



SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL

care. learn. grow.

Principal: Mr. Rod Kehler

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Tracy

March 2017



Mrs. Beaudin Moving to NES Sept. 2017

The staff and students of Southwood School will be saying good-bye to Mrs. Beaudin at the end of this school year. Mrs. Beaudin has been promoted to the position of principal of Niverville Elementary School for the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Although she will be dearly missed we want to wish her all of best in this new chapter of her professional career.

Southwood School Invites You to Our Learning Expo on March 23

The focus for this years Student Learning Expo is the Arts. As we shape our instruction with the STEAM model in mind, we continue to explore opportunities to provoke, explore, and reflect as learners.

In preparation for this years Learning Expo, we have invited Colleen Watchorn, a local Steinbach artist, to work with our students. Colleen teaches art at several of the local schools, and has also given free art lessons at the Loewen Green Art Scene during the summer months and painted in the Artists in the City tent at the Summer in the City Festival.



The Learning Expo will serve as an opportunity for students to share their product and learning with their parents as part of the exhibition. Students will also prepare other pieces of art, whether they are visual arts, performing arts, or creative literature to be on display. These forms of student work will be shared and exhibited in their own classrooms and hallways.

In addition to the classroom exhibitions, a stage and seating will be set up in the gym for the evening. There will be some students who will share various forms of expression (drama, poetry, choir, readers theatre, tableau, freeze frame, etc.) on the stage. We are also planning to have the classes who participated in the speech arts festival perform on stage, Mrs. Brown will have some numbers prepared by students as well. It should be a great evening of celebrating the arts at Southwood School.

Upcoming Dates:

- 3 Assembly - 2:45p.m.
- 10 Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 14 Chocolate Fundraiser Over
- 17 Assembly - 1:00 p.m.
- 21 Report Cards - Term 2
- 23 Student Learning Expo

March 27 - March 31

SPRING BREAK

No School

April 2017

- 3 1st day back after spring break
- 6-7 WISE Workshops
- 7 Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 14 Good Friday-NO SCHOOL



HOT LUNCH

EVERY MONDAY - \$3.00

From Dairy Queen

Cheeseburger or Chicken Wrap

EVERY WEDNESDAY - \$2.00

From Domino's Pizza

Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese Pizza

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Measures to Increase Student Safety

The staff of Southwood School continuously review student safety as it remains a priority for our school. Regularly scheduled lockdown and fire drills ensure we are prepared in the event of an emergency. In an effort to increase our current safety and security measures, **as of March 3, 2017** the west parking lot entrance and the north sidewalk entrance will remain locked after 9 am.



Visitors are asked to use the front doors and are asked to check-in at the office prior to entering the classrooms.

Parents and visitors are also reminded to remain in the foyer when picking up their child. Students will be called to the office. This measure is intended to limit the number of individuals having access to our students. If you are a parent volunteer, we also ask that you sign in at the office and thank you for your time in supporting our Southwood students.

Once again, we thank you for your cooperation and should you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the school office.

The Zones of Regulation

~Written and Created by Leah M Kuypers, MA Ed. OTR/L

A curriculum designed to foster self-regulation and emotional control.

Southwood School has adopted this great resource and is working at putting it into practice as a whole school involving all grades K-4.

The students learn that they have zones or different levels of emotional states of being. They become aware that their emotions and sensory needs, as well as their environments, can influence which zone they are in.

Students are beginning to identify what colored zone they are in and why. They then are learning what tools or strategies to use to get themselves back to the "Green Zone."

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

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Cards

March 10th, 2016 is an Administration Day for all Gr. K-4 teachers. The teachers use this time to complete report cards and other planning and administrative tasks in their classrooms. This is the second of three annual report cards for Gr. 1 - 4 to parents. Please call your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.



Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child born in 2012 please return the form sent home or call the school to register your child for Kindergarten September 2017 if you have not already done so.

Please let friends and neighbors know it is time to register for Kindergarten for 2017-2018.



