learning environment for our students.

By Lisa Coulter
Support Teacher



November 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- 10 Photo Retake - 9:08 (AM only)
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00 a.m.
- 11 Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL
- 14 Admin Day - NO SCHOOL
- 25 Assembly - 1:00 p.m.
- 21 Report Cards - Term 1
- 24 Parent / Teacher Conferences (evening)

December

- 9 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 15 Christmas Program
- 22 Assembly 1:00 p.m.
- 22 Last Day of Classes before Christmas

Christmas Holidays
NO SCHOOL Dec. 23 - Jan. 8

HOT LUNCH

EVERY MONDAY - \$3.00
From Dairy Queen
Cheeseburger or Chicken Wrap

EVERY WEDNESDAY - \$2.00
From Dominos Pizza
Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese Pizza

**Community Bulletin
Board is located in the
front office foyer.**

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Report Cards & Parent Teacher Interviews

Students in Grades 1-4 will receive their report cards in November. Please review the report card with your child and return it signed.



**Parent Teacher interviews for Gr. K-4
November 24 - 4:20 pm to 8:30 pm**

IMPORTANT - PLEASE BOOK YOUR INTERVIEW APPOINTMENTS ONLINE

All parents are asked to register for a parent teacher conference appointment for each of their children on the website below. Please follow the instructions sent home in a handout. All instructions will also be posted by the end of Friday, October 28th on our website: <http://southwood.hsd.ca>

The website for booking appointments will be available November 1 - 21.

<http://southwood.schoolappointments.com>

We ask all parents to register online for an appointment with your child's classroom teacher by the end of the day on Monday, November 21st. If you are having difficulties creating an appointment online, you may call the school between 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for assistance (204-326-3518).

You will also be able to book online appointments for the Music Teacher, Mrs. Karla Brown and the Gym Teacher, Mrs. Cheryl Chernos.

The Support Teachers will also be available on November 24th between 4:20 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. should you have questions about extra resources. Our Support Teachers are Ms. C. Johnson, Mrs. M. Heinrichs, Mrs. C. Peters, Mrs. C. Baudry and Mrs. L. Coulter. If you would like to see a support teacher please stop in at the office November 24th between 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and we will direct you.

We would like to see as many parents as possible as this becomes an excellent opportunity for parents to connect with teachers and focus on your child's progress. We have allotted 10 minute appointment times.

Please remember this is simply one opportunity to meet face to face with your child's teacher. Feel free to communicate with your child's teacher through notes in the agenda, call the school, stop by to see the teacher or principal. We want to be sure that you feel welcome and invited to talk to us about your children.

Picture Retake Day - Nov. 10 at 9:08 a.m. (AM only)

November 10th is picture retake day. If you want retakes for your student please return the package that you purchased and attach a note as to why you would like a retake.

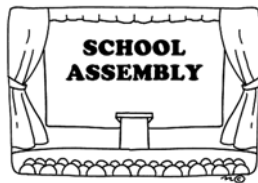


Kindergarten PM parents: Please make sure you bring your child for 9 a.m. in the morning on November 10th if you wish to have retakes.

Southwood Assembly 16 17

All parents are welcome to attend assembly at Southwood.

- Guests are not required to sign in if they proceed directly to the school gym and are asked to sit along the back of the gym allowing teachers to sit along the side for supervision purposes.
- Parents can refer to the upcoming dates schedule on the front of the newsletter for upcoming dates and times.
- The schedule will also be made available on our school website.



Charitable Tax Donations

Hanover School Division is able to issue tax receipts for donations of \$25.00 or more. If you are interested in donating towards Southwood School projects please make your cheque out to Hanover School Division and drop it off at the Southwood School office.



Examples of ongoing Southwood School projects paid for by Southwood School fundraising: Nature Playground (ongoing 8 year project); playground equipment (skipping ropes, soccer balls, etc.); Artist in the School guests; Grade 4 Water Safety Program; Grade 4 Farewell (June); Picnic Day Expenses (June) and Student Reward Programs.

If you choose to donate in this way, we thank you very much for your contribution.

Southwood PAC 2016-2017

The Parent Advisory Council is made up of several parent volunteers, a teacher representative and our Principal and Vice Principal.

This year's PAC is made up of the following volunteers:

Chairperson

Ashley Thom

Krista Friesen

Vice-Chair - Kris Ontong

Member - Randy Kehler

Member - Alice Kehler

Treasurer - Candice Schoenrock

Secretary - Ashley Thom

Hot Lunch Coordinator - Ashley Toews

Teacher Rep - Mrs. L. Daley

Principal - Mr. R. Kehler

Vice-Principal - Mrs. T. Beaudin



Costume Parade - Oct 28

In Southwood tradition, the K-4 classes will be doing a costume parade on Friday, October 28. Parents are welcome to go to the gym to see their students as homerooms parade through the gym.

The students will be putting on their costumes at 12:50 pm and will participate in the parade just after 1:15 pm. This is a great time for students as they get to check the delightful and creative "dressing up" our students love to do!

For those students who are not interested in dressing up - we encourage you to wear a favorite hat for the afternoon.

Participation in the costume parade is optional.

Note: We do not allow any scary costumes or masks to be used for dress up. If the costume calls for swords, lasers, guns or other weapons - these items are to be left at home.



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS
COMING TO SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL
ON NOVEMBER 23 & 24.**

Reading at home on a daily basis can impact a child's success in school and in life. A home library is an ideal space where children can expand their knowledge and vocabulary, and develop stronger thinking skills.

We invite your entire family to participate in our fundraiser which puts new books directly back into our school library.

An evening Family Event is planned for:

Thursday, November 24
4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
which is the same night as
Parent Teacher Night.

A letter and flyer will be sent home in November.

September 2016 Terry Fox donations reached approximately \$ 1645.00
Thank you to all who participated.

Southwood School and Hanover Parent and Child Community Program

Southwood School and Hanover Parent and Child Community Program present: Shake Rattle & Roll. This is a parent and preschool child gym program to promote physical movement and development. Come play games, sing, and have fun while building co-ordination, body awareness, ability to follow directions and social development.

The program will run on the following Tuesdays from 4:00 – 5:00:

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

December 6

January 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14, 21 & 28

Christmas Program

We will be having our concerts at the Grace Mennonite Church.



December 15, 2016

6:00 pm - Kindergarten Program

7:30 pm - Grade 3 & 4 Evening Program

Details to follow