



Word from the Woods

Mrs. Rodgers, Principal

<https://www-swe.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

Dear Eagle Families,

February is a wonderful time to reflect on our progress and look ahead with optimism. At South Woods, we remain deeply committed to "Building Brighter Futures" for every student. This begins with keeping our students safe so they can learn, grow, & thrive daily.

We are focused on achieving academic growth for all learners. Our teachers and staff work intentionally to meet students where they are and support them in reaching their full potential. We are proud of the effort our students show every day and the growth we see in classrooms.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Together, we are creating a safe, supportive environment where every child can shine & "Build a Brighter Future".

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, reach out to our administration to schedule a phone call or meeting.

Keep SOARING!
Angie Rodgers

February



2/6 PBIS Attendance Reward- Rice Krispies Treat

2/9 Medical Ambassadors Field Study (MAPS)- UF Health Center

2/10 PTO Fundraiser - **Pocket Heart Hug Sales End** ❤️❤️

Quarter 3 Interims Issued
*K-2 Paper Copies Sent Home
*3-5 Home Access Center (HAC)

CPR Class, 5:30pm-7:00pm, 500 Commons Area

2/11 **STAR ELA Practice Test**- 1st & 2nd Grade, Classrooms

2/12 **Mighty ME!** School-Wide Field Study!, wear workout clothing
Classroom Volunteer Training, 1:30pm, CPS Building

2/13 **No School**- In-Service Day for Staff

2/14 **Valentine's Day** ❤️

2/16 **No School**- **PRESIDENT'S DAY**

2/17 SAC & PTO Meetings, Media Center, 3:30pm & 4:15pm

2/19 MAPS White Coat Pinning Ceremony, 5:00pm, TBD

2/20 PBIS Behavior Reward- VIP Lunch Seating
1st Grade Family Engagement Event, 1:30pm-2:30pm

SWE is a
Community Eligibility School

All Students Receive
Breakfast & Lunch at No Cost

Safety doesn't happen by accident. At South Woods, we practice required safety drills for fire, lockdown, tornado, & evacuation. Please encourage your child to participate and do their best during each drill, these practices help keep all safe.

SWES PTO Updates:

Thank you for your continued support of our school and PTO fundraisers this school year. Because of your generosity and involvement, we have raised over \$11,000 to support our initiative focused on enhancing our playgrounds.



Our recent Spare Change Fundraiser raised over \$1200 for Saint Augustine Youth Services (SAYS). Thanks for your generosity & Ms. McHone's leadership.

Congrats Ms. Jones' 5th Grade Class for most collected.

We currently have our Pocket Heart Hug Sales occurring, see attachment for details.

Assistance with our upcoming PTO initiatives is needed, please contact Lori Kosier to join the team.

Cookie Dough Sales March 3rd – 27th

STEAM Night April 9th 5:30pm-7:00pm

We Pledge to **SOAR**

With good character:

We will be:

Safe

Organized

Accountable

Respectful



Caring

Be kind.

Be compassionate and show you care.

Express gratitude.

Forgive others.

Help people in need.



Absences

A written note is needed within 48 hours of returning to school stating the cause of the absence. A complete list of excused and unexcused absences is referenced in the Student Code of Conduct. <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/conduct/>

DISMISSAL CHANGES

Dismissal Changes are accepted until 2:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Early Check-Outs must be completed by 2:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. These procedures help maintain safety and keep attendance reports accurately.

Lost and Found

If your student misplaces any clothing, lunch box, or water bottle, it is placed in our lost and found located in the cafeteria. We recommend writing your child's name on such items, so they can be returned. All unclaimed items will be donated monthly.

SWE is a Community Partnership School

Food Pantry

**Mondays 1:00pm-6:00pm
& Fridays 8:00am-12:00pm**

Clothes Closet

Appointment Only

February Before & After School Programs

We are excited to continue expanding learning opportunities before, during, and after the school day. Extracurricular activities are designed to spark curiosity, build background knowledge, and support a wide range of interests from academics and enrichment to creativity and exploration. By offering diverse ways for students to engage, we help them discover new passions and strengthen skills that support lifelong learning.

Mondays	7:20am 2:45pm	Running Club Battle of the Books Gift of Dance MAPS	Ends 2/23 Ends 3/30 Ends 4/27 Ends 2/2
Tuesdays	2:45pm-4:00pm	Robotics Challenge Team	Ends 4/7
Wednesdays	7:20am 7:30am	Beginning Band Character Cup Practice Coding for Kids	Ends 3/25 Ends 2/25
Thursdays	7:20am 7:30am	Advanced Band Chess Club	Ends 4/9
Fridays	7:15am	Show Choir Practice	

Parent School Advisory Council Survey

SAC Surveys are open until **March 27th at 11pm**.
The results of these surveys are shared with district
leadership and the members of the school board.
Your input is greatly appreciated.