Absentee Policy

Please call the school by 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be absent. You may contact us in the following ways:

- Phone: 204-326-3518
- Email: southwood@hsd.ca

If we have not heard from the parent/guardian of an absent student, we will be calling the home and if needed work places to make sure the student is safe.



PAC Hot Lunches

We are very excited to be able to offer hot lunch options for all of our students and staff on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please help us to continue this program by the following:

1. Purchase hot lunch tickets. These are a great (and FAST) way of ordering lunch for your child. There is no change to count or to lose on the way to school. Note that these tickets EXPIRE at the end of June 2017,
2. If paying with cash, please have the EXACT amount as it is difficult sometimes for staff to give change back. Be sure to use CANADIAN (or American change) currency. All foreign currency will be sent home to be exchanged for correct change.

Southwood Chocolate Sales Fundraiser

IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 27: Chocolates are distributed to students and the sale begins!

Mar. 1, 3, 6, 9, 13:

8:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each of

these dates - Money is collected and more chocolates are distributed to families who want to sell more. These are the dates that we have parent volunteers at the school from 8:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Please note that these are the only dates that we will do chocolate sales business with students.**

Mar. 14: **FINAL DATE** - All money and unsold chocolates should be returned to the school by 1:00 p.m. on March 14.



GREAT PRIZES!

Learning Partnership With Skype

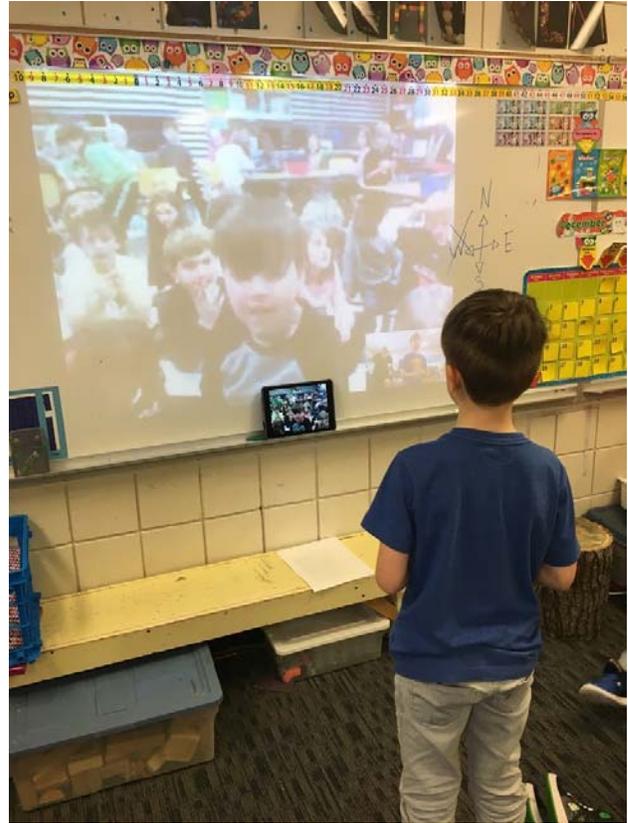
For the last two years my class has been participating in a Canada-wide postcard exchange. This exchange has allowed for my students to learn about different communities through the eyes of other students. I often found my students would have questions about these communities that I was unable to answer having never been to these places myself. I thought, "How could I make this a better experience for my students? How could I really take advantage of these learning partnerships?" The answer was simple, leveraging digital!

Through Twitter I have created many connections with teachers from all over the world. I decided to put out a general tweet to other teachers to see if anyone would be interested in doing a mystery skype with our class (a mystery skype is when you take turns answering questions to try to figure out where the other class is located). The response I received was unprecedented! I was soon booking mystery skypes almost a month in advance. So far we have been able to connect and talk to students in Texas, Kansas, South Dakota, Alabama, and Manitoba. Other skypes I have scheduled for February and March are Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Connecticut, and even two in different countries, Belgium and the Dominican Republic!

