



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

COYOTE CLASSIFIED



FEBRUARY 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

We had a great turn out for our Movie and Survey event! I want to thank all of the parents, students, staff, and partners in education for coming out, and enjoying dinner, taking the survey and viewing the movie with your little ones. We were able to hit our SW percentage goal and look forward to increasing our goal next year. We are anxious to see our results and do our best to make Southwest a better school for you and your children.

Please consider liking our Southwest Facebook page. We are committed to adding weekly updates to help keep you informed of all of the great things going on at Southwest. On our page you will be able to find a weekly calendar update, school reminders, student achievements, and fun classroom learning experiences. To find our page you can type Southwest Elementary School in the search bar.

I am pleased to announce that Southwest has officially started our Adopt-A-Cop program. Ms. Witzel, one of our wonderful first grade teachers, wanted to find a way to help build a relationship between our students at Southwest and the deputies from the Vermilion County Sheriffs Department. Therefore she created and planned the Adopt-A-Cop program. There are several deputies that have volunteered to spend time throughout the year in designated PK-4 classrooms. They will be participating in activities such as reading to students, playing games, eating lunch, and talking about their jobs. We are so thankful!

Thank you for your contribution to our education:

Movie and Survey Night

Toyota of Danville and Anthony Nixon

District #118 Family Home Liaisons

Southwest staff

District #118 Food Service

Vermilion County Sheriff's Dept.

