



# Word from the Woods



Mrs. Rodgers, Principal

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

## Eagle Families,

Our students are truly blessed to have such amazing staff members supporting, inspiring, and caring for them each day. We are excited to celebrate three special members of our staff who have been selected to represent our school this year!

Ashley Keath

Teacher of the Year

Grace Miles

Rookie Teacher of the Year

Pam Brooks

Employee of the Year

These exceptional staff members will represent us at the district level. We are grateful for their commitment and positive energy they bring to our Eagles each day!

Continue to visit our school website for the most up-to-date information:

[South Woods Elementary](https://www-swe.stjohns.k12.fl.us/)

Warmly,

Angie Rodgers

## October



Parent-Teacher Conferences, October 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

10/8 **Buddy-a-Thon Stuffing Day!**

Basketball Game MES vs. SWES, 5:30pm, GRMS

10/12 **No School- Quarter 1 Teacher Planning Day**

10/15 Basketball Game WES vs. SWES, 5:30pm, MMS

10/16 **Fire Prevention Presentations- PreK & Kindergarten**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Family Engagement Event- BINGO, 1:45pm

Book Fair, October 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

10/20 **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Study- Wells Farms, 9:30am-12:30pm**

Basketball Game SWES vs. HES, 5:30pm, Harris Center

10/21 Honor Roll, Attendance, & CC! Celebrations, Invitations Only

- PreK, 9:00am, Cafeteria

- Access Points, 10:00am Classrooms

Q1 Report Cards Released in Home Access Center **Only**

10/22 **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Study- SHREK, 9:30am-12:30pm, MMS**

Honor Roll, Attendance, & CC! Celebrations, Invitations Only

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 9:00am, Cafeteria

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 10:00am, Cafeteria

- Kindergarten, 1:30pm, Cafeteria

**Fall Festival, 5:30pm-7:00pm, SWES Campus**

10/23 Honor Roll, Attendance, & CC! Celebrations, Invitations Only

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 9:00am, Cafeteria

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 10:00am, Cafeteria

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 1:30pm, Cafeteria

**Red Ribbon Week October 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> -Be a Hero** Spirit Wear Below

10/27 Family Workshop- Drug/Alcohol Prevention, 5:30pm, Cafe

10/28 Track or Treat, 6:00pm-7:30pm, PMHS

10/29 Basketball Game OES vs. SWES, 5:30pm, GRMS

10/30 Storybook Character Costume Parade, 9:00am

## Before & After School

|            |                                                 |                                                                                      |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mondays    | 7:15am-8:15am<br>7:15am-8:15am<br>3:00pm-4:00pm | Basketball Skills (ends<br>Show Choir<br>Gift of Dance<br>Medical Ambassador Program |
| Tuesdays   | 7:30am-8:15am<br>3:00pm-4:15pm                  | Robotic Challenge<br>Beading Club                                                    |
| Wednesdays | 7:15am-8:15am<br>7:30am-8:15am                  | Violin Program<br>Chess Club #1                                                      |
| Thursdays  | 7:30am-8:15am                                   | Robotic Explorers (Ends 10/8)<br>Kids Coding Club (Starts 10/15)                     |
| Fridays    | 7:15am-8:15am                                   | Show Choir                                                                           |

\*Basketball & Cheerleading practices may change based on game schedule.

## PARENT DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

Vehicles must enter the Parent Pick-Up/Drop Off gates (east parking lot) from Cowpen Branch Road.

You can enter Cowpen Branch Road from CR 207 to safely get at the end of the line.

Our parent drop-off and pick-up gate opens at 6:00 AM, but there is NO student supervision before 8:15 AM (unless they are enrolled in our Eagle Care program). Car riders should not be dropped off on the bus loop side (west parking lot) during arrival and/or dismissal.

We need to remind parents that students may not be picked up in the front office beyond our early check out time at 2:30pm. All parents must wait in the parent pick up line. Students will be released through our parent pick up courtyard only starting 10-13-26.

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



## Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do.

Persevere: keep on trying!

Always do your best.

Use self-control.

Be self-disciplined.

Think before you act—consider the consequences.

Be accountable for your choices.

