



Southwick Elementary School

Principal: Mrs. Diamond Robinson

Title 1 Administrative Assistant: Ms. Augustine Pugh

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!

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COMING SOON!

KINDEGARTEN ROUND-UP & PRE-K starts on **March 9th**. Children must be 5 years old by August 1st to qualify for Kindergarten and 4 years old by August 1st to be considered for Pre-K. If your child meets the age requirement, you may complete the registration process as soon as March 9th to avoid the last minute rush at the beginning of the next school year.

LITERACY TIPS

Parents, reading with your child OFTEN 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 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

Every day, a significant number of students are tardy to school. When your child is tardy, it causes a disruption to the school day. Students begin learning as soon as 8:20am bell rings so when your child is tardy.

- ** He or she misses breakfast.
- ** He or she misses valuable instructional time.
- ** It may create a negative start to your child's school day, causing him or her to misbehave.
- ** Entering the classroom late interrupts the learning of other students.
- ** It may send a message to your child that education is not important.
- ** It affects your child's attendance record, and frequent tardies may result in truancy actions.

We encourage you to help us by making sure your child arrives to school on time every day.



Behavior

There have been several reports of students being physical with other students on the bus (kicking, pushing, hitting, etc). This behavior is unacceptable & will result in suspension from the bus, which will require the child's parent to provide transportation to and from school. Repeated physical behaviors may result in termination of transportation privileges, making the child's parent responsible for transportation the remainder of the school year, and it may also result in suspension or expulsion from school. Please talk to your child about expected behavior on the bus.

Bus Expectations:

- ** Stay in seat (bottom to bottom back to back)
- ** Keep hands, feet & objects to self and out of aisle.
- ** Speak softly.
- ** No playing, No hitting, No teasing.
- ** Respect the bus driver.



What's Happening

February

2nd Thurs

SPTO Skating Party 6:-8:00 @ Bells

Project Reads 3:00-4:00 Room 21

7th Tues

NO SCHOOL TEACHER INSERVICE

9th Thurs

Project Reads 3:00-4:00 Room 21

14th Tues

VALENTINE'S DAY

16th Thurs

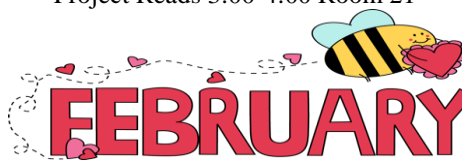
Project Reads 3:00-4:00 Room 21

20th Mon

NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY

23rd Thurs

Project Reads 3:00-4:00 Room 21



BE CARING BE RESPECTFUL BE RESPONSIBLE

PBIS Happenings

Character Counts at Southwick!



We are excited to begin recognizing students who are displaying good character in a new way. Teachers will nominate 1 student from their room who has demonstrated the character pillar of the month. Those students will be entered into a drawing to win a prize & have their picture displayed on our Character Count display. Thank you for all that you are doing to teach & promote good character with your child.



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 are able to participate in the incentive for that month. During the month of February, students are working on earning hot cocoa and a treat.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Full pay book statements have been sent home again. If you feel you should not have received one, please make sure you have completed the "free and reduced lunch form" on your parent access account. Full pay book fees will be turned over to collections February 28, 2017.

