



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

COYOTE CLASSIFIED



DECEMBER 2017

DECEMBER CALENDAR

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

There are many exciting things happening at Southwest this month! Starting in December we will have AVID Spotlight Students! Each month staff members have the chance to recognize a student that shows the qualities of our AVID expectations. You can read in the newsletter who was recognized this month as an AVID Spotlight Student. Please also take note of our December Calendar. There are many opportunities this month for parents to come into the school and see the awesome things our students are working on including Craft Night, Holiday Programs, and monthly birthday celebrations.

Please note, students will have the opportunity to wear appropriate pajamas for the PBIS Movie Day. Please ensure they are dressed for school and are wearing appropriate outdoor clothing and shoes.

Enjoy your holiday break!

School will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd!

- 12/6 Early Out 1:30 K-4
Bracelet Day 50¢
Penguin Patch
8-12 AM
- 12/7 Penguin Patch
8-12 AM
PTA Craft Night
6-7 PM
Penguin Patch
6-7 PM
- 12/8 Penguin Patch
8-12 AM
- 12/13 PK-Holiday
Program DHS @
5 PM
BOE Meeting
6:30 pm @ JB
- 12/14 K-4 Holiday
Program at SW
K/1st 8:45 AM
2nd/3rd 9:30 AM
4th 10:15 AM
PTA Candle pick-up
8-12 SW Library
- 12/15 Student Birthday
Celebrations
- 12/19 PBIS Movie Day
Pajamas
- 12/20-1/2 Holiday Break
No School PK-4

Thank you for your contribution to our education:

Read-A-Thon Guest Readers

Mr. Henderson Mrs. Schroeder
Mrs. Halloran DHS X-C Team
Mrs. Buntan Mrs. Carpenter
Mrs. Cox SW Parents
Mrs. Stanis

Southside Church of Christ

Food For the Children

Catlin Fire/Rescue
Danville Foundation-Polar Express
D#118 Wellness Committee
McDonalds
Food for the Children
The Vineyard
Schwann's

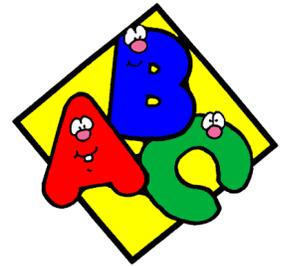
November has been a quick and eventful month in Pre-K! We reached the end of our first trimester and narrative summary reports will be coming home December 8th. Some of our themes this month have included colors/shapes, clothing, buildings, community helpers, pets, food, and fall/Thanksgiving. Some classrooms have had special events such as a soup opera, making pumpkin pies, visiting the animal shelter, designing a large rocket and fire truck, making milk carton vehicles, and a fashion show to support their themes and projects. We are looking forward to our holiday program at the high school on December 13th from 5:00-6:00. If you have a child aged 3-5 who is not yet in Kindergarten and would like to get them screened for Pre-K or have concerns about their academic development, please call 444-3266 to set up a screening appointment. Our next screening in Danville is January 25th



Rowan Bailey, from Mrs. Zoeller's class, performing the "Soup Opera"

KINDERGARTEN

We are zipping through Kindergarten!!! We are having a contest to see which class has the most students that know all their capital and lowercase letters and their sounds. The class with the most will win a classroom party! Keep working with your child on tying their shoes. Please check your child's book bag and folder daily. We hope to see you on Thursday, December 7 for Craft Night! We appreciate your support and we hope you have a wonderful holiday break!



FIRST GRADE

Our students really enjoyed our in depth study of Thanksgiving. We learned why it happened and why it is a great tradition to keep. The first week in December, our U of I student teachers will be in full take over. This means they will be doing all of the teaching during the time they are here. We are very fortunate to have such awesome student teachers who have been coming up with fun and exciting lessons for our students. Also, we are very fortunate to have such wonderful students who are so eager to learn and have been very respectful to our student teachers! This has been a wonderful group of first graders for future teachers to work with and learn from. Please do a supply check with your student (if you did not send in extra at the beginning of the year) as many students are needing crayons, glue sticks and erasers. Thank you for your support!

Second Grade

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and enjoyed time with their family. We have a lot going on in December. We are continuing to work through Unit 3 in our reading series. Please continue to practice reading strategies at home. In math we are still continuing to add and subtract two digit numbers with and without regrouping.