## Report Absences

Absence excuse notes can be submitted on Parent Square or emailed to the school at [jen.sherman@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:jen.sherman@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or [emily.owens@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:emily.owens@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

## 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 instead of being donated at the end of each month.

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

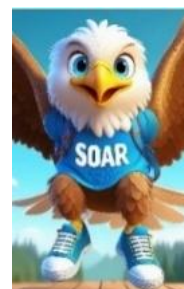
We will be:

Safe

Accountable

Organized

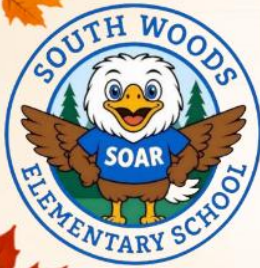
Respectful



SWE is a Community Partnership School

Our Food Pantry is open each week for our community members.

Visit our food pantry & clothes closet.



# SOUTH WOODS ELEMENTARY FALL festival



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**



**5:30 – 7:00 PM**

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY: **Avecina Medical**

**WRISTBANDS REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN AGES 2+**

**PRE-SALE WRISTBANDS**



**\$8**

**WRISTBANDS**

**\$10 AT THE GATE**



**PUMPKIN  
DECORATING  
CONTEST**



**FUN  
GAMES**



**LOTS OF  
PRIZES**



**FOOD & TREATS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**



**\$5**

**WALKING TACOS  
WITH A WATER**



**POPCORN**

**\$1**

**\$1**



**WATER**



**SHAVE  
ICE**

**KONA  
ICE**

**TOGETHER, WE SOAR!**



# RED RIBBON WEEK

MAKE A DIFFERENCE –  
**BE A HERO!**

October 26th-30th

Heroes are Safe • Heroes are Accountable •  
Heroes are Respectful • Heroes Never Give Up!

## MONDAY

**“Red-y to Be a Hero!”**



**Everyone wears red.**



**Morning announcement:**  
“Heroes make strong, healthy choices—even when it’s hard.”

## TUESDAY

**“Superpowers for Good!”**



Superhero shirts, capes, or superhero colors.



Challenge students to identify their own “superpower”:  
kindness, courage, creativity, perseverance, helping others, etc.

## WEDNESDAY

**“Heroes Stick Together!”**



Twin with a friend or wear matching colors!



Focus on positive friendships and saying no to harmful choices.

## THURSDAY

**“Future So Bright!”**



Wear sunglasses and your brightest colors!



**Message:**  
“Heroes make choices today that help them have a bright tomorrow.”

## FRIDAY

**“Be a Hero in Your Own Story!”**



**Character Parade/ Halloween**



Students can dress as favorite book, movie, or fictional characters.  
Tie it back to the week’s message:  
“Every character has choices to make. Be the hero who makes positive choices!”



# Heroes Make Choices That Help Them SOAR!



South Woods Community  
Partnership Presents  
**Hidden in Plain Sight**  
Workshop and Trailer Tour for Adults  
Red Ribbon Activities for Children

Event Details



**Date:**  
October 27th, 2026



**Time:**  
5:30 pm –  
7:00 pm



**Location:** South  
Woods Elementary  
4750 SR 206 W  
Elkton, FL 32033

Event Highlights & RSVP



Complimentary Dinner



Raffle Prizes



RSVP by: October 20th

Join us for an educational and engaging evening!

Contact us : [SWEworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:SWEworkshops@gmail.com) | phone : 904 316 9466 | Donna Walsh

# TRACK OR TREAT

Please join us!

Entry is Free!

**October 28**

Treats and a movie on the big screen.

**6:00–7:30pm**

**Pedro Menendez High School**  
600 SR 206 W

Sponsored by  
PMHS Student  
Council





## SWE Storybook Character Parade

Dear Eagle Families,

Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favorite **storybook character** on **Friday, October 30th!** We can't wait to see our Eagles bring their favorite books to life.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- **Costumes must follow the student dress code** and should not be bloody, scary, or violent in nature.
- Students should **arrive at school in their costumes**, as there will not be time during the school day to change.
- Students should be able to **use the restroom independently** while wearing their costumes.
- Students will follow their **regular school schedule**, including recess and other activities. You may want to consider sending your child in a costume that can withstand an active school day or choosing an alternate costume to help protect a new or special outfit.

Thank you for helping us make this a fun and memorable day for our students! **We can't wait to see all our Eagles dressed as their favorite storybook characters!**

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**LEONARD'S**

Return to/Devuelva a: **Front Office**

South Woods Elementary School 380912

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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