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Southwest Elementary School

Southwest Elementary School will provide students with a safe, positive, and encouraging environment to show individual growth in academic and social interactions. Our staff will maximize student achievement through collaboration, differentiation, high expectations, best practices, and data driven curriculum aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards.

Hello families and March! We are excited to see more sunlight and see our families during conferences! Please sign up for a time so we can share your student's information. We are very proud of what we are accomplishing together!
Ms. Deignan

Southwest Phone Numbers:

Kindergarten - 4th Grade-444-3500

PreK-444-3266



Parent-Teacher Conferences-PreK-4

No PM PreK on 3/14 and 3/16

Please look for a conference form to come home with your student. It is important to fill it out and return it as soon as possible so that your child's teacher can schedule the time that works best for you. You will get a confirmation note with your conference day and time on it. Please contact the school, K-4 at 444-3500, PreK at 444-3266, or your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Remember Tuesday, March 14 and Thursday, March 16 are 1:30 dismissal and no afternoon PreK.

K-4 Conference Times:

Tuesday, March 14- 3-6:30 PM

Thursday, March 16- 3-6:15 PM

(PreK Conferences start at 12:30)

No school Friday, March 17 or March 20-24-Spring Break

We will have Kindergarten Registration during conferences and the week of March 13-16!

Illinois Principal's Association Award

Congratulations to Fourth Graders Keira Morris and Cole Montel for being chosen to attend the IPA Special Recognition Breakfast on Friday, February 10. All principals in the Illini Region are invited to join with IPA Illini Region members in celebrating student achievement. Keira and Cole were chosen because of their excellent combination of academic achievement and character! Congratulation students and your families! Your hard work is paying off!!

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Tips from Ms. Wilt, School Social Worker

One of the biggest child discipline issues parents have to handle is how to deal with a child who is talking back to them. Backtalk in a home with young children is a common, normal, everyday occurrence. Here are a few tips that can be helpful as you face the challenge of backtalk:

- **Get calm; stay calm.** How you respond to your child can set the tone for your interactions. Kids can be extremely skilled at pushing their parents' buttons. But when you show that you are calm and in control, that sets an example for your child and shows him how he should behave.
- **Don't get into a war of words.** When parents respond to kids' back talk with retorts of their own, they are inadvertently saying that this is an acceptable way to handle conflict.
- **Remind yourself that this is a natural part of development.** Talking back is something all kids naturally do as they grow more independent and assertive.
- **Keep track of when back talk happens.** Is your child irritable after school? Does she tend to exhibit negative behavior such as talking back when she hasn't had enough sleep? Try to keep tabs on when your child talks back so that you can take steps to change or eliminate those triggers.
- **Give and ask for respect.** When your child expresses his opinion about something, it's actually a good thing. That said, it's important for parents to balance understanding with a requirement for respect. Be sure to emphasize the message that you will not listen to what they have to say until they are able to speak to you in a calm and respectful manner.
- **Show your child that you are listening.** Once both you and your child have calmed down, give your child your full attention. Show your child that when he holds up his end of the bargain -- speaking to you in a respectful and calm manner to express what he wants or thinks -- he earns and gets your attention.



****Yearbook Orders are due
Thursday, March 2 (\$10.00)!******



CPR Video Opportunity

The link below provides a video for IHSA (Illinois High School Association) staff to have the opportunity to view. Public Act 098-0305 indicates school districts shall notify parents and encourage you to view the video, too! Please go to the link below to view the CPR video:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=098-0305&GA+98>

If you view our newsletter through our webpage, you can click on the link and go directly to the video! It is 6 minutes and walks you through check, call, compress CPR save a life.



Remember to send back your form! We love seeing you, and we have lots to share!