New School Start & End Times 2026-2027

Bus/Parent Unload	School Start	School End
8:20am	8:40am	3:00pm

Kids Heart Challenge

Our school is participating in the Kids Heart Challenge, and it's time for you to sign up your student to become part of the Lifesavers League. **Download the *AHA Schools* app for iPhone or Android**, search for our school and sign up to receive your wristband! Then, start helping kids with special hearts by making or receiving your first donation, and you'll start earning thank-you gifts. You're on your way to completing Finn's Mission!





A Pocket Heart Hug

South Woods PTO Valentine Fundraiser

Share a little love this Valentine's Day!

Our PTO is selling **Pocket Heart Hugs**—tiny hearts with lots of love and big hugs to brighten someone's day.

January 27th - February 10th
\$2.00 each



To pay online use the above QR code



Perfect for backpacks, lunchboxes, friends, teachers, and family.

All proceeds support South Woods Elementary School PTO.

Pocket-sized love, anytime you need a hug.

<p>A little heart from me to you, filled with lots of love and big hugs too!</p> <p>To: _____</p> <p>Teacher: _____</p> <p>From: _____</p>	<p>A little heart from me to you, filled with lots of love and big hugs too!</p> <p>To: _____</p> <p>Teacher: _____</p> <p>From: _____</p>
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CPR Training

**South Woods Elementary
Community Partnership School**

Tuesday, Feb. 10th, 2026

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

4750 SR-206 W, Elkton, FL 32033

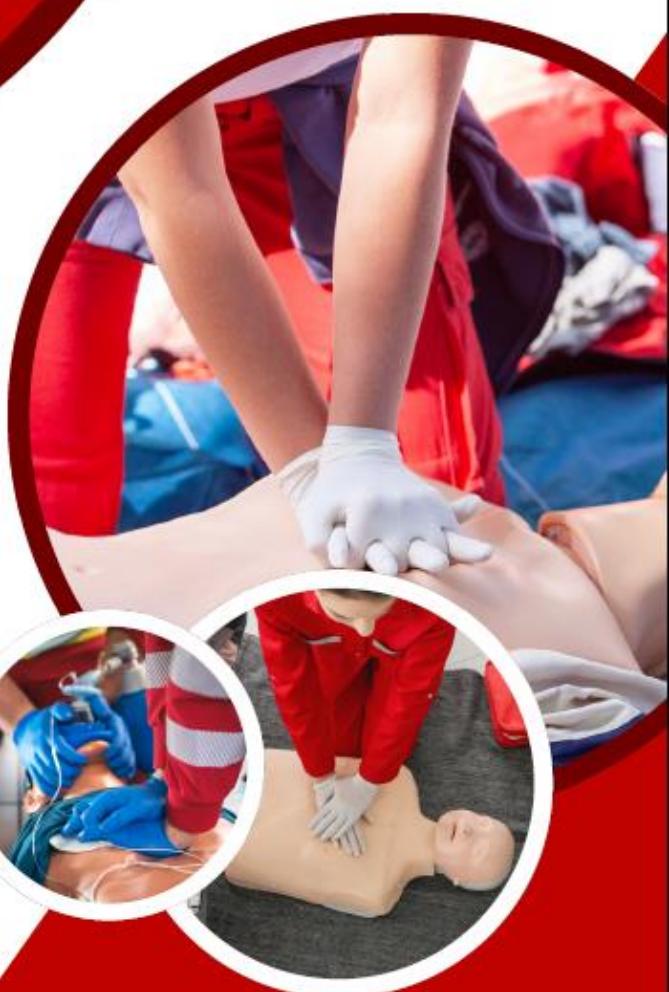
**Instructor: Ben Carroll, Director of Safety
at W. Gardner, LLC**

- CPR & AED
- First Aid
- Emergency Response
- FREE TRAINING & Snacks

RSVP by 2/6/2026

Donna.Walsh@chsfl.org
904-316-9466

Limit 12 Participants



ENGAGE BODY AND MIND



SOUTHWOODS
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 12
8:30-2:30

SWES PRESENTS
MIGHTY ME

BUILD HEALTHY HABITS



GET
MOVING



A DAY OF LEARNING
CENTERED ON
UNDERSTANDING THE
SYSTEMS OF OUR
BODIES AND HOW THEY
WORK.

VOLUNTEERS MUST BE
APPROVED IN THE
RAPTOR SYSTEM.

SWES: BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

1ST GRADE Literacy Picnic



READING - SNACKS - FUN

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 1ST GRADE LITERACY PICNIC WITH
SNACKS, ACTIVITIES, AND TIME TO ENJOY READING
TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHILD. BE SURE TO BRING A BLANKET!

FRIDAY
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FEBRUARY

SWES COURTYARD
AT 1:30 - 2:30

IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE EVENT, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE A REGISTERED AND APPROVED
VOLUNTEER WITH THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BY FILLING OUT THE
APPLICATION ON THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE: WWW.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/VOLUNTEER/

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO RSVP
TO THIS EVENT.
PLEASE RSVP BY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH.



FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, WE WILL PAIR YOUR CHILD WITH
ANOTHER FAMILY. IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE PICNIC WILL BE HELD IN THE CAFETERIA.