Once the students from each class figure out where the other is located and the loud cheers erupt, this is where these learning partnerships really start to allow for deeper learning to occur. We get to learn first-hand from these students by asking questions directly to the students about their climate, community, school, activities they do for fun, etc. My students have loved being able to learn directly from other students as well as teach other students about their own school and community. One of our favourite things to do with the other classes, especially our friends from the Southern United States, is to show them all the snow out our classroom window! The other class always becomes very excited over all the snow as most have not seen it before!

The other great thing about these mystery skypes is that it allows us to connect with students of all ages. We have skyped with students in grade 2, 3, 5, 10 and even kindergarten. 2S has enjoyed the opportunity to connect with students from a variety of places !

-Nicole Sharpe, Grade 2S



Fun and Wacky Week – March 20 – 24

Monday – Survival

We all need food to survive and we like to try to sustain our beautiful planet.

Please join us for a **School Wide “Garbage free lunch.”**

During the school day we will also preserve energy and have 1 hour of lights out in the classroom.

Tuesday – Freedom

Today during the period right after last recess, the students get to float around the school and choose what classroom(s) they would like to visit and participate in different activities.

Wednesday – Love and Belonging

The students will fill out a Warm Fuzzy to give to someone and are encouraged to wear their house color.

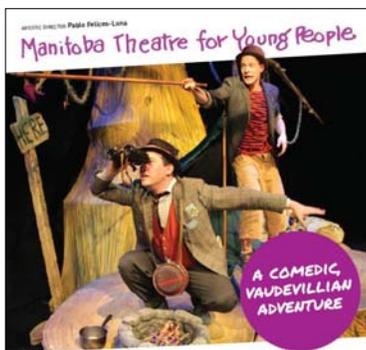
Thursday – Fun

Wear something out of the ordinary. Make a hat or a shirt and show it off. Pretend you are dressing for a different climate. Anything out of the ordinary!

Friday – Power

Everyone is talented in different ways. Dress up to highlight and showoff your talent. Ex. Dress as an artist, a sports player, an author, a musician, maybe even a character from a movie or book.

The Grade 3 & 4 Talent Show will showcase a number of talents as well.



Southwood School is happy to host...

Manitoba Theatre for Young

People's presentation of

Dib and Dob, and the journey home

On March 6 @ 2:15 pm.

MTYPs performance is a charming comedy about siblings and the concept of home.



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CREATION OF 2017-2018 CLASS LISTS

Staff will soon be meeting to determine class lists for the 2016-2017 school year. This is a complex process which is taken very seriously by school administration. It is our strong belief that the learning atmosphere in the classroom must be the first consideration in the formation of class groupings. Classes are organized to ensure appropriate education takes place for all students. We make every effort to minimize the potential for negative student interactions.

Staff teams strive to create classes that are balanced in all respects. The following criteria (in no specific order) are considered when determining class lists:

- Student abilities (class composition)
- Our knowledge of social interactions and dynamics between individual students and groups of students
- Student/teacher match
- Placement of students new to Southwood School
- Male/female ratio
- Parental information
- Approximately equal class sizes

Parents can assist the class formation process by:

1. Helping their children to understand the importance of class formation.
2. Supporting placements that have been made.

Given the criteria used to generate class groupings, it can sometimes be difficult to accommodate requests that we get to place a particular student with another student or group of students. It is equally difficult to accommodate requests for a particular teacher. We will do our best to accommodate requests, that are based on the student specific needs, but we do not guarantee that requests will be honoured. Any such requests should be submitted by email to Mr. Rod Kehler (rkeehler@hsd.ca) or in writing by April 30, 2016 to the school administration. Late requests will not be considered.

Given appropriate support at home and at school, it has been our experience that the vast majority of placements are successful. Where a placement is proving to be difficult, we ask that parents and students give it the time required for friendships and classroom community building to develop.

The name of your child(ren)'s teacher for the 2016-2017 school year will be included with the June report card. Should you have any concerns, you are asked to put them in writing addressed to administration. Concerns will be dealt with upon return in August 2016. Once the lists are compiled, administration tries not to make adjustments. However, certain circumstances may arise where placements need to be altered due to students leaving or enrolling, registration of new students with high needs etc. In these instances, parents will be notified before the start of classes in September of the change in order to prepare your child.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education.