



Southwick Elementary School

Principal: Ms. Valerie Brown March News 2016

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Mission: Together, the families, students, community members, and staff of Southwick inspire lifelong success through teaching and celebrating cultural diversity, differentiating instruction, communicating high expectations, and providing authentic learning experiences in a safe, positive environment.

Vision: The Southwick Community embraces diversity, develops a love of learning, and values high expectations.

School Wide Expectations: Be Caring, Be Responsible, Be Respectful at the **BEST** school in the district!

Website: www.eacs.k12.in.u

Pitching In

Would you like your child to be more responsible, hardworking, and persistent? Here are ideas for working as a family to help your youngster develop these important traits.

A group approach – Thinking of her/himself as a “team player” can encourage your child to be responsible. Explain that your family operates as a team. Everyone must play a part to get things done. *Example:* You take her shopping for her/him clothes & sports equipment. She chooses her outfit each morning and keeps track of her bat and glove.

Hard workers wanted – Your youngster probably has regular chores to do. You can motivate her/him to work extra hard by placing “want ads” on the refrigerator. Choose a challenging job, and offer a benefit. *Example:* Wanted - a hardworking family member to clean out a corner of the basement. Reward - a place for your child and her friends to play.

Sticking it out – Working toward small goals can make it easier to complete a big task. Perhaps your family room needs a fresh coat of paint. Write down the steps (move furniture and lay down drop cloths, prepare walls, roll paint on walls, paint trim). Tell your child you’ll take a fun break after each step is done (go to the playground, take a bike ride).



What’s Happening

March

- 4 Fri Philharmonic 9-10:20 in Gym
- 10 Thur Kindergarten Roundup 8:30-2:30
- Project Reads 3-4:00 Media Ctr.
- 17 Thur Project Reads 3-4:00 Media Ctr.
- 24 Thur Project Reads 3-4:00 Media Ctr.
- 25 Fri **NO SCHOOL – GOOD FRIDAY**

April 1st (Fri) Spring Break Begins. Students return April 11th (Mon)



Attendance:

Part of our school wide improvement plan will be to meet 99% attendance rate at the end of the year. Below are the attendance rates for each grade level:

Current Attendance Rate as of 2/29:

Pre-K – AM – 96.1%; PM – 95.9%

Kindergarten – 97.6%

1st Grade – 96.3%

2nd Grade – 96.7%

Overall – 97.0%



Regular attendance in elementary school sets up a good pattern for your youngster’s entire school career. Show your child that school comes first by keeping days off for illness & family emergencies at a minimum. Also, schedule appts for after school or over school breaks.

FELLOWSHIP MISSIONARY CHURCH CHILDRENS’ CLOTHING RESALE GREAT DEALS

2536 E. Tillman Road Saturday March 12 8:00-12:00



MARK YOUR CALENDERS

KINDERGARTEN/PRE-K ROUND-UP

Thursday March 10, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(First day of Round-up thru end of school year)

Pre-K must be 4 by August 1

Kindergarten must be 5 by August 1

See back for items to bring to register.

OUTSIDE RECESS

Brrr ... Winter has finally arrived!

Please help to ensure your student(s) stays warm by sending them dressed properly including winter coats, hats, mittens, etc. If you need help with any of these items, please don’t hesitate to call the school.

Students need time to run and play in order to stay fit, so we will be taking advantage of outside recess even during the winter months. Unless the temperature reaches 10 degrees (or below, including wind chill), students will be playing outdoors for recess. Students may remain indoors during these times only with notification from a doctor.

Happy Winter!