Forest Glen Traveling Naturalists

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 2/1 Girls B-Ball 2:30-4:30
Boys Problem Solving
Family Skate Night @
Illini Skate Land 6-8
- 2/2 Yearbook group pictures
(Uniform Dress)
- 2/3 Basketball Tourney @ MDE
Boys- 8:00 & 9:30
Girls- 8:45 & 10:15
- 2/5 Scholastic Bowl
Practice 2:30-3:30
- 2/6 4th Grade Field Trip to
Kranert
Scholastic Bowl Practice
2:30-3:30 PM
- 2/7 Progress Reports sent
home
Family Council
followed by PTA
meeting 5:15 PM
@ Southwest Café
- 2/9 IPA Student Recogni-
tion Breakfast
- 2/12 Scholastic Bowl
Practice 2:30-3:30 PM
- 2/13 Scholastic Bowl
Practice 2:30-3:30
- 2/14 Early Out 1:30 K-4
Valentine necklace 50¢
BOE Meeting
6:30 pm @ JB
- 2/19 No School PK-4
- 2/20 Scholastic Bowl
Practice 2:30-3:30
Scholastic Bowl Meet-
ing 4:00 @ Meade Park
- 2/22 STEM Night 5:30-
7:30 PM
- 2/23 Student Birthday
Celebrations
- 2/26 Scholastic Bowl
Practice 2:30-3:30
- 2/27 Scholastic Bowl
Practice 2:30-3:30
Scholastic Bowl Meet-
ing 4:00 @ MDE
- 2/28 Early Out 1:30 K-4
PBIS Celebration
February Frenzy
BOE Meeting

~~~~~**Pre-K**~~~~~

This cold month has brought lots of opportunities for learning about winter, animals that live in the cold, snow, and ice in the Pre-K rooms. Some classes have also started projects on clothing and music. Many teachers at Southwest, including Pre-K, are participating in an Adopt-A-Cop program in which a classroom is paired with a Vermilion County officer to build positive relationships. This program will begin soon! The Pre-K program is also participating in *Color Me Healthy*, a nutrition program provided through the U of I extension office. Ms. Dee will be visiting the classrooms monthly to talk about healthy foods and eating variety of colors of foods. If you have or know of a child who would like to be screened, the next Danville screening will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call 444-2366 to set up a screening appointment!



Mrs. Davis' class eating lunch and having discussion

### KINDERGARTEN

Congratulations to Miss Wallis' class for having the most students in her class that know all their letters and sounds! Almost all the students in Kindergarten know them now. Our next contest will begin this month, it will be counting to 101 by 1's. Our last contest will be knowing all their 46 sight words. Good Luck!

This month we will be celebrating the 100th Day of school. We will be doing special activities in each of our rooms on that day!

We appreciate you working with your child at home on the skills needed to make them successful in school. If you are in need of any resources please let your teacher know. We would be glad to help.



### FIRST GRADE

**January was a crazy month! Lots of illness, cold days, and holidays. We are excited to get back into routine and have many fun things planned for your child. In reading we are starting Unit 5, Technology and Society and in math we are working on mixed addition and subtraction problems. As of February 2nd we will have officially reached the 100th day of first grade!! Woo-hoo! This month please talk with your child about influential black Americans in history as well as our Presidents and the contributions they have made.**

### Second Grade

We hope you are all staying warm so far this winter. Just a reminder, please make sure your child wears coats, hats, and gloves to school each day. We will be starting Unit 5: Solving Problems Through Technology in Benchmark. This unit's essential question is "Where do ideas for inventions come from?" In math we will be moving on to adding and subtracting three digit numbers. Please practice these skill at home with your child to reinforce skills taught in class. Starting this semester we will have 2 sheriff's deputies visiting second grade. We would like to welcome Deputy Miller and Deputy Moody to Southwest as our Adopt-a-Cop buddies! As always, thank you for all you do for your student!

### Third Grade

We will soon be kicking off a new unit in reading. We will be studying how technology has influenced students lives. We will look at past inventors and a chronology of technology advancements. In math, we will work more in depth with fractions. We will also work on reading and creating graphs and charts including more complex data. Please continue to read with your student at home and practice math facts.

### Fourth Grade

**Fourth grade will be heading to the Krannert Center in Urbana on February 6<sup>th</sup> to watch the performance of *La Belle, Lost in the World of the Automaton*. This is a great opportunity for students to be exposed to the performing arts. After the performance we will eat by stage 5 and then go to the Spurlock Museum for some hands-on activities.**

### Attendance Counts

Mrs. Roach's class has earned their second perfect attendance party. They had the most days of perfect attendance for the month of January. They had the opportunity to ice holiday cookies. The class with the most perfect attendance days for the month of February will earn a rice crispy treat party. Please help us by having your child to school everyday and on time.

### Data Driven

This month I challenge you as a family to have some fun with numbers. Numbers are everywhere and we as adults encounter them daily. To encourage number talk conversations at home ask students to estimate the grocery bill by giving them a list of items with approximate prices, ask younger students to identify numbers on signs while driving or shopping, have your student cook dinner with you and do the measurements for a recipe. Numbers are everywhere and any chance we have to encourage students to interact with those numbers in their everyday life is a great way to continue building number sense.



### A Note from Ms. Wilt, School Social Worker

As the winter drags on and the days seem dreary and dark, sometimes it feels very depressing. This is especially true right after the excitement of the holidays is over. It is important that we listen to our bodies and that we take time to evaluate how we are feeling, what is going on in our daily lives and make sure that we are not missing something. It is also important to remember that if we are feeling this way, our children may be feeling this too. These harsh winter days can take a toll on our children, especially when they can't get outside, run and play, and get that natural sunlight that helps them feel refreshed and revived!

What can you do, you ask? Here are a few tips to help the winter months to go a little faster!

Tip #1: Get as much natural sunlight as possible (open the blinds, go for a walk, go for a car ride)

Tip #2: Exercise Regularly (play with your children, go to the gym, go sledding, build a snowman)

Tip#3: Reach out to family and friends-and let them help (have a family dinner, play family games)

Tip#4: Eat the right diet (try to eat a healthy diet)

Tip #5: Take steps to deal with stress by making time for fun

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!

| Congratulation to our December AR Winners!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | AVID Spotlight Students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p><b>Kindergarten:</b> Mila King</p> <p><b>1st Grade:</b> Roy Anderson, Anthony Bernardi, Garrett Burgin, Kalyssa McCollum, Zaria Mitchell, Sophia Wright</p> <p><b>2nd Grade:</b> Jerall Morris, Kodie Barnes, Taylor Kemp, Amiel Bryant, Katelynn Ricketts, Emma Cosat, Lennon Cox, Brooklyn Brown</p> <p><b>3rd Grade:</b> JulieOna Keys, Keeley Jacobs, Brianna Harper, Alexis Pollard, JeLanna Tall</p> <p><b>4th Grade:</b> Alexia Eberle, Tyrus Moten, Jacy Hubbard</p> | <p><b>Pre-K:</b> Jaylen Crenshaw, Fenix Murphy, Fredi Carrolo, Rayne Thomas, Riley Boyle, Diellza Ajdini, Breanna Ryan, Mikhail Murphy, Jamir Smith, Ryan Martin, A'mauri Williams</p> <p><b>Kindergarten:</b> Kolin Winchester, Hadley Borst, Jeremiah Thomas</p> <p><b>1st Grade:</b> Ayden Ford-Withers, Nicloas Jewell, Blaze Gimer, Lillian Anderson</p> <p><b>2nd Grade:</b> Jovon Hughes, Gabby Brown, Emma Cosat</p> <p><b>3rd Grade:</b> Natalee Rhodes, Michael Sorey, Kemon Reed</p> <p><b>4th Grade:</b> Jacy Hubbard</p> |

### AVID

Southwest teachers will continue working with their students to set personalized academic goals. This strategy helps students take ownership of their academic achievements and learn the rewards of becoming self-motivated. Our data shows that when students set individualized academic goals, they far exceed any goal a teacher sets for them. Please ask your child what their new reading or math goal is for the new year. As always, please encourage your child to be the best AVID student they can be!

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