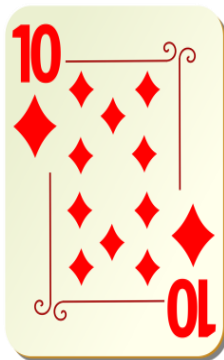


Southwood Newsletter

November/December 2018



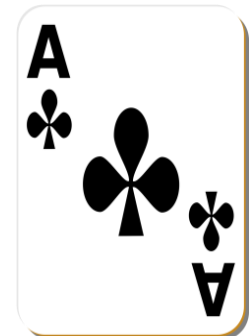
Greeting Southwood Families,



The weather turned quickly this fall, didn't it? It seems like just a few days ago, we were enjoying unusually warm October days, and then reality of the Northwest suddenly rolled through the foothills.

The silver lining is that as we are forced indoors to avoid the rain, wind and cold, we draw closer to our loved ones. We have more opportunity to cuddle up on the couch to enjoy a book or game together.

When we get time with our kids, we parents struggle to decide whether to focus our time on playing together or learning. That's why we're hosting **Family Math Night** on **Wednesday, November 7th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM**. This year we are bringing back the popular theme from two years ago of exploring **card games** that promote math learning. After an hour of fun together, each child will walk away with their own deck of cards, and each parent will receive a packet of instructions for how to replay games at home, tailoring them to the learning level of your kids.



Join me in this special event, and begin your 2018 holiday season prioritizing family, fun **and** learning!

Andy Means

Parent Conferences

Nov. 15, 16, 19, 20

An important event in our school year is the occurrence of parent conferences. This is a time for the teacher to share your student's progress, set goals, and hear from you about your insights, compliments, and concerns.

Parents may now schedule conferences online through Family Access through Tuesday, Nov. 6th at 9am. If you need assistance please call the office at 360-802-7370.

We hope that every parent or guardian will be able to take the time for this important communication in person. Please let us know of anything that might prevent your attendance, and any ways that we might help. Conferences can be rescheduled in the event of unforeseen circumstances. You are your child's first teacher, and an important partner in his or her success. We look forward to seeing you during conference week!

Southwood's Green Team Squad

Southwood's 2018-2019 Green Team Squad has been established. On this year's squad are Ariann Blakely, Hope Kline, Xzavier Luchi and Ava Watkins.

The Green Team Squad works together to help our school to reuse, recycle and reduce. The first project of the year will be to begin to compost the paper towels used in our restrooms. Special waste cans will be outside each bathroom and students will use these for paper towels only. These paper towels can then be put in our compost bin instead of in the trash which goes to a landfill. The Green Team Squad will also be working hard all year on helping our school to become a Level 3 Green School. Be looking for more information in the coming months.



Veteran's Day Assembly
Thursday, Nov. 8th
2:25pm
Southwood Gym

(This is also our 4th grade music concert!)



November Schedule

Early Release 12:15

Conferences

Nov. 15, 16 19, 20

Thanksgiving Break -Nov. 21

No School

Nov. 9- Teacher Planning (non paid)

Nov. 12 - Veteran's Day

Nov. 22, 23- Thanksgiving Break

Picture Retakes

Thursday

Nov. 8

9:00 - 11:00



Counselor's Corner

Dear Southwood Families,

As we continue our school-wide emphasis on Kindness, Panther Lessons have been focused on skills to help students to put kindness into action. Please help your child deepen their learning by talking about these skills and practicing at home.

- **Be Assertive**, Practice sitting or standing straight and tall, look at the speaker, and using a strong and respectful voice say what you want or need. Assertive communication is more effective than being passive or aggressive and is useful in asking an adult for help, saying, “no,” to unsafe actions, and for solving problems with friends.
- **Show Empathy**, Empath is trying to understand how someone else is feeling. Empathy starts by recognizing what feelings look like in another person's face and body and thinking about the situation which gives clues. Empathy is an essential element to building friendships, solving conflicts, and preventing bullying.



By learning to communicate assertively and show empathy, we are growing skills that will be useful our whole lives! Way to go, Panthers!

Rebecca Bowen
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A Christmas Carol

This year the Enumclaw School Foundation and EHS Drama will be presenting *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens for every elementary school.

Southwood will be walking to the Enumclaw High School Auditorium for the show on Dec. 4th at 2:00. Thank you to EHS Drama and the Enumclaw Schools Foundation for this wonderful opportunity!

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Running Club Update

The Jingle Bell Run will be held on
Thursday Dec. 6th at 11:15.

We have over 50 runners already qualified!! The runners go to 6-8 stations where they pick up little prizes, then return to the "Running Club Cafe" for pizza lunch. If you would like to donate a prize or \$\$ for the pizza party, that would be great! If not, we have the support of our wonderful P.T.A. You are more than welcome to come watch the event, just know it goes quickly! I do need some helpers helping serve the pizza and handing out the prizes. Notes will be coming home soon letting you know if your child will be involved! Thank you! Jill Carlson

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Winter Break
No School
December 20 – January 1



School resumes on January 2nd

December Concerts

Dec. 13th - 5th Grade Holiday Concert
6:30-7:00 pm

Dec. 18th - Magic Strings Concert
6:30pm



Clothing Needed for Health Room

Our health room is in need of extra clothing. We especially need pants and shirts for the older students.

Sweat pants always work great for the boys and stretch pants for the girls. Clothes that will fit multiple sizes are great!

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Title 1X/Chapter 28A.640 RCW Officer
Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator
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Enumclaw, WA 98022
360-802-7113

Keri Marquand
Section 504/ADA Coordinator
2929 McDougall Ave.
Enumclaw, WA 98022
360-802-7104

NOVEMBER



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| 4 | 5 | 6 Online Conference Scheduling ends at 9am | 7 Family Math Night 6:30 | 8 Picture Retakes 9-11 Veteran's Day Assembly 2:25 | 9 No School Teacher Planning | 10 |
| 11 | 12 No School Veteran's Day | 13 | 14 | 15 Conferences Early Release 12:15 | 16 Conferences Early Release 12:15 | 17 |
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| 4 | 3 | 4 <i>A Christmas Carol</i> All School goes to EHS Auditorium at 2:00 | 5 | 6 Jingle Bell Run 11:15  | 7 | 8 |
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| 16 | 17 | 18 Magic Strings Concert 6:30 EHS Auditorium | 19 | 20 Winter Break No School | 21 Winter Break No School | 22 |
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