

From Principal Kelley:

Kindergarten Registration

South Woods Elementary will hold early registration for children entering kindergarten and VPK/PreK for the 2017-2018 school year. For questions about registration at South Woods Elementary School, contact Mrs. Brown at (904) 547-8618.

- Friday, March 24th 9 a.m. – 1 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 4 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Monday, May 15th 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

To be eligible for public kindergarten in the SJCS D, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1 and must reside in St. Johns County.

Parents must register children at the school where they are zoned for the 2017-2018 school year. To find your school, enter your street address on the Attendance Zone Locator at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/zoning/>. Contact the Student Services Department at 547-7598 for additional information on registration and zoning.

Requirements for registration:

- Birth certificate
- Documentation of a health examination performed on or after August 11, 2016
- Proof of **completed** required immunizations on Form DH680
- Proof of residence per the Residency and Guardianship Policy located at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/residency/

Voluntary Pre-kindergarten (VPK) early registration will also take place at South Woods Elementary on the above dates and times. Children entering the VPK program must be 4 years old on or before September 1. The St. Johns County School District VPK offers a high-quality early childhood education program with small class sizes and degreed teachers with certification in disabilities.

The SJCS D Head Start Program is currently taking applications for the 2017-2018 school year at the Head Start Office located at 102 Martin Luther King Ave. in St. Augustine.

For additional information on VPK or Head Start, please contact Early Childhood Services at 547-4897.

FSA Writing

On **Tuesday, February 28, 2017** our fourth and fifth grade students will be taking the state FSA Writing assessment. Our students and teachers have been working hard to help you child perform his or her best. You can support your child by making sure they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and arrive to school on time. Encourage your child to his or her personal best.

Upcoming Events

February 13th-24th
PTO Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

February 21st
Black History Night 6pm

February 24th
5th Grade Winter Olympics
3:00 pm-8:30 pm

February 28th
FSA Writing – 4th and 5th grade
9:00am -11:30am

March 13th-17th
Spring Break

March 20th
Teacher Planning Day-No school



Basketball Team Practice
Mondays 3:00-4:30 pm

Games
Wednesday, February 22
SWES vs. Hartley 5:30pm
Hastings Rec Center

Thursday, February 23
SWES vs. Osceola 5:30pm
Hastings Rec Center



Testing season is quickly approaching. You can view the South Woods testing schedule by clicking on the calendar icon in the upper right hand corner of our school's website.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS PROCTORS

We need proctors to assist teachers with upcoming FSA and DE assessments. Here is general information:

- Proctors must be approved volunteers (School Access form completed and cleared)
 - Proctors will receive training before testing begins
 - Proctors may not proctor for their child or any relative (niece, nephew grandchild, etc.)
 - Testing will generally take place in the mornings
- If you think you'd like to help, please contact Cindy Willey at 904-547-8596 or email cindy.willey@stjohns.k12.fl.us. She can give you specific dates and times that we need you.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance!

Black History Month

February is Black History Month – a time to honor African-Americans who have had an impact on Florida's history and society. Florida's required instruction (1003.42 F.S.) includes

(h) The history of African Americans, including the history of African peoples before the political conflicts that led to the development of slavery, the passage to America, the enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of African Americans to society.

Please join us this evening for our Black History Night starting at 6pm in the cafeteria. African American speakers will share their experiences growing up as an African American in Hastings. You will also have an opportunity to view art work and projects created by our students as they learned about the contributions of African Americans throughout history.

PTO News

2016 – 2017 PTO Officers

President- Allie Coleman

Vice President- Patti Greene

Secretary- Bree Myers

Treasurer- Michelle Losco

Co- Treasurer- Kelly Brown

Volunteer Coordinators- Jenny Butler & Katie Masters

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

Event Updates

Bingo Night earlier this month was a huge success! We had over 200 people in attendance! Thank you to all of the South Woods families that came out and showed support of our school! We had 2 lucky students that each went home with a Kindle Fire Tablet! A HUGE thank you to Ms. Cindy Rockafellow for donating those tablets to offer as our top prizes!

All of the students loved the "Smencil Grams" that we sold for Valentine's Day! We will definitely bring them back again next year for Valentine's Day!!

Upcoming PTO Events

Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser February 13th -24th

South Woods PTO is currently running a brand new fundraiser! Last week your child came home with a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Order Presale Order Form. **All orders MUST be turned in by February 24, 2017.** During the week of March 6th we will have a pickup time that we will announce where you can pick up your child's order from the school. The PTO will use the money earned from this fundraiser to improve our school, **YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS!!!**

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ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

We are in search of parents that would like to be more involved with the PTO for the 2017-2018 schoolyear. On **March 6th at 5:30pm we are having a quick involved parent meeting.**

This meeting will be held before our regularly scheduled monthly PTO meeting that is at 6pm. We will have snacks and will go over what we are in hopes of putting together for next school year. We really hope that we can get some of our amazing volunteers to get more plugged with the PTO at South Woods!

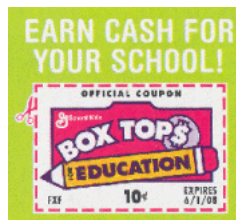
Thank you!

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 schoolyear!

Barnes Farms- Golden Eagle Sponsor
Tater Farms- Golden Eagle Sponsor
Seaside Children's Dentistry- Silver Eagle Sponsor

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

A special thanks to Subway for teaming up with PTO by putting a coupon for a free cookie on the back of the PTO membership cards. The coupon can be used with each visit and is good for the entire current school year! PTO membership is \$5 and helps us put on events and help teachers make purchased for great things for our students! **If you would like to support PTO with your \$5 donation and receive a membership card, please contact your child's teacher or go to the school website to access the PTO Membership application.**



February Box Tops will need to be turned in by February 28th.

Please remember to clip save and turn in your Box Tops each month so that your child can have a chance to celebrate a win with a class party! **Don't forget to ask all of your family, neighbors, churches or other organizations to save Box Tops for you.** Maybe your class will win the next party! Make sure the student's name and the teacher's name are on the sheet or envelope, or your class will not get credit for your Box Tops!

Thanks for all of your hard work!

A special thanks to Amanda Newman and Ginny Phelps for providing the party for the winning class each month.

John and Paula Baggett
SWES PTO Box Top Coordinators

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

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!