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Mrs. Nicole Lynch, Assistant Principal

Important Dates

September

- Character Counts! - Fairness
- 3- Modified Wednesday, Release at 1:50 PM
- 5 - School Spirit Day
- 8 - PTO Executive Board Meeting - 3:30 PM
- 9- Individual Student Picture Day
- 9- School Advisory Meeting - 6 PM, Media Center
- 10- 5th Grade Vision Screening
- 10- Modified Wednesday, Release at 1:50 PM
- 12 - Teacher Inservice Day - Student Holiday
- 16 -Volunteer Orientation Mtg. - 9:15 AM, Cafeteria
- 17 - Interims Issued
- 17 - Modified Wednesday, Release at 1:50 PM
- 18 -PTO & Title I Open House - 5:30 PM
- 19 - School Spirit Day
- 23 - 3rd Grade Health Screenings
- 24 - Modified Wednesday, Release at 1:50 PM
- 25 - Head Start Parent Mtg. - 3 PM
- 25 - Boy Scout Round Up @ 6:30 PM in Cafeteria
- 26 - School Spirit Day
- 29-Oct. 3 - Book Fair
- 30 - Character Counts! Celebration - 9 AM

School Office Hours

8:00 - 4:00 PM

Morning drop off: 8:05 AM

Tardy Bell - 8:25 PM

School Day begins at 8:30 AM

Attendance Line

Please call in your child's absence by

10 A.M. Call: 904-547-8618

School Access Information

Visiting our School or checking a student out?

Please be sure to bring your Photo ID

You must have clearance thorough school

access to enter our school.

All student checkout need to occur before 2:20 PM. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Before 1:20 PM on Wedensdays.

Word of the Week

FAIR

Character Pillar of the Month

FAIRNESS

Play by the rules. Take turns and share. Be open-minded; listen to others. Don't take advantage of others. Don't blame others carelessly.

After School Karate Classes

We are now taking registrations for students in grade 1-5 to sign up for our after school karate classes. Cost is \$45. per month and a one time registration fee of \$50. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. Help your child develop self discipline, self control confidence, a strong work ethic, and build physical strength and health. Registration sign ups are avaiable in the front office.

A Shoparoo THANKS!

Many thanks to the families who have and continue to support our school through the APP, Shoparoo. Our school recently received a check for \$295.67 for the 2013-14 school year. The best part is there is no cost to the program other than scanning your cash register receipts on your phone using the Shoparoo App. It's a great way to help our school. Visit www.shoparoo.com and load the APP today to help earn money for our school!

Morning Drop Off Time

A gentle reminder that we cannot accept students any earlier than 8:05 AM in the morning. There is no supervision other than the Extended Day (fee charged) program who can accept students earlier. Students need to stay in their parents car until 8:05 AM when our school opens for the day.

Sunshine Club Board of Directors

The Sunshine Club Board of Directors had their first meeting last Friday, August 22, 2014. Members of the Board of Directors are Sunshine club members from last school year and include: Evan Price, Kira Theed, Hannah Davis, Cheyenne Davis (all members of last year's WINNING Battle of the Books team), Hunter Hamilton, Nadia Preston, Amelia McGee, Megan Wilkinson, Caitlyn Sikes and Zacchaeus Uzzle.

At this first meeting a recap of last year's success gave the group ideas for setting goals and rules for this year's Sunshine Club. The Board of Directors set their own personal goal of reading all 15 SSYRA titles by January, 2015. This sets an example for the rest of the school and is necessary because to prepare for the Book Battle, the books must be read over and over again for detail.

Rules for this year's SSYRA club will be that students must read five SSYRA books, take AR quizzes and score an 80% or better in order to be a member of the club. In addition, it was voted that members must continue to read one book per month in order to remain a member of the club.

Sunshine Board of Directors will meet every Friday morning to work on book promotions and ideas. Rules for a Sunshine Junior club will be the topic of the next meeting.

Way to go, Sunshine Board!

---Ms. Beverly

Coming next Tuesday Student Picture Day Smile!

Our fall individual pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 9. Picture orders are on a prepaid basis. Order forms are being sent home today. Picture money needs to be returned on or before Tuesday, Sept. 9, on picture day. We cannot accept late orders. Checks can be made out to Leonard's Studio.

Pictures can be ordered online at www.leonards.com/photography.

Online password = C32117

School Advisory Council (SAC) News

This week our School Advisory Council (SAC) is sending home an election form. Listed are parents who have expressed an interest in serving on our Council. They, in turn with teachers, community members, and the Principal, take part in the process of determining goals/activities that best promote student achievement at South Woods. Please return the ballots by this Friday, September 5. Our first SAC meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, at 6 PM in our school's Media Center.

School Advisory Council Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

SAC Responsibilities

By Laws

Setting meeting days and times

SAC Plan 14-15 Review

Questions and Answers

Principal's Update

All meetings are open to the public and we welcome you to attend.

