



# — SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

## COYOTE CLASSIFIED



MAY 2018

### MAY CALENDAR

### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

I cannot believe I am sending out the May newsletter! What a fun, fast, fantastic school year we have had! I look forward to what year-two brings for us here at SW. Thank you for all of your support this year! Your children are amazing.

There are several opportunities for your children this summer. Elementary summer school will be held at Mark Denman Elementary School. Summer school will take place from Monday, June 11th- Friday, July 20th from 8:30 AM-12:00 PM. Breakfast and lunch will both be included. Please remember to turn in your child's permission slip ASAP.

There will also be several special programming enrichment opportunities held after the academic portion of summer school. Please check out our Summer Programming Booklet and register to ensure your child's spot in the program.

District 118 has developed a new approach to our opening school registration. For the upcoming 18-19 school year we are rolling-out the first District 118 Centralized Registration at the David S. Palmer Arena (Civic Center). It will be held: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday, June 8, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON. All K-12 students can be registered at the same time and at the same place.

Pre-K registration will be held in the Southwest Cafeteria on Tuesday, July 31st from 10-11 PM and again from 3-6 PM

Please refer to our Facebook page and school website for future updates.

- 5/1 4th grade trip to DSO  
Track practice/Club  
Innovation 2:30-4:30
- 5/3 Track practice/Club  
Innovation 2:30-4:30  
PK-4 Ball for ALL 5:30-  
7:00 PM (Formal attire)
- 5/4 PK Ag Day  
K-4 "May the Fourth be  
With You"
- 5/8 Club Innovation  
Presentations 3:30 PM
- 5/9 Early Out 1:30 (K-4)  
Wacky Wednesday  
Hat Day 50¢  
Track Meet 2:30 PM @  
DHS
- 5/11 AVID College and  
Career Day
- 5/16 3rd grade field trip to  
VC Museum  
BOE Meeting  
6:30 PM @ JB
- 5/17 4th grade visits SVUE
- 5/18 Classroom Birthday  
Celebrations
- 5/22 PK-Touch a Truck Day
- 5/23 K-4 Honors Assembly  
8:30-9:00 K-1st  
9:15-9:45 2nd-3rd  
10:00-10:30 4th  
(Parents of students  
receiving honors will  
receive an invitation)
- 5/24 PK Firefighter spray
- 5/25 Last Day for PK  
PBIS Fun Day (K-4)
- 5/27 No School
- 5/28 Last Day for K-4

### Thank you for your contribution to our education:

Hometown Stars McDonalds

Adopt-A-Cop Buddies

Ridgeview Baptist Church

Danville Village Mall

Illini Skate Land

WDAN

U of I Extension



\*We have extra yearbooks for sale in the office for \$10.

April has been a fun month for the preschool program! We spent the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> celebrating the Week of the Young Child. Special activities for the week included special music programs, cooking projects, teaming up with our buddy classrooms, and special art projects. The week culminated with our family fun day at Danville Village Mall. Some of the classroom themes this month have included spring, community helpers, farms, pets, nursery rhymes, and butterflies. Several of the classrooms are getting ready to hatch butterflies in their rooms! We have several events coming up in the month of May, including Ball for All and Touch A Truck, so be sure to check out your classroom newsletter for all of the fun that we have planned to end the year!! Please note: Preschool registration will be held at Southwest Elementary on July 31, 2018.



Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Cox engaging children in playdough at the Week of the Young Child Event April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## KINDERGARTEN

Wow! Kindergarten is almost over! We had a wonderful time at the DACC AG day, everyone really enjoyed the field trip. The end of the year count down will be starting soon in our classes. This countdown will consist of several special activities we know our student will enjoy. Ms. Wallis' class is currently winning our sight word contest. Please continue to work on the standards that need improvement. We thank you for your support!

## FIRST GRADE

**Believe it or not, we only have one month of school left!!! We still have a ton to learn and accomplish in these last few weeks of school. We are working on boosting students' fluency skills to meet our end of year goal of 53 words read correctly in a minute. You can help us reach this goal by reading books multiple times and practicing the sight words sent home. We have wrapped up our math units on time and measurement and are moving on to shapes, graphing, and fractions. Students absolutely love these topics and get so excited for the various activities we do with them here at school. You can have fun with these topics by identifying shapes of items when you visit the grocery store, graphing family favorites, or identifying fractions as you cut and share a pizza!**

## Second Grade

We have moved on to Unit 8 in our Benchmark Reading. The topic for Unit 8 is Wind and Water Change Earth. Please continue to read AR books with your child each night. We will be finishing up our EnVision math lessons and will then spend some time on reviewing previous skills that were taught earlier in the year. Please take note of newsletters and reminders that are sent home as May is a busy time of the school year.

## AVID

Several Southwest students' names were announced during our morning "Pack Time" for "crushing their goals" and are currently working to add their name to our new bulletin board. We recently introduced the AVID strategy "Carousel Brainstorm." This strategy allows students to walk about the room and reflect on the material they have learned. Ask your child how they contributed to the "Carousel Brainstorm" strategy in their classroom.

As always, encourage your child to be the best AVID student they can be!

