



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

COYOTE CLASSIFIED



MARCH 2019

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Wow! It seems like February has just flown by. We enjoyed seeing you at Family Skate Night and having your children share about AVID. Attendance has significantly improved in comparison to last year! Thank you for keeping your children home when they are ill and have fevers!

I am so proud of our SW students for presenting at the school board meeting. They discussed what it means to be an AVID student at Southwest and told about our "SW Goes to College" field trip. They did an excellent job representing SW students. Please check out our "SW is and AVID School and SW Goes to College" video on our school facebook page. Kuddos to Joey Bunton for creating our awesome school video!

Our students and families had a great evening at the Family STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology, Math) Night. The activities prepared by the SW staff allowed students to use their problem skills in order to complete specific tasks. We enjoyed watching families collaborate with each other.

Please be on the look-out for the Parent/Teacher conference forms. We hope to have to opportunity to sit down with you and chat about your child's education. Conferences will be held on March 19th and 21st.

MARCH CALENDAR

- 3/1 Dr. Seuss Day
PBIS Celebration-
Dr. Seuss Field Day
- 3/2 Food Mobile @
SVUE 8:30-12:30
- 3/5 1st Grade Maple
Syrup Field Trip
Scholastic Bowl Meet
4-5 PM @ MDE
- 3/6 K-4 Early Dismissal
1:30 PM
Wacky Wednesday
50 Cent-cotton
candy day
- 3/7 Scholastic Bowl Cul
minating Activity
3:15-4:15 @ SW
- 3/12 Scholastic Bowl Meet
4-5 PM @ SW
- 3/13 BOE Meeting 6:30
PM @ JB
- 3/14 4th grade Krannert
Field Trip
- 3/15 Birthday
Celebrations
- 3/19 K-4 Early Dismissal
1:30 PM
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
- 3/21 K-4 Early Dismissal
1:30 PM
No PK classes
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
- 3/22 NO SCHOOL
- 3/25-3/29 Spring Break
NO SCHOOL
- 4/1 Return to School

Thank you for your contribution to our education:

McDonalds

Papa Murphy's

Joey Bunton

Joan Beagle

The preschool classrooms have had a fun month of February. We continue to increase our sound-letter correspondence through practice with the Jolly Phonics letter program. Some of the classroom themes have included Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, friendship (Valentine's Day), Community Helpers, Dental Health, Clothing, Inventors, Nursery Rhymes, and Buildings. Many of the classrooms participated in Dr. Seuss week the last week of February, where they dressed up in fun and crazy clothes and did silly activities each day based on a different Dr. Seuss book. In addition, many of the classrooms got together with their K-4 buddies to participate in a black history month activity. We are looking forward to meeting with our families during the upcoming spring parent-teacher conferences in March. There are only a couple of screenings left for this year so if you have a child who will be three years old **on or before April 25th**, please call 444-3266 to set up a screening appointment.



Mrs. Keyser's class acting out "Rub a Dub Dub" during their nursery rhyme study.

KINDERGARTEN

KINDERGARTEN IS FLYING BY!

WE WILL BE FINISHING UP ON OUR COUNTING TO 101 CONTEST AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. WE HAVE 27 STUDENTS SO FAR THAT CAN COUNT TO 101. PLEASE CONTINUE WORKING WITH YOUR CHILD ON THIS SKILL SO THEY CAN ATTEND THE CELEBRATION.

OUR NEXT CELEBRATION WILL BE FOR THE STUDENTS THAT KNOW ALL THEIR SIGHT WORDS.

WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES. YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED.

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FIRST GRADE

This month we will be heading to Forest Glen for our Maple Syrup Days field trip! We hope many of our parents will be able to join us as we expose students to our local parks and discuss human impact on nature. In reading, we will be wrapping up our unit on morals of stories and how we can learn from the mistakes of others. Our next unit will be a study on life in the past, present, and future. In math, we will be working with place value and graphing.

