



Eagle View Newsletter

A message from Mrs. Ambrose, South Woods Guidance Counselor

Within the first hour of returning to work following Hurricane Irma, the staff of South Woods gathered to take stock of our school community. Our teachers made phone calls to each of their students' families, to assess their needs and offer support. When the students returned to school the following week, a survey went home with every child to determine what our families needed and help set a course of action. We wanted to make sure all of our families in the South Woods community knew we were there to help. As the School Counselor, I was able to coordinate our support with the help of Christopher Stone, our Community School director and over 25 volunteers.

I was in awe at the generosity of our community. Word spread quickly of how devastated some of our families were and the donations poured in. We received over \$1000 of food from Memorial Presbyterian Church. Patriot Oaks Elementary School did a donation drive for us. A parent, whose child attends RB Hunt Elementary School, conducted a donation drive for us as well. Hugs Across the County provided toiletry items and the Girl Scouts donated bags and boxes of goods. Many staff members took action by collecting donations and as well as lending support to efforts in the community. Many of our South Woods students' families collected donations as well. We even heard from schools as far away as Maine who offered help and support.

Hurricane Irma was a damaging storm that affected us all. Whether your family was in a position to give, or receive, we all learned the power and strength of coming together as one caring community.

Hurricane Make up Days

As a result of days lost due to Hurricane Irma, students will make up two school days. These days will be on Monday, October 16th and Friday, November 10th.

Upcoming Events

October 2nd

SAC meeting
4:30-5:30pm in the media center

October 6th

Fall pictures

October 9th

PTO Board meeting 6pm- All are welcome

October 9th & 10th

Kindergarten swimming field study

October 11th

Good News Club begins 1:50-3:30pm

October 12th

2nd grade gifted screening

October 12th

PTO Movie Night and General meeting
6pm

October 12th & 13th

First grade swimming field study

October 13th

First quarter ends

October 15th

Fifth grade Jaguars game for those students who qualify

October 16th

School is in session

October 18th

Boy Scout Rally during lunch times

October 19th

Boy Scout sign ups 6:30-7:00pm in the cafeteria

October 19th & 20th

Second grade swimming field study

October 23rd

PTO Cookie Dough Sale begins

SWES Community Partnership School Update

Upcoming key dates and events:

- Good News Club – Pre-K – 5th grade students: The Good News Club will start on Wednesday, October 11th. Club members will meet from 1:50 pm until and 3:30pm every Wednesday (early release day). Parents will need to provide transportation home for participating students. This club is free and permission forms are located at the front desk. If you need any further information please contact Mr. Stone.
- 5th Grade Jaguars Honor Rows Attendance Program: Those fifth grade students meeting attendance and behavior goals set by their teachers will be provided admission to attend the Jaguars vs Rams game on October 15th.
- Council on Aging will hold a Farm Share event at the Harris Center from 9am until noon on October 28th.
- Annual Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat at the Al Wilke Park on October 28th from 2pm – 4pm.

Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Services

The ESE department will be hosting their annual Transitions Planning Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on October 10, 2017 at the Fullerwood Training Center in St. Augustine. The attached flyer has more details regarding this meeting.

PTO News

PTO Board Members

President- Allie Coleman
Vice President- Patti Greene
Treasurer- Michelle Losco
Co- Treasurer- Kelly Brown
Secretary- Bree Myers
Volunteer Coordinators- Jenny Butler and Jennie Koch

PTO meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00pm. Please plan on joining us! Our next PTO Meeting will be Monday, October 9th at 6:00 pm. Please feel free to join us as we have a lot of exciting events upcoming.

Contact PTO at: southwoodspto@gmail.com and like our Facebook page “South Woods Elementary PTO” to stay up to date with Events and Info for our school!

Custodian Appreciation Week

Custodian Appreciation Week is this week from October 2nd through October 6th. Don't forget to show your appreciation to our wonderful Custodian Staff!

PTO Movie Night and General Board Meeting

Movie Night will be Thursday, October 12th from 6:00-7:30 pm. The movie we will be showing is *Hotel Transylvania*. We will have small door prizes, **FREE** popcorn and drinks, pizza for \$1 per slice, and a drawing for an awesome prize! We hope you can join us

Red Ribbon Week

Mark your calendars! Red Ribbon week is October 23rd through October 27th. More information to come.

Cookie Dough Sales

Don't forget Cookie Dough Sales begin this month also. The sale will run from October 23rd through November 9th. More information will be coming home detailing one of most successful fund raisers!

Box Tops are Back and Soda Can Tabs too!

Don't forget to collect your Box Tops and Can Tabs for money for our school. Please send them in in separate bags labeled with your child's name, grade and teacher. The class with the most collected every month gets to hold onto the Box Top Eagle Trophy for their classroom and gets a room party. The first collection ended on October 2nd. Classroom winners will be announced.

Many Thanks!

South Woods PTO would like to send out a big thank you to the business sponsors that have partnered up with us for the current school year!

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We appreciate everything from all of sponsors! It's because of you that we are able to help our school do great things!

Important Reminders

Extended Day

There is still room in our Extended Day Program. Pick up an application in the Front Office. We have availability in the morning from 6:30am to 8:00am for \$10.00 a week and in the afternoon from 2:45pm to 6:00pm for \$52.50 a week. There are part-time options and a \$25 registration fee.

Student Planners

Please sign your student's planner each night.

Visiting South Woods

In order to be in our school while students are present you must have a completed School Access form on file.

You may use this link to fill out the School Access form: <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply>

Attendance

Please make every effort to have your student to school on time every day. This is one way to support your child's success at school.

Transportation Changes (Extended day and Parent Pick-up)

Transportation changes must be received in the front office by 2:15pm (1:15pm on Wednesday). This will ensure a safe and timely dismissal for all students. Thank you for your cooperation!