

Principal: Mr. Rod Kehler

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Tracy Beaudin

**JUNE 2017**

# "JUST FOR FUN!"

*"Welcome to our show!" The grade 1 and 2 classes would like to invite you to come to our Spring Concert on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Please come help us celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday as we present "JUST FOR FUN!"*

*It's an evening to celebrate our country, her people, music and traditions with a whole lot of FUN mixed in.*

*You will SEE your children creatively use streamers, scarves and even a parachute as they perform.*

*You will HEAR your children sing and play a variety of instruments. We hope you FEEL a swelling of pride and smiles cross your face as you watch your children and all the work they have put into preparing this concert for YOU!  
COME JOIN THE FUN!*

*Prior to the concert, families are invited to take part in a school picnic starting at 5:30 p.m. Families are welcome to bring their own picnic meal.*

*In addition to the grade 1 and 2 performance choir, Southwood School is proud to celebrate with an official Grand Opening of our first phase of the new Nature Playground at the end of the concert.*



## Dates to Remember:

### June 2017

- 16 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 21 LAST HOT LUNCH DATE
- 26 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 27 Grade 4 Farewell Assembly @ 1:15 pm & evening activities
- 28 School Picnic & Last Day of School  
\*Report Cards will be emailed or sent home with students
- 29 NO SCHOOL
- 30 NO SCHOOL

### September 2017

- 5 Meet the Teacher Night (4:30 pm - 6 pm)
- 6 First Day of School for Gr. 1-4
- 6 & 7 - Kindergarten appointments
- 8 & 13 - Kindergarten staggered entrance
- 14 Regular classes begin for Kindergarten
- 15 & 18 - Strong Connections for Grades 1 to 4 students.
- 28 Terry Fox Run

## Grade Four Farewell June 27, 2017

This year we want to celebrate the accomplishments of our grade four students and have an opportunity to say farewell. On June 27th, we are inviting families and friends to attend a short and casual farewell in the school gym at 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm.

After the grade four farewell, the students and teachers will go to Boston Pizza for a celebration meal followed by a movie at Keystone theater. Students will return at 6:15 pm for some fun activities in the school. The evening will finish with an ice cream treat and parents should pick up students at school at 8:00 pm. Feel free to contact the school if you have any questions about this event.



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

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# School Picnic June 28

On June 28th, Southwood School will be hosting the annual school picnic. Students will spend half of their day enjoying the picnic games led by their classroom teachers. This year be plan on recognizing Canada's 150th birthday, so stay tuned.



Parents are encouraged to bring a lunch and enjoy a family meal on the school grounds from 12:00 pm to 12:50 pm. Students will return to their classes after the lunch period and resume their activities. There will be no food options for purchasing at this years picnic, so please remember to pack a lunch.

Please note there is no parking in the bus lanes as Kindergarten and end of day busses continue to need access to this lane. In the event of rain, all activities will be moved indoors.

Students will return to their classes at the end of the day for a final "treat" and clean-up. We anticipate another great community event and hope to see you there.

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## Important Information

**2017/2018 HSD CALENDAR**: Are you wondering when Christmas and Spring Break are for the 2017/2018 school year? Check the Hanover School Division website for all 2017/2018 in-service and holiday dates. <http://www.hsd.ca>

**MOVING?** - If you are planning to move locations during the summer please call our Southwood School office at 204-326-3518 as soon as possible or the school division transportation office at 204-320-2347 after June 30th.

**BUSSING FOR SEPTEMBER 2017** - Urban bussing times will be changing over the summer months. Some stop locations will change as well. At the end of August / beginning of September, please check the Hanover School Division website for updates on the urban bus schedule. Website: [www.HSD.ca](http://www.HSD.ca) - go to Schools and Department - then Transportation - Urban bus Routes - then click on appropriate map or view routes.



## Notice of Approved Petitions for Southwood School



**Petition for Religious Exercises** - The Hanover School Division Board of Trustees has received a petition requesting that religious exercises be held in Southwood School during the 2017-2018 school year. The petitioners have specified their desire for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of a Bible passage or story from the Bible. As the petition bears the signatures of parents/guardians representing more than 60 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has authorized religious exercises, as specified above, to be held before the official instructional day from 9:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m., in a designated common area of the school.

**Petition for Religious Instruction** - The Hanover School Division Board of Trustees has received a petition requesting that religious instruction be held in Southwood School during the 2017-2018 school year. The petitioners have specified their desire for the Discovery Time program offered by Child Evangelism Fellowship. As the petition bears the signatures of parents/guardians representing more than 25 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has passed the required by-law permitting religious instruction, as specified above, to be offered by volunteers during designated half-hour per week classes.

Parents/guardians who did not sign the original petitions are eligible to join at any time by submitting a signed note to the HSD Board of Trustees (forward directly to Southwood School). The note must indicate the name and grade of student for whom permission to participate is being given. Only children whose parents/guardians signed the original petition, or have subsequently joined, may participate in the exercises and instruction as described above.

