



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

COYOTE CLASSIFIED



FEBRUARY 2019

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 2/1 PBIS Celebration-
Game Day
Class Picture Day
- 2/5 Boys B-Ball 2:30-4:30
Girls Problem Solv-
ing 2:30-4:30
- 2/6 Progress Reports go
Home
4th Grade Science
and Industry
Museum Field
Trip
- 2/7 Girls B-Ball 2:30-4:30
Boys Problem Solv -
ing 2:30-4:30
Family Skate Night/
Family Council 5-7
@ Illini Skate Land
- 2/9 4th Grade B-Ball
Tournament @ MDE
8:00 vs. MDE 1 (Boys)
8:45 vs. MDE 1 (Girls)
9:30 vs. MP (Boys)
10:15 vs. MP (Girls)
- 2/13 K-4 Early Dismissal
1:30 PM
Wacky Wednesday
50 Cent-Hat Day
- 2/13 BOE Meeting 6:30
PM @ JB
- 2/15 No School for PK
- 2/18 No School PK-4
- 2/19 Scholastic Bowl
Practice 2:30-4:30
- 2/21 Scholastic Bowl
Practice 2:30-4:30
- 2/22 Student B-Day cele
brations
- 2/26 Scholastic Bowl
Meet @ MP
- 2/27 BOE Meeting 6:30
PM @ JB
- 2/28 Scholastic Bowl
Practice 2:30-4:30
STEM Night 5-6:30

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Our K-4 students LOVED attending college for the day. We heard nothing but great feedback from our students. Please take some time to check out all of the pictures from our trip and be sure to view the Channel 3 news clip to see if you can spot your child. We could not have managed such an event without the help and support of all of our SW staff! Students left excited about what their futures hold and anxious to return when they are older.

We have two family events this month and we hope you are able to attend both. Family Skate Night/Family Council will be on Thursday, February 7th from 5:00-7:00 PM at Illini Skate Land. Ms. Witzel will be sharing AVID strategies your children have been working on as well as discussing AVID activities/projects we have coming up. This is a great way to enjoy your students and learn a bit more about what is going on at SW.

Our STEM night will be on Thursday, February 28th from 5:00-6:30 PM. Students and parents will have the opportunity to participate in several STEM stations. Teachers are preparing different interactive stations that will be fun for you and your child to participate in.

As it is getting colder please ensure you are sending your student to school with a coat, hat and gloves. If you need any assistance with this please let us know.

Thank you for your contribution to our education:

