



# — SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

## COYOTE CLASSIFIED



APRIL 2019

### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Thank you for your support at parent/teacher conferences. If you were unable to make it, please contact your child's teacher to discuss their current progress. Our students have been working hard all quarter to improve their skills and I am sure our staff has lots of great information to update you with.

Elementary summer school will be held at Mark Denman Elementary School. Summer school will take place from Friday, June 7th— Wednesday, July 3rd from 8:00AM—12:30 PM. Breakfast and lunch will both be included. Please keep an eye out for permission slips to come home.

I am also excited to announce that District 118 will again be offering several summer programming enrichment opportunities throughout all of summer school. Please keep your eye out for our summer programming booklet.

Mark your calendars for the second annual District 118 Centralized Registration at David S. Palmer Arena (Civic Center). Registration will take place on June 12 from 3:00 PM—7:00 PM, June 13 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM—6:00 PM, and June 14 from 8:00 AM—12:00 PM. All PK-12 students can be registered at the same time and at the same place. If you are a returning student, please remember to complete your packet at home and bring it with you for express checkout. Please refer to our Facebook page and school website for future updates.

### Thank you for your contribution to our education:

KDBA staff/students

Jacqueline Lacy

Don and Deanna Witzel

Mike and Julie Hulvey

Dr. Alicia Geddis

Mr. John Hart

Scott and Linda Darby-Dowers

Suzie Shannon

Dr. Randall Ashton

Pastor and Gladys Davis

Mayor Rickey Williams

Dept. Zachary Davis

Kim Pabst

Michelle Smith

Hometown Stars McDonalds

County Market (south)

Papa Murphy's

### APRIL CALENDAR

- 4/2-4/12 3rd and 4th Grade IAR testing
- 4/8-4/12 PK Week of the Young Child
- 4/1 Send newsletter home
- 4/4 Spring Pictures (PK-4) Boys Track/Girls Club Innovation 2:30-4:30 Family Skate Night 5-7 Illini Skate-land
- 4/5 Night of Singing and Dancing @ DHS
- 4/9 Girls Track/Boys Club Innovation 2:30-4:30
- 4/10 BOE Meeting 6:30 PM @ JB
- 4/11 Boys Track/Girls Club Innovation 2:30-4:30
- 4/13 Mobile Food Truck 8:30-12:00 @ SVUE
- 4/15 4th Grade Library Field Trip
- 4/16 Girls Track/Boys Club Innovation 2:30-4:30 McTeacher's Night 5-7 PM @ South McDonalds OIE Meeting 6:00 PM @ DHS
- 4/18 1st Grade Library Field Trip Boys Track/Girls Club Innovation 2:30-4:30
- 4/19 No School
- 4/22 No School
- 4/23-26 4th Grade Forrest Glen Field Trip
- 4/23 Girls Track/Boys Club Innovation 2:30-4:30
- 4/24 Progress Reports go Home
- 4/25 Boys Track/Girls Club Innovation 2:30-4:30
- 4/26 PBIS Celebration-STEM Day Birthday Celebrations
- 4/30 Girls Track/Boys Club Innovation 2:30-4:30

The preschool classrooms have been extremely excited for the warmer weather and the chance to get back outside for our gross motor times! Some of the classroom themes this month have been construction, dinosaurs, nursery rhymes, clothing, 5 senses, community helpers, transportation, Dr. Seuss, weather, and vehicles. We are looking forward to celebrating the Week of the Young child April 8-12, which celebrates young learners and their families. We will have many activities planned throughout the week including music, food, teamwork, art, and family fun! We hope that you will join us for our Spring Sing and Family Fling on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Fliers were sent home with specific details for your child's class! We have our final screenings for the school year in April, so if you have a child or know a child who is aged 3-5 and would like to be a part of our program, please have them call 444-3266 to set up a screening appointment!



Mrs. Keyser teaching about the word "dissolve" during her skittle experiment at Southwest STEM night.

## KINDERGARTEN

We would like to thank everyone that came to Parent-Teacher conferences last month. We only have 9 weeks left. Our contest for counting to 101 is over. Please continue working on it at home if your child has not mastered it yet. Our contest for the end of the year is to know all 46 sight words. Students that know all their sight words will participate in a special celebration for reaching their goal. We appreciate your support and are excited about the next 9 weeks of Kindergarten!

## FIRST GRADE

Thank you so much to all the parents who came in for conferences! We are happy to have our students back 😊 Hope you had a great Spring Break! This month, we have our Library field trip on April 18<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Brown and Ms. Coffman's student teachers will be in full take over. In reading this month, we will be studying weather and space and in math, measurement, two digit addition and subtraction, and time.

## Second Grade

We enjoyed seeing you all at Parent Teacher Conferences and hope you had a great spring break! We are excited to get back into the swing of things. In reading we are beginning our unit, Wind and Water Change Earth. In math we will finish up subtracting within 1,000. We will then begin our measuring unit. This includes measuring in inches, centimeters, yards, feet, and meters. April 16 is McTeacher's Night at McDonald's on Gilbert. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **A note from Mrs. Edrington**

There are some really easy things you can do at home to help your child build a love for math and develop their math critical thinking skills at the same time.