As a Manitoba public school division, HSD is obligated to comply with the provisions of The Public Schools Act and provincial guidelines governing the implementation of religious exercises and religious instruction. The Public Schools Act states that public schools must be non-sectarian. Religious exercises and religious instruction in public schools may only be implemented by school boards in a manner consistent with the Public Schools Act and provincial guidelines - after parent/guardian petition is presented to the school board. Such petitions require annual submission, and must be received by the HSD Board of Trustees no later than April 30 (previous to the school year for which the petition applies).

Additional information regarding the Public Schools Act, HSD policies, and provincial guidelines governing these petitions can be viewed on the Southwood School website.

 Ron Falk, Board Chair Hanover School Division	 Randy Dueck, Superintendent- CEO Hanover School Division
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Approved May, 2, 2017

*Hanover is a student-centred school division striving for excellence while developing skills and promoting values for a productive and wholesome life.*

## Report Cards



New procedure for sending home report cards this June. Report cards will be either emailed to those families who have selected this option or sent home with students on the last day of school (June 28th).



Staples and Southwood School will be partnering for supplying prepacked school supplies for this coming school year. Parents can easily purchase all the supplies online or via the local store and it will be available on the first day of class. The supplies will be guaranteed by our local Staples store for 1 year. To find the information and pricing for each grade level, please go on our website and click on the Staples supply list tab or use the web link that was on the Staples letter that was sent home with your child.

The Staples supply list is an option for families to use. If you would like to shop elsewhere, there is also another list on the school website that say Southwood list which you can print off and shop at any store of your choice. Paper copies are also available at the school.

If you have any questions about either of these school supply options, please contact us at the school.

## Baby Needed



Southwood School is looking for **babies born between March 2017 and June 2018** to take part in our roots of empathy program for 2017 - 2018. If you have a newborn or know someone who does, we need you!!

For more information please contact Mr. Kehler or visit <http://www.rootsofempathy.org/> for more information.

## WISE Program at the University of Manitoba Presents:

WISE Kid-Netic Energy Science & Engineering day camp is coming to Steinbach again this summer!

When: **July 31-August 4, 2017**

Where: **Southwood School**

WISE Kid-Netic Energy will be in Steinbach soon! Spots are filling, so this may be your last chance to register for this science and engineering day camp. Every day, campers will explore a new and exciting field of science or engineering. This year's theme days include Space Discovery, Medical Science, Mining, Sustainability and Genetics. Come and join the fun!

There are a total of **30 camper spots** available for the week, open to youth **ages 9 – 12**, by December 31, 2017. Registration is **\$100** for the one-week day camp. Special thanks to Hanover School Division for their continued support. Registration is available online at [www.wisekidneticenergy.ca](http://www.wisekidneticenergy.ca).

For more info:

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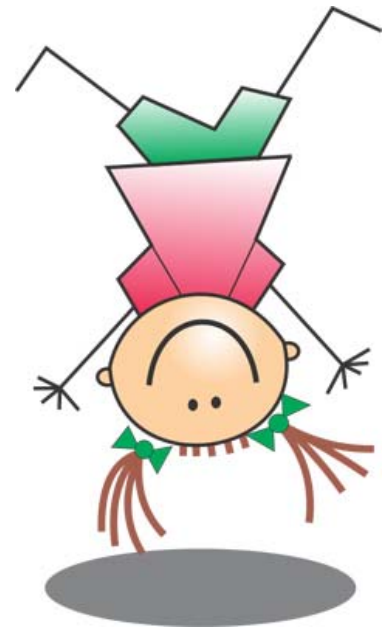


# Southwood PAC Newsletter

## Farewell to the 2016/2017 school year!

Southwood's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all Volunteers who gave time, resources and energy to the PAC functions throughout the school year. Also a HUGE thank you for the donations you so generously provided during fundraisers.

This year we had such a fun time hosting events/ fundraisers, discussing topics and bringing forward new ideas. This year as a school we provided funds for our new kindergarten students to receive house color shirts, swimming lessons for our grade 2's, Swim safety for grade 4's, "Artist in the school", our nature playground phase 2, our upcoming Grade 4 farewell and a new special project coming over summer: A climbing wall in our gym!



## JOIN US IN 2017-2018!

PAC is looking for some new friends for next year. We have positions available as well as want to remind parents that all PAC meetings are open for you to come and contribute.



*What kinds of activities happen on the PAC?*  
Once a month we meet to discuss topics that affect our children, organize special events, fund raise for special projects, and bring forward new ideas. If you would like more information please contact Ashley Richter or Krista Friesen.

## HOT LUNCH UPDATES

Last Hot Lunch of the year will be . Please use all remaining Hot Lunch tickets by this date as they will expire at the end of June 2017 and do not carry over to the 2017/18 school year. Next year we will be making some BIG changes to our Hot lunch ordering system so please watch out for those updates in upcoming Newsletters and emails.

### PAC Calendar of Events :

**June 6th** – Final PAC meeting of 16/17 @ 5:30

**June 15** – Baskets on display

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Basket Tickets available

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** – Final Hot lunch

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