

Principal: Mr. Rod Kehler

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Kim Koop

December 2017

The Southwood School grade 3 & 4 students invite you to our Christmas program...

“The Gifts of the Christmas Season”

Come and listen to us sing and play a variety of seasonal music as we present our gifts to you.

Wednesday, December 20th

6:00 p.m. Kindergarten Program

****Intermission****

****Parents of Kindergarten students should pick up their students right after their program. The Grade 3 and 4 students should meet downstairs of the Grace church at 6:50 p.m. sharp to prepare for their concert.****

7:15 p.m. Grade 3 & 4 Evening Program



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2017

- 5 PAC Meeting @ 6:15pm - Library
- 11 Assembly - 1:00pm
- 20 Christmas Program
- 22 Assembly 1:00 p.m.
- 22 Last Day of Classes before Christmas



Christmas Holidays
NO SCHOOL Dec. 25 - Jan. 5

January 2018

- 8 Back to School
- 12 Assembly - 9:10 a.m.
- 26 Assembly 1:00 p.m.



Community Bulletin Board is located in the front office foyer.

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Grade 4 students will sing at Steinbach Credit Union

You are invited to hear the Southwood School Grade 4 students sing at the Steinbach Credit Union on

Thursday , December 14th from 10:15 am to 10:30 am

Conductor:
Mrs. K. Brown



Winter is Here...

Students need to be dressed and ready to play outside! The morning and afternoon recess are only 15 minutes, lunch recess is 30 minutes. The actual time that the children are really outside depends on how quickly they are able to bundle up! They look forward to this time of socializing and playing in this wonderful fresh snow. Good boots, mittens and a hat—added to ski pants and parka will make all the difference between a child enjoying the outdoors or tolerating it.



The following guideline will be used for deciding when indoor recess should occur:

- -30 Celsius (with wind chill) - indoors for all recess'
- -25 to -30 degrees Celsius (with a wind chill) partial recess indoors

In the case of multiple indoor recesses due to cold weather, teachers may choose to take their class outside for a 5 – 10 minute break if needed. At these times, the class will be very closely supervised.

Our source - We check the Environment Canada website for up-to-date weather information:

Please check the Hanover School Division website for school closures information:

<http://hsd.ca/schools/weather-related-closures>

THE MAKERSPACE CHALLENGE



The Southwood School MakerSpace team is excited to announce the upcoming **MAKERSPACE CHALLENGE No. 2** of making a prototype that helps assist or enhance one of our senses. With this theme in mind, students are to create something related to any of the five senses such as, a musical instrument, binoculars, etc. Students will have access to a variety of materials during teacher designated class time to create their designs which will be shared at the Southwood School assembly on February 9th. We look forward to seeing the student's creations! As well, we are extremely proud of all of the students recent work in regards to the MakerSpace Challenge of Habitats and Communities. We encourage you to look at their designs that are housed in the front foyer display case.

Megan Smyth & Stacey Steinhilber
Grade 1 Teacher
Southwood School



Nurturing Citizenship At Southwood School

How do we share an act of generosity and kindness with others?



In September, during Strong Connections, Southwood school students had the opportunity to spend time with local artist, Audrey Hiebert. As a thank you for her time spent at our school, Mrs. Hiebert was offered payment, instead, she asked us to use this money to pay it forward, specifically if the students could create projects to help others with this money. Our Social Justice Team sent out a challenge to our staff and students to come up with Because We Care projects. Four classes participated by researching local charities and each came up with creative and practical ideas for helping others.



Ms. Tomchuk's Grade One class will be donating food and money to help Soups On, the organization that provides lunches for students at our own school if they need it. Ms. Tomchuk's students chose Soup's On because they thought it would be hard to learn if they themselves were hungry. As a class they will be visiting the Soups On in early December to drop off their donations and get a tour of the facility to learn more about the organization.

Mrs. Gudmundson's Grade One class will be collecting gently used mittens, toques and scarves to be given to Steinbach Family Resource Center. They will be asking their grandparents who knit to donate as well. Mrs. Gudmundson will also shop for some new items. Her class is thankful for the warm winter clothes that their parents have bought for them and they want others to be warm so they can enjoy winter too!

Mrs. Steinhilber's Grade One class will be donating money to Ten Thousand Villages/Steinbach MCC. Her students felt that this was a good choice for many reasons, but as one student said "I do not want anyone to not have the things that they need." The class chose to donate their funds to buying seeds for a gardener for an entire year, for peace work in the midst of war and for food for children during times of crisis. As well, the Grade One class designed posters to celebrate Southwood's global contributions that were displayed around the school.

As for Ms. Schroeder's Grade Three class, they will be buying socks from Fazl Socks and donating them to the Today House. Fazl Socks is a fair trade company based out of Northern India, which employs and pays local women double their local wages, along with giving away 50% of their profits to two children's orphanages in Northern India. The students love the idea of helping people in their own city, along with women and children on the other side of the world at the same time.

The students involved in these projects are excited to do their part in helping others.

The staff and students of Southwood School are also joining individuals, schools, and community groups from across Canada in participating in the ***I Love First People*** shoebox project. This is a tremendous opportunity to share the joy of education and a perfect way to engage in reconciliation with our indigenous neighbors. Students and staff at Southwood School are raising funds to purchase toys, games, books, arts and craft supplies to be put into shoeboxes. Shoe boxes will be sent to students in Bloodvein and Cross Lake, Manitoba. Providing opportunities for Southwood students like these show how we can care, we can learn, and how we grow as citizens.