


# Southwick Elementary School

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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. **Southwick Pledge:** We are Caring. We are Respectful. We are Responsible. We Soar High like Eagles! **Website:** [www.eacs.k12.in.us](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us) **Like us on Facebook**  Southwick Elementary



## LITERACY TIPS

Parents, reading with your child for 20 minutes DAILY helps them to create a love for reading, and it may contribute to overall academic success. Here are some tips to try at home to promote the power of reading:

- o Keep books readily available at your home and make reading a part of your child's daily routine
- o Set the example; be sure your child sees you read for enjoyment
- o Turn off the TV and read to your child every chance you get
- o Encourage reading for the fun of it as a free-time activity
- o Listen to your child read and talk about the story
- o Monitor your child's schoolwork and applaud their efforts.



Instill the joy of reading!

## Attendance

A significant number of students are tardy to school often. When your child is tardy, it causes a disruption to the school day. Students begin learning as soon as the 8:20 a.m. bell rings. We encourage you to help us by making sure your child arrives to school on time every day.

## Behavior

As a child's parent, you are his or her first teacher. Teaching positive behavior is very important in the early stages of a child's school career. You can help us at school by checking your child's behavior chart daily, talking with your child about his or her behavior, and responding appropriately to the behavior so that positive behavior is rewarded and negative behavior is corrected.

Here are some tips:

- Reward good behavior.
- Your child will mimic your actions and words. Act and speak the way you want your child to act and speak.
- Be kind, but firm.
- Correct inappropriate and annoying behaviors, especially if the child's bad behavior might be harmful or dangerous.
- Be consistent. Give consequences to correct bad behavior as soon as it occurs.
- Use "time-out" or take away things they like (Ex. TV, video games, or time with friends).
- Talk with your child about the bad behavior and provide options for handling situations correctly.
- Encourage your child and give praise for positive behavior or good behavior reports.

## BEHAVIOR CHART CODES



Off the Chart    Excellent    Good    Warning    Bad

## Lockouts

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with our lockout on March 27<sup>th</sup>. It is the policy of EACS to do not let anyone enter or exit the building until an "all clear" is called. Please know that this is for the safety of all students and staff. We appreciate your cooperation as we do our best to maintain a safe learning environment.

## What's Happening

### March 31<sup>st</sup> thru April 9<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break

#### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sat Industrial Tech Auction @ Paul Harding 10am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mon Students Return from Spring Break  
Scholastic Book Fair Begins: 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>
- 12<sup>th</sup> Wed Tin Caps Game – Entire School
- 13<sup>th</sup> Thurs Project Reads 3-4:00 Room 21
- 14<sup>th</sup> Fri **GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Thurs SPTO Skating Party 6:00-8:00  
Project Reads 3-4:00 Room 21
- 21<sup>st</sup> Fri Spring Pictures
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sat Autism Fair – Park Hill
- 27<sup>th</sup> Thurs Project Reads 3-4:00 Room 21
- 28<sup>th</sup> Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Zoo Trip



## BE CARING BE RESPECTFUL BE RESPONSIBLE PBIS Happenings

### Character Counts at Southwick!



The following students were nominated by their teachers for displaying RESPECT. Congratulations to ...Navaah Dowdell, Kanyja Grigsby, Miley Morua, Haley Gardner, Nicah Suel, Lawrence Whitmore/ "LT", Payten Trice, Justin Richardson, Alexa Garcia, Shwesin Thant, Hman Ka Sauf, Christina Zin Mimi Ka, Demonie Billingsley, Swe Toe, Anisa Begum Binti Yunus, Hannah Din, Shane Rogers, Gabriella Saw, Mer Ther Na Soe, Nyla Luangamath & Romans Tway!

Each of these students had their picture taken and posted on the Character Counts display across from the main office and received a coupon for a free scoop of custard from Culver's. Great job!



Just a reminder that each month your child has an opportunity to earn some special incentive for making great choices. Students who end the day on red no more than 3 times in a month, and have NO in or out of school suspensions, are able to participate in the incentive for that month. For the month of March, students were working to earn the opportunity to take a trip to the movie theater! The cost is \$2 for students who earned the trip. Please encourage your child to make great choices! ☺

### Dates for the Field Trip:

2<sup>nd</sup> grade- April 19<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> grade- April 18<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten- April 20<sup>th</sup>