**Always prepared, Very respectful, Intentionally safe, Determined and responsible**

## Third Grade

**We are so proud of the students' hard work on the PARCC test this year! They came in ready to get to work each day. Thanks to the parents for the great attendance during the two week period that we worked on the PARCC test. The students worked long and hard to do their best.**

**In May, all third graders will begin their study of Danville and Vermilion County. We will learn about several important people who called Danville their home. We will culminate our study with a trip to the Vermilion County Museum on Wednesday, May 16th. Please be watching for a permission slip to be coming home soon. There is a \$2 charge for a "mystery souvenir bag" that the museum will put together for us. Please send that in with the permission slip.**

**We will have one more Ag in the Classroom lesson on May 14th. Mrs. Susie Willard from the Vermilion County Farm Bureau will be in our classroom to teach us about soil and gardens. It's always exciting when the "Ag Lady" comes!**

## Fourth Grade

**Last month has been an extremely busy one. We finished our PARCC testing and took a trip to the Danville Public Library. We are not done with school yet. We still have four full weeks in which to finish up all the things we need to get done this school year. On May 1st we are taking a trip to DHS to listen to the Danville Symphony Orchestra. On May 17th we will be taking a trip to Southview Upper Elementary School to check out where we will be attending school next year. If you have not returned your permission slips, please do so ASAP. We will continue to work on math and reading skills needed to finish out the year and prepare for our fifth grade school year. Let's make this last month the best month.**

## Attendance Counts

Mrs. Wise's class has earned the April perfect attendance party! They had the most days of perfect attendance for the month of April. They will be enjoying a slime making party! The class with the most perfect attendance days for the month of May will earn an ice cream sundae party. Please help us by having your child at school everyday and on time.

## From Birth to Three

**Did you know that there are free home visiting services throughout Vermilion County?**

**The H.O.M.E. (Hands On Meaningful Experiences) Program at D118 provides home visiting services through the iGrow Collaboration to offer family-focused services to expectant parents and families with children up to age 3 who reside in District 118. Brandye Kizer and Debbie Plush, Parent Educators offer information about each developmental stage, assist families to locate needed resources, provide fun family events, education, support, and free books! In addition to personal home visits and group connections, our Family Store helps supply baby items and household products for H.O.M.E. participants. If you are interested in home visiting services, or even learning more about them, please**

**call Niah at (217) 483-BABY (2229).**



**From the Desk of Ms. Wilt – School Social Worker...**

Who is your Child’s Role Model?

When your family and friends say that your child acts just like you, are they referring to your positive attributes? We all want our children to represent our best qualities and many of us want our children to be even better than we are! According to Webster’s Dictionary, a role model is defined as “a person whose behavior in a certain role is imitated by others.” Do you want your child’s role model to be you or a super hero on t.v., someone down the street, a neighborhood kid / adult or someone that you have never met? Do you lead by example? Is your behavior and attitude favorable to impersonate? As a parent, you play a vital role in shaping your children’s character and lifestyle. Be an active participant in ensuring that they are instilled with honorable qualities that you want them to possess and demonstrate. Focus your attention on this important process. It should not be left up to society to tell your children who they should be and create their values, whatever those values may be. Your children need YOU to lead, guide, and teach them how to live and enjoy life. In order to do this, you must examine your own lifestyle, including your behaviors, attitudes, outlook on life, relationships, social interactions, diet, exercise, spending, activities, and coping strategies. In the end, what’s needed is a commitment to living day to day as a positive role model for your children in order to have them look to you as their primary “superhero”. Seek out others in your family or community for support in the areas that you may struggle or are having difficulty in making beneficial changes. No one expects perfection, we are all just working together to shape our future!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!**

Congratulation to our May AR Winners!	AVID Spotlight Students
<p><b>Kindergarten:</b> Carter Trimble, Ayress Boyd, Mila King</p> <p><b>1st Grade:</b> Heidy Lopez-Angel, Zalesia Weaver, Masen Martin, Amari Johnson, Anthony Bernardi, Elizabeth Sherman</p> <p><b>2nd Grade:</b> Mason Bohan, Timberly Reed, Ethaniel Wells, Delilah Carter</p> <p><b>3rd Grade:</b> Rihanna Murphy, Larry Setvens, Keiper Engel, JulieOna Keys, Emma Linton, Sakiya Mitchell</p> <p><b>4th Grade:</b> Rashaun Hughes, Emma Taylor, Mariya McCullough, Anna Evans</p>	<p><b>Pre-K:</b> Sincear Forman, Amiyah Gray, Carter Goetzelman, Trent’n Jones, Kylar Sandlin, Elaina Heaton, Rodrecus Murphy Jr.,</p> <p><b>Kindergarten:</b> Aubriel Dyson, Dylan Austin, Cherish Kelly</p> <p><b>1st Grade:</b> Easton Jackson, Julissa Redmond, Blaze Gimer</p> <p><b>2nd Grade:</b> Brooklyn Brown, Owen Gritton, Eris Valzez</p> <p><b>3rd Grade:</b> Brianna Harper, Hunter Beeson, Treyton Shutes, Josiah Evans</p> <p><b>4th Grade:</b> Josh Laury,</p>

**Data Driven**

We have recently made changes to our Tier II and Tier III intervention groups. If you have a student that is new to one of our groups your student should have brought a letter home informing you that they were seeing our intervention team. We base our groups off of our universal screener. In Kindergarten and 1st grade we use the AIMSweb screener in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades we use the STAR 360 screener. As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at the school. We are about a month away from our end of year testing to check the amount of growth your student made this year while at Southwest.