Volunteer Orientation

All volunteers are invited to the Volunteer Orientation on Tuesday,

September, 16, at 9:15 AM. We will meet in the Cafetorium. Come and learn about our Volunteer Program. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing all of our South Woods' volunteers.

Health Screenings for Grades K, 1, and 3

South Woods will be conducting Health Screenings for students in grades K, 1, and 3 in compliance with Florida Statute 381.0056(7), regarding school health services. We are notifying you that students will be offered free screening for vision, hearing, height/weight measurement for growth and development, and other possible health problems.

Your child will be screened unless you notify the school, in writing, by Friday, September 5, that you do not want your child to participate. The screenings are conducted by nurses from the St. Johns County Health Unit, in conjunction with trained volunteers. Screening dates are: Grade 3 - September 23, Grade 1 - October 14, and Kindergarten - October 20.

PTO NEWS

PTO Membership

Calling all South Woods families! Do you want your family to be eligible for all drawings held at PTO events whether you are in attendance or not? This is just one of the many benefits your PTO membership provides for just \$5.00. Join PTO and your name is in for ALL PTO drawings. Remember, becoming a PTO member doesn't require you to volunteer at all events. Your membership shows your support for our school.

Join PTO before Open House on Thursday, September 18, and your name goes in for a special gift card drawing.

Thank you for showing your support of our SWE PTO.

PTO T-Shirts

A form has been sent home to order t-shirts. All forms and money is due by September 18. All questions can be directed to Rose Chestnut or Erin Grove at 547-8610 or email at swespto@outlook.com.

PTO E-Mail

You can contact PTO at anytime via email. Their email address is swespto@outlook.com.

PTO Board Meeting

There will be a PTO Executive Board Meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014, at 3:30 PM in the Media Center. PTO encourages all parents interested in assisting in any capacity throughout the school year to attend.

A message from your Box Tops Coordinator

Please remember to send in your summer collection envelopes with your child's name on it. Remember we are collecting a variety of items this school year.

Box Tops for Education



Labels for Education

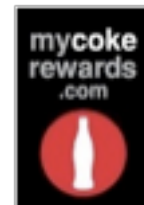


Tyson Project A+



My Coke Rewards -

The codes can be found on all Coke products, i.e. 12 packs and the caps from 2 liters



Kellogg's Family Rewards for Schools -

These codes can be found on all Kellogg's Products, i.e. cereal, cookies, crackers



It is essential that your child's name, first and last is listed on all items turned in. This is necessary for me to keep track of everything. This year I am also keeping track of what each student turns in. This will allow us to know which student is the top per grade level. Each item a student turns in is worth one point. I will issue certificates for major mile stones for individual students, 50, 100, 200, etc... At the end of the year I will crown a king and queen of each grade level for turning in most – having the most points.

Attention 5th Graders:

We have something planned just for you! Mrs. Hutchins has agreed allow the top 5th grade collector to be PRINCIPAL for a day at the end of the school year! So, come on 5th graders let's get to turning in those items that we need!



And don't forget about a new app called Shoparoo!

You can download for your phone or tablet. When you download the app you will be asked to select a school, select South Woods Elementary. After the signup all you have to take a picture of your receipts from your everyday purchases from store such as Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Publix, Walgreens, Dollar General, etc... You will earn points that will convert into cash for our school!

I look forward to a great year and if you need anything at all please don't hesitate to contact me at banksbes@gmail.com.

Happy Clipping!
Mrs. Ashley Banks

Community News

4-H Youth Development Program

Enrollment Kick-Off for ages 5-18

Thursday, September 4

Time: 5 - 7 PM

Where: St. Johns Co. Extension Office at 3125 Agricultural Ctr. Drive

For more information: Call 904-209-0430

or register online at <https://florida.4honline.com>

New Hastings Baseball League

We are pleased to announce Hastings now has a Babe Ruth & Cal Ripkin League

Fall Registrations will take place on Saturday, September 6 and 13

Boys ages 4-12 can register for T-Ball and baseball

Girls ages 7-12 can register for softball

Practices held during the week with Game Day on Saturdays

Time: 9:30 AM to 12 Noon

Where: Behind the Kangaroo Gas Station in front of the Rec. Dept. Bdg.

Cost: \$30.00

For more information: Call 386-328-6867

** Sibling discounts and few sponsored scholarships

Boy Scout Round Up

If your child is interested in sports, swimming, fishing, camping, archery, or basketball, all while having fun with friends, come to the school cafeteria at anytime from 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM on Thursday, September 25, to join Cub Scouts! All boys in grades 1-5 are eligible to participate. We hope to see you there!

If you cannot attend and would like to join cub scouts, contact 800-232-0845 ext. 156 or go to nfcscouting.org.

Child Find

Do you have concerns about your child's speaking, learning and paying attention, seeing or hearing? Child Find provides FREE screenings in the areas of communication, motor development, vision, hearing, and preschool readiness skills. If you have any concerns about your child, please call 386-329-3811 or toll free at 1-800-227-6036. If students qualify for the different programs, they are available at South Woods. Transportation and cost is FREE.