

Word from the Woods



Mrs. Rodgers, Principal

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

Dear Eagle Families,

As we enter the final stretch, we remain committed to *Building Brighter Futures*. The last weeks are an important part of that journey.

Students have worked hard and are ready to show what they've learned on the State Tests. We encourage students to stay focused & do their best. Support your child by ensuring they get a good night's sleep & arrive at school on time.

Just as important, is our emphasis on positive behavior as we finish the school year. By making good choices, showing kindness, and staying engaged, students help create a supportive environment where all can succeed.

Together, these efforts—help *build brighter futures* for every child.

Keep SOARING!
Angie Rodgers

May



- 5/1 PBIS Attendance Reward- Ice Cream Sundaes
- 5/4 **Field Study- APC Swimming, 9:30am-12:30pm**
- 5/5 **Field Study- APC Swimming, 9:30am-12:30pm**
- 5/6 **KG STAR Math State Assessment, 9:00am**
PBIS Behavior Reward- PBIS Store
- 5/7 **4th & 5th Grade FAST ELA State Assessment, 9:00am**
Field Study- KG Swimming, 9:30am-12:30pm
- 5/8 **Field Study- KG Swimming, 9:30am-12:30pm**
- 5/11 **Field Study- KG Swimming, 9:30am-12:30pm**
- 5/12 **3rd Grade FAST ELA State Assessment, 9:00am**
Field Study- KG Swimming, 9:30am-12:30pm
- 5/13 **2nd Grade STAR Math State Assessment, 9:00am**
- 5/14 **4th & 5th Grade FAST Math State Assessment, 9:00am**
School Volunteer Training, 1:30pm, CPS Building
- 5/19 **3rd Grade FAST Math State Assessment, 9:00am**
5th Grade Science State Assessment, 9:00am
SAC & PTO Meeting, 3:30pm & 4:15pm, Media Center
- 5/20 SWE Alumni Walk, 1:15pm
- 5/21 **Field Study- Kennedy Space Center, 6:30am-6:45pm**
5TH GRADE BASH, 3:00PM-4:30PM
- 5/22 **Field Study- Sea World, 6:30am-6:45pm**
Field Study- Alligator Farm, 9:30am-12:30pm
- 5/25 No School- **Memorial Day**
- 5/26 **SWE Band Performances, 9:30, 10:15, & 1:30, Cafeteria**
PBIS 2nd Semester Celebration- Snow Cones
- 5/27 **Show Choir Performance "Inside the Woods" 5:30-6:30**
- 5/28 **5TH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY, 9:30AM**
4th Grade Talent Show, 1:30pm, SWE Cafeteria
- 5/29 Students Last Day
Report Cards Issued
Early Dismissal, 1:45pm

SWE Testing Schedule

Kindergarten	Grade 1
STAR Math / Wednesday, May 6	STAR Math / Wednesday, May 13
Grade 2	Grade 3
STAR Reading / Thursday, April 30	FAST ELA / Tuesday, May 12
STAR Math / Wednesday, May 13	FAST Math / Tuesday, May 19
Grade 4	Grade 5
FAST ELA / Thursday, May 7	FAST ELA / Thursday, May 7
FAST Math / Thursday, May 14	FAST Math / Thursday, May 14
	FAST Science / Tuesday, May 19



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.

SWEs PTO Updates:

Last PTO Meeting for the School Year!
Tuesday, May 19th, 4:15pm
In the Media Center



Please plan to attend as we discuss playground equipment purchased and share ideas for the 2026-202 school year.

We Pledge to **SOAR**
With good character:

- We will be:
- S**afe
- O**rganized
- A**ccountable
- R**espectful



All Character Pillars

CHARACTER COUNTS!



SWE is a Community Partnership School

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

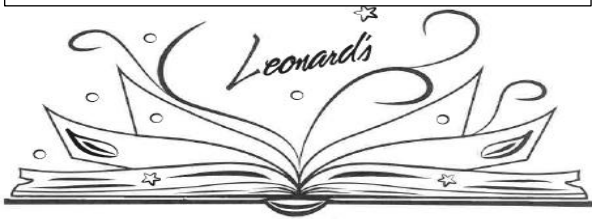
Clothes Closet
Appointment Only

April Before & After School Programs

Mondays	2:45pm-4:00pm	Eagles Show Choir Rehearsals	Ends 5/27
Tuesdays	7:20am 2:45pm-4:00pm	SWE Advanced Band Art Club	Ends 5/26 Ends 5/5
Wednesdays	7:20am	SWE Beginning Band	Ends 5/26
Thursdays	7:20am	SWE Advanced Band	Ends 5/26
Fridays	7:20am	Eagles Show Choir Rehearsals	

Only a few yearbooks left for sale!
SOUTH WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$25 Cash or Checks to South Woods Elementary



New School Start & End Times 2026-2027

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

Return Student Verification (RSV)

With district cost-saving measures in place, we must know as early as possible which students are returning next year—including our rising middle schoolers. This information directly impacts staffing, class sizes, and the resources we're able to keep in place.

Please complete the **Return Student Verification (RSV)**



A reminder to families: **Please pick up all medications from our clinic by May 29th.** Any leftover medications will be disposed of on June 1st. The clinic is unable to store medications over the summer. New paperwork for the 2026-2027 school year is available if you think your child will need medication in our clinic next school year.

5TH GRADE

Last Splash

Come join your classmates after school for an unforgettable celebration filled with dancing, tropical vibes, games, and endless good times with friends!

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST 3:00PM-4:30PM

SWES CAFETERIA



Concessions will be available —students should bring money to enjoy snacks and drinks!

HOSTED BY:

SWES PBIS TEAM AND PTO

SOUTH WOODS ELEMENTARY
PRESENTS
**INSIDE
THE
WOODS**

A MAGICAL MUSICAL ADVENTURE

Journeys end where they begin,
With lessons learned and hearts within.
The path was hard, the trials true—
But courage grows when friends do too.



DATE:
May 27th



TIME:
5:30 PM



LOCATION:
South Woods Elementary Cafeteria



DONATIONS:

We are accepting donations if you would like to help raise money to go towards next year's Show Choir Club!



CONCESSIONS WILL BE SOLD BY SWES PTO

FROM 5:00PM - 5:30PM

HOSTED BY
EAGLES SHOW CHOIR CLUB