Third Grade

We enjoyed having Susan Willard visit our class to teach us about mint. She taught us how it is grown, how the oil is extracted from the leaves, and what we use the oil for. Our 3rd grade classes then had the opportunity to make and eat some mint candy. She also gave each student a recipe to take home. It is always exciting when she comes!

We are still working on memorizing our multiplication facts. Please continue to practice these facts with your students at home. Extra practice really pays off! In Reading, we are learning about the different ways that living things adapt to change. It is an interesting unit and the students are learning a lot of facts. We will be using those facts to write our first research report!

Several students are really working hard to meet their monthly AR goal. Please encourage them to read aloud each evening to increase their reading fluency and help to meet their goal. Thanks for all you do at home to help your child succeed in 3rd grade!

Fourth Grade

Multiplication facts are ongoing in the fourth grade, as well as multiplying 2-digit numbers by 2 and 3-digit numbers. We are preparing to add long division into the mix. Please continue to make sure that facts are practiced at home. We are persistent in finding the main idea and the supporting details, in both fiction and nonfiction readings. To better our lives in other ways, we are working to show kindness and respect to all people in our lives, including ourselves. We continue to work on being the best AVID students we can be to represent our school, our class, and our families.

Attendance Counts

Mrs. Holt's third grade class earned a S'mores Party for the most days of perfect attendance in the month of October. The class with the most perfect attendance days for the month of November will earn a Hot Chocolate Party. Please help us by having your child to school everyday and on time.

Data Driven

Reading at home with your child is a great way to support your child at school. Over the next couple of months I will be giving you some tips to help make reading at home fun and meaningful.

TIP 1: Make Reading A Part Of Your Family Time! Time spent with your kids is so important, using this time to also read will have huge benefits for your child. Below is a list of ways you can read with your child.

- Read bedtime stories
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy together!
- Play a board game
- Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store.



A Note from Ms. Wilt, School Social Worker

Focusing on “Thanks”

As we leave the month of November and our celebrations of Thanksgiving I would just like to look back and say a huge THANK YOU to all of our community members and parents that give. One local billboard had a sign that resonated with my heart and it stated something to the effect of “during Thanksgiving are you more focused on the full or on the thanks”? After the month of November I have to say that our community and parents have given Southwest reason to focus on the “Thanks”! We have seen parents donate Thanksgiving meals to other families, had Food for the Children Volunteers knit two boxes of hat and scarves and donate them to our students, had Southside Church of Christ donate hats and gloves to our students and innumerable other wonderful people help us with donations. One of my 4th grade classes is currently reading a book called The Kindness Quilt and we are making our own in the school hallway (out of paper of course). These acts of kindness are great examples to share with our students and teach them that there is still good in the world!

Thank you for being a great community and adding to our own Kindness Quilt!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!

Congratulation to our November AR Winners!	AVID Spotlight Students
<p>Kindergarten: Mila King</p> <p>1st Grade: Rylee Hardesty, Estell Cooper, Zaria Mitchell</p> <p>2nd Grade: Elena Barnes, Katelynn Ricketts, Allyson Newman</p> <p>3rd Grade: Treyton Shutes, JeLanna Tall</p> <p>4th Grade: Presley Mosier, Jacy Hubbard</p>	<p>Pre-K: EzZaria Walker, Conner Colgrove, Lailah Grider, Willa Crutcher, Larissa Cross, Malachi Lewis, Delilah Whicker, Shahd Allen, Kara Winget, Trey Kelley</p> <p>Kindergarten: Adio Bryant, Carter Trimble, Aryess Boyd</p> <p>1st Grade: Elizabeth Sherman, Estelle Cooper, Garrett Burgin, Roy Anderson</p> <p>2nd Grade: Guadalupe Martinez, Timberly Reed, Keira Shutes</p> <p>3rd Grade: Larry Stevens, Ayden Christians, Keiper Engel</p> <p>4th Grade: Ava Garcia, Anna Evans, Judah Bryant, Presley Mosier</p>

AVID

This past month, Southwest teachers have introduced the AVID One-Pagers in their classrooms. This strategy is used to help students demonstrate their understanding of a text or lesson. Anna Evans, presented her One-Pager at Family Council and the families in attendance created a One-Pager describing their family. Please ask your child what content they were able to summarize and place on their One-Pagers. As always, please encourage your child to be the best AVID student they can be!

Always prepared, **V**ery respectful, **I**ntentionally safe, **D**etermined and responsible