Professor Bill Spencer- U Of I	Tim Green	Jamar Brown
Tim Prunkard	David Browne	H.S. Helpers
Mr. Hart	Don Morrow	ASCE
Dustin Burns	Mr. Overstreet	U of I ARC Staff
Smart Structures Tech. Lab	Joey Bunton	Jackie Prunkard
United Church of Tilton		

~~~~~**Pre-K**~~~~~

The preschool teachers hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday break. Many classrooms spent the first week back reviewing the rules and getting back into the classroom routines. Some of the classroom themes this month have included snow, winter, nursery rhymes, the 5 senses, gingerbread man, and clothing. Beginning at the end of January, the preschool rooms will be focusing on letter sound awareness in addition to their thematic units. We encourage families to work with their children at home by pointing out letters and their sounds, especially with the children who will be going to kindergarten in the fall. There will be no preschool on 2/15 due to a preschool staff training. If you know someone who is interested in having their child screened, the next screening will be February 7<sup>th</sup> in Danville. Call 444-3266 to set up an appointment.



Mrs. Christison's students playing in the snow.

### KINDERGARTEN

All of our students that meet their goal of knowing all their letters and sounds were able to partake in a pizza party. We had 91% of our Kindergarten students that were able to participate. We have a new goal for this quarter. We will be having a celebration for those students that can count to 101.

We hope to see you on STEM (Science and Math) night on Thursday, February 28 from 5-6:30 p.m.

101

### FIRST GRADE

January was a great month! We went to college, the traveling naturalist from Forest Glen visited and Mrs. Spicer came to talk with us about her career as an x-ray technician as part of our reading unit on technology in the work place! We were even able to build our very own 1st grade solar powered robot! February, we will start Unit 6, morals of stories and how we learn from the mistakes characters make. In math, we are working on writing mixed addition and subtraction equations and story problems. This month, we will also be talking about influential black Americans in history, as well as our Presidents and the contributions they all have made to make our country a better place to live. Last, but definitely not least, we will be doing an author study on the Seusstastic author, Dr. Seuss the last week in February, which goes perfectly with our reading unit on morals! Phew, we will be learning a lot!!!! Can't wait for students to share what they have learned with you.

### Second Grade

We hope you have been staying warm in all this cold weather! We had a great time on our field trip to the University of Illinois last month. Be sure to check the Southwest Facebook page to see pictures from the field trip. In Reading we are continuing our unit on Solving Problems Through Technology. The students have enjoyed reading about different inventions and even brainstorming some of their own. In Math we will finish up our unit on time. Please continue to practice this at home! We will also start working with numbers to 1,000. This includes naming the value of each digit in a number, reading and writing 3-digit numbers, comparing numbers using place value, and skipping by 5's, 10's, and 100's to 1000. Have a great February!

### Third Grade

This month we are reading about advancements in technology. We invite you to have a conversation with your student about your first cell phone, video game, CD, etc. In math we are working on three digit addition and subtraction and estimating. Keep quizzing your student on multiplication facts and encourage him/her to read at home to prepare for accelerated reader tests. We enjoyed our visit from the traveling naturalist in January and look forward to "the Ag Lady" returning this month. The Valentine's Day party is approaching. The third grade teachers will be sending home class lists next week.

### Fourth Grade

We are really looking forward to our rescheduled trip to the Museum of Science and Industry on Wednesday, February 6th! In math, we are working hard on fractions! Once we have completed making equivalent fractions we will move on to adding and subtracting fractions. In reading, we have started Unit 5: Technology for a Green Future. We have really enjoyed debating the pros and cons between using solar energy and natural gas! Be sure to ask your student which they think is better and why!

### A Note from Nurse High

Public health officials want you to protect yourself and your family against pandemic flu. Here are some ways to stop the spread of germs and sickness:

- Keep children who are sick at home. Don't send them to school if they have vomiting, diarrhea or a fever. They must be without fever, vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school. Please call the nurse if you are not sure if your student should be at school or not.
- Teach your children to wash hands with a lot with soap and water for 20 seconds. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to stay away at least three feet away from people who are sick.
- **Make sure Southwest staff has working phone numbers for you to be reached in case your child has an illness or emergency.**

If you have any questions, please contact your School Nurse or healthcare provider. You can call the School Nurse at (217)444-3546.



## Data Driven

Students have completed our Winter Benchmark testing. We know our students work hard each day and their dedication to their education was evident in our testing scores. The building saw some good increases in both reading and math scores. This month I challenge you to have some fun with numbers with your kids. Ask them to help you estimate the cost of groceries, count with them in the car, have them help you cook dinner and measure out the ingredients! Numbers are everywhere and anytime we can help our students interact with them in the real world helps to prepare them for their future.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!

| Congratulation to our December AR Winners!                                                                     | AVID Spotlight Students                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1st Grade:</b> Jaida Hoover, Heavenlee O'Banion, Zuri Howard,<br>Hadley Borst, Easter Trimble               | <b>Pre-K:</b> S'Mir Stanciel, Charity Henton, Lincoln Yeung-Jones,<br>Ryker Wendell, Luna Beirl, Jamir Smith, Lillian Proietti, |
| <b>2nd Grade:</b> Kalyssa McCollum, Tarnell Young, Heidi Lopez,<br>Rylee Hardesty, Roy Anderson, Mason Shaffer | LuKane Connor, Jatayvion Carter, Mia London<br><b>Kindergarten:</b> Rayne Thomas, Rickie Clark,                                 |
| <b>3rd Grade:</b> Faith Perkins, Tyler Adam, Ethaniel Wells,<br>Hannah Porter, Emma Cosat                      | <b>1st Grade:</b> Leah Dillon, Adio Bryant<br><b>2nd Grade:</b> Bob Cunningham, Lillian Rhodes, Tucker Powell                   |
| <b>4th Grade:</b> Jontaya Glover, Layla Kemp, Jelanna Tall                                                     | <b>3rd Grade:</b> Hannah Porter, Jayden Fisher, Madilynn Olvera<br><b>4th Grade:</b> Jontaya Glover, Keeley Jacobs              |

## AVID

Our K-4 "Southwest Goes to College Day" was a huge success! Students spent the day at the University of Illinois and had the opportunity to explore the campus recreation center and Department of Civil and Environmental Engineer. Students left excited about their futures and the possibility of attending college. In the next few months SW classes will be spending some time exploring different universities and professions. Please continue to talk to your student about their future goals and how AVID qualities can help achieve them.

**A**lways prepared, **V**ery respectful, **I**ntentionally safe, **D**etermined and responsible

**\*Erin's Law was reviewed with K-4th on October 24th, 2018 and with PK the 5-16th of November. Please contact either Mrs. Cline or Ms. Wilt if you have any further questions.**