Second Grade

We are kicking off this month by celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 1st. This month we will be working on our cursive handwriting. In math, we will be adding and subtracting three-digit numbers. In Reading, we will start Unit 7 Investigating the Past. Be on the look out for a note about parent teacher conferences. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Third Grade

In February we enjoyed the "Ag Lady's" lesson on soil and John Deer's plow. In honor of February being Black History Month, each class did a presentation on an important historical figure during "pack time." This month third grade is partnering with Faith in Acton and will be writing Pen Pal letters to individuals. The topic asks them to write about how third grade is different from first grade. We look forward to seeing everyone's families for parent teacher conferences. Please be watching for papers coming home regarding scheduling. We appreciate you turning those in quickly so we can accommodate everyone's needs.

Fourth Grade

We cannot believe it is March already! We look forward to seeing everyone at parent/teacher conferences (March 19th and 21st) right before spring break! Be on the lookout for conference forms to get preferred times. We also have several field trips coming up in March, April and May. Please keep an eye out for permission slips and information about those. We are working on adding and subtracting mixed numbers in math. Our current reading unit is about characters facing challenges and how we overcome obstacles. Miss Burke is coming to visit 4th grade every week until the end of the year for the new Too Good For Drugs program. We have had a lot of fun playing games and getting to talk about our friends, families and hobbies.

AVID @ Home

Am I Being Responsible?	Am I Being Respectful?	Am I Being Safe?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did I get my planner/agenda signed today? • Did I do my homework? • Did I read at home? • Did I do my chores and straighten my bedroom? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did I listen to – and follow – my parent's directions? • Did I use an appropriate voice tone when speaking with my family members? • Did I use good manners? (Say please, thank you, excuse me) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did I eat healthy, well-balanced meals today? • Did I get some exercise or spend time outside today? • Did I take a shower and brush my teeth today? • Did I think about how my actions could affect others?

Always prepared, Very respectful, Intentionally safe, Determined and responsible



ESL–Ms. Galindo

We are all done with ACCESS testing and are getting back into Benchmark. First grade group is reading stories that teach a lesson and we are also working with words that describe. Second and third grade groups are reading nonfiction text that go into detail about how animals adapt to survive and comparing different animals using the Venn diagram. Fourth grade is working on understanding different points of view through both non-fiction and fictional text. Continue reading at home everyday!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!

Congratulation to our February AR Winners!	AVID Spotlight Students
<p>1st Grade: SonShyne Barnes, Kendyl Maynor, Cherish Kelly, Hadley Borst, Heavenlee O'Banion, Mila King</p> <p>2nd Grade: Ayden Ford Withers, Faith Sanchez, Rylee Hardesty, Brennan Stanford</p> <p>3rd Grade: Payton Heroux, Jerall Morris, Elijah Kelly, Hannah Porter, Timberly Reed, Emma Cosat</p> <p>4th Grade: Aislin Gerety, Trent Adam, Emiliano Noghrechi, JeLanna Tall</p>	<p>Pre-K: Jadae'ion Gregory, Sophiya Taapken, Henrietta Crutcher, Traelynn Jefferson, Sophia Sheahan, Kyla August, Christopher Hayes, McKinley Pitts, Cherish Lucky,</p> <p>Kindergarten: Jermeir Brown, Fenix Murphy</p> <p>1st Grade: Brinkley Engel, Wiley Hardesty, Blaze Phillips, Crecenciana Lopez</p> <p>2nd Grade: Rylee Hardesty, Kimmy Love,</p> <p>3rd Grade: Nerissa Cox, Tania Howard, Payton Heroux</p> <p>4th Grade: Jeremy Boston, Micheal Sorey, Dallas Lynch</p>

Data Driven

Reading with your child is so important, but deciding what to read can be a struggle. A good practice is to read every night with our children. Here are some ideas of ways to promote reading at home.

Encourage your child to read another one ~~~ Take turns reading ~~~ Make connections to your child's life ~~~ Give your child an incentive to read ~~~ Try different types of books and magazines ~~~ Turn on the closed captioning on your television

***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.**