Games – There are so many games that kids play that help with basic math skills. Yahtzee (basic addition), Connect Four (Problem Solving), Card Games (Number Identification, Patterns, Greatest Number/Less Number, Monopoly (Counting Money), Battleship (Coordinate Graphing).

Calendar – You can use the calendar for number recognition, counting, Addition/Subtraction.

Cooking/Baking – You can use this as a great time to help them not only learn important life skills, but for measurement, multiplication, division.

## Third Grade

Happy Spring! It was nice to see everyone for parent teacher conferences. We hope your students got rest over the break and are ready for two weeks of testing! We will be taking the English Language Arts test the first week back, followed by the math test the next week. You can access practice tests at: <https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/> to practice at home with your student. After testing we will jump back into learning, "What is a community?" in reading. In math we will be working to solve problems involving time, capacity, and mass. We are excited to receive our first letters from our Faith in Action Pen Pals and look forward to responding back!

## Fourth Grade

**Fourth grade had a great time on their field trip to the Krannert Center. The students enjoyed watching the tap dance performance. It held their attention and their behavior was great. April is a busy month for us. Starting Tuesday, April 2nd through April 11th they will be taking the state testing. They will have three math and two reading tests. All we ask is they try their best. Track and Innovators Club starts April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the note for dates if your child signed up for those. We are wrapping up fractions in math. We are reading the novel *Number the Stars* in reading. It is a book about the Holocaust. Ask your child about it. It goes along with our reading unit Confronting Challenges. Also, our favorite week of the year is coming soon. Outdoor school at Forest Glen is April 23rd-26th. There will be more information to come.**

## Health Requirements for School Year 2019-2020

There are some important requirements you should be aware of before school starts.

### Pre-K, Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> grade

These students MUST have an Illinois school physical and up to date immunizations. Until completed, your child will not be able to attend school. Copies of health examination forms are available from your healthcare provider.

### Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Proof of the following is required BEFORE your child may start school:

Illinois Physical Exam

Diabetes screening

Lead screening

Vision exam by Optometrist- Kindergarten and students new to IL schools

Up-to-date Immunizations

DTP—Polio—MMR—Varicella—Hepatitis B (6<sup>th</sup> grade)—Meningococcal (6<sup>th</sup> grade & 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Proof of Residency

Birth Certificate

We encourage you to make appointments now. Many physicians will be full and unable to schedule an appointment in August.



## McTeacher's Night



Please join us at south McDonald's on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 from 5-7 PM for Southwest's McTeacher's Night. 20% of the sales from the evening will be donated to the school to help with the purchase of a new inflatable. All Southwest students in attendance can enter a drawing for a chance to win a prize basket.



**Attendance Counts!!!**

K-4 classes have been in competition all year long to earn perfect attendance parties. The class with the most perfect attendance days for the month can earn a class celebration. Mrs. Mickna's second grade class won a cookie decorating party for the month of December; Mrs. Lehman's 3rd grade class won a hot chocolate and snowman treat party for the months of January and February; and there is a very close race for March's pizza party. Classes will compete for a slime party for the month of April. Please help us by having your child to school everyday and on time.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!**

<p><b>Congratulation to our December AR Winners!</b></p>	<p><b>AVID Spotlight Students</b></p>
<p><b>1st Grade:</b> Jozi Jackson, Devin McDaniel, Adio Bryant, Hadley Borst, Carter Trimble, Mila King</p> <p><b>2nd Grade:</b> Brycen Hamilton, Madison Rusk, Sora Diffenderfer, Estelle Cooper</p> <p><b>3rd Grade:</b> Lennon Cox, Elena Barnes, Isaiah Sheppard, Hannah Porter, Timberly Reed, Eris Valdez</p> <p><b>4th Grade:</b> Keiper Engel, Hunter Beeson, JeLanna Tall</p>	<p><b>Pre-K:</b> Bri'elle Gouard, Edward Phillipott, Emmett Davis, Quincy Griffin, Novie Bruens, Erinayah Kelly, Elaina Combs, Hunter Rouse, Chelsea Watson, Arian Earles, Delynn Bruce</p> <p><b>Kindergarten:</b> Silias Bradfield, Elaina Heaton</p> <p><b>1st Grade:</b> Elayne Chambers, Cherish Kelly, Tranaeja Williams</p> <p><b>2nd Grade:</b> Linda Ramos, Ella Sorey, Kalyssa McCollum</p> <p><b>3rd Grade:</b> Greyson Laird, Love Wright, Eris Valdez</p> <p><b>4th Grade:</b> Layla Kemp, ZeMario Chalmers</p>

**From the school nurse:**

Do you have a child entering Kindergarten?

There are some important requirements that you should be aware of before school starts. Until completed, your student will not be able to attend school. Our goal is that every child have all of the requirements completed at registration.

Proof of the following is required:

- Physical exam (must include diabetes screening)
- Up to date immunizations
- Lead screening
- Proof of residency
- Court house issued birth certificate

Copies of health examination forms are available in the school office or from your health care provider.

Don't forget to plan ahead! Proof of an eye exam is due October 15<sup>th</sup> and dental exam by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder: All 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders also need a physical and immunizations. Students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade are required to show a Meningococcal booster.