



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

COYOTE CLASSIFIED



MAY/JUNE 2021

MAY CALENDAR

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

I cannot believe I am sending out the May newsletter! I guess it is true what they say “time flies when you’re having fun!” We really have had a fantastic year this year. It is a joy to work with all of our SW students each day. We couldn’t do our job without all of your support. Thank you for taking an active role in your child’s education.

There are several opportunities for your children this summer. Elementary summer school will be held at Mark Denman Elementary School. Summer school will take place from Monday, June 14th– Thursday, July 8th from 8:00 AM–1:00 PM. Breakfast and lunch will both be included.

There will also be several special programming enrichment opportunities held after the academic portion of summer school. Please check our school website for summer learning opportunities .

Registration will be online for the upcoming school year. Online registration is currently not open. There will be an announcement when the online registration is open.

An AVID Strategy we work on at school is Costa’s Levels of Questioning. This helps deepen students' understanding. There are three levels, 1, 2, and 3. This month we are going to focus on Level 3 questions. Level 3 questions may pull information from various places, but brain power and higher-level thinking are needed to make a final decision.

Some strategies to work on before and after reading a text with your child:

1. Predict what you think is going to happen before reading.
2. Imagine that you are the character, put yourself in his/her shoes.
3. Create a model/visual representation to go along with the story.
4. Discuss alternate endings using If/Then statements (if the character went to this setting instead, then this could happen)
5. Choose a side (good guy/ bad guy) and defend their point of view.

- 5/4 Star Wars Day
- 5/7 Brainiac Day
- 5/10 Asynchronous Day
- 5/14 Decade Day
- 5/21 Mustache Day
- 5/24 Asynchronous Day
- 5/28 Inside out/Backward Day
- 5/31 No School– Memorial Day
- 6/4 Freaky Friday (dress like your teacher)
- 6/11 Last day of student attendance
- 6/14 First day of summer school
- 7/5 No school to observe the 4th of July
- 7/8 Last day of summer school

New Food Distribution Schedule:

Every Tuesday

Danville High School

10AM-Noon

And

5PM-6PM

North Ridge

10AM-Noon

And

5PM-6PM

South View

10AM-Noon

And

5PM-6PM

We are so happy that we have been able to open up our classrooms to in-person learning for many preschool students! The teachers have worked hard to provide a safe and COVID friendly environment that supports the academic and social-emotional needs of the students. Many of our students spent the beginning of April learning about music. Our remote students are continuing to learn about music while our in-person students are spending their time re-learning the rules and routines of the classroom as well as getting to know their peers and teachers. The final remote packet distribution, which will include some summer fun activities, will be held on May 24th at the Jackson Building from 9:00-1:00. All preschool students (both in-person and remote students) are encouraged to pick up a packet!

KINDERGARTEN

We want to make sure our families know that we do have daily homework. We appreciate you doing this each night. At this point of the year, we are wanting all skills mastered. Here are some of the skills you can work on at home: identifying all capital and lowercase letters and sounds, identifying numbers 0-20, adding and subtracting to 5, counting to 100, and 46 sight words. We really appreciate all your support this year.

FIRST GRADE

Happy May! We are down to crunch time for first grade. Please make sure students are here every day and on time. We have much to cover still! We will be working on building reading fluency and will be working on adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. Students are struggling with memorizing sight words. Please practice them for a few minutes each day. If you need a new list, let your teacher know.

Second Grade

Wow! We can't believe it's May already! We have been continuing to work hard in class. In our reading we are on Unit 9: Buyers and Sellers. Our essential question for this unit is "How do the goods we make, buy, and sell connect us?". In math we have been working through adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers. We are getting ready to move into measurement, graphs, geometry, and shapes to finish out the year. We are excited for Career Day coming up in May. We will spend some time learning about different careers that we might be interested in as adults. We will also have the opportunity to talk with professionals and see what their jobs are like. We've only got one month of school left! Let's keep up the great work!

Third Grade

Third grade will be finishing up our unit on "Communities" this month with a study all about our own community of Vermilion County. The students have been learning about some of the first settlers here in the Danville area. They have learned about Dr. Fithian, Amos Williams, Ward Hill Lamon, Laura Lee, Dan Beckwith, and others. Even Abraham Lincoln had some connections to the Danville area. It has been interesting and the students have enjoyed it. We had our final "AG" lesson in April and learned all about water. The students made a shaving cream cloud and watched as food coloring dripped through as precipitation. To finish out the year, we will be drilling those multiplication and division facts as well as reading aloud for fluency. Our final unit in reading will be all about weather. Please continue to encourage your student to get their homework completed and turned in on time.

Fourth Grade

What a year it has been! We have almost made it to the end. However, we still have several weeks left. It is important that your student still comes to school these last weeks, participates during school, and completes their work at home. We are still learning new skills and reviewing ones already taught, so it is important they stay focused these last weeks. They also need to continue to practice their math facts and reading at home.

Social Work

All classes are now in the Problem Solving Unit during social work lessons. The goal of this unit is to develop students' ability to solve problems on their own using the S.T.E.P. method. Students must first Say the Problem without blaming, Think of solutions that are safe and respectful, Explore consequences (looking at the positive and negative consequences of carrying out a solution) and then Pick the best solution. Student with stronger problem-solving skills are more likely to be academically successful, socially well adjusted, less impulsive and less aggressive.

Pre-K Screenings

Pre-K screenings for children who are currently three and four years old are available online. Parents/Guardians can scan the code below to begin the process. (If you aren't sure how to scan the code, you can easily find directions for your phone online.) It will take some time to complete, so it is a great task for after kids go to bed or before they get up in the morning when you can focus and finish. We try to download data, score, and get back in touch with parents within a week.





From the Desk of Mrs. Pribble – School Social Worker...

Setting Boundaries (adapted from Krissy Pozatek, LCSW mindbodygreen.com)

It’s important, as parents, teachers and caregivers, to listen to a child’s feelings and validate those feelings. However, it’s also important to create a secure and stable environment for our kiddos by setting boundaries and not allowing our children’s feelings to “run” our environments. We need to create a place where our children can be heard, develop patience, be self-aware, become good friends and the list goes on....

Here are a few of the reasons to set boundaries with our children:

- Parental / Adult boundaries allow kids to feel safe – these boundaries help to reduce anxiety, establish routines, establish rules and allow for predictability.
- Children have underdeveloped prefrontal lobes – A child’s brain is not fully developed and thus they should not be given decision making power over adults.
- Parental limits disrupt entitlement – parental boundaries allow children to grow up and understand they cannot always get their ways, be more, patient and deal with disappointment

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!

Library	AVID Spotlight Students
<p>READ READ READ!</p> <p>Our school library would like all the boys and girls to browse through the books online and select a book so you can put a hold on it. This policy applies to all the in person and the remote learners. It's very important to read every night for few minutes to maintain the reading levels. Just a reminder! Keep reading over the summer!</p> <p>Southwest Library.</p>	<p>Pre-K: Da’Sani Morris, James Clements, Liliana Anderson, Wesley Laws, Peyton Butler</p> <p>Kindergarten: Exodus Murphy</p> <p>1st Grade: Sophee Farr, George Anderson, Amire Jones</p> <p>2nd Grade: David Bennett, Kenzley Giuliani,</p> <p>3rd Grade:</p> <p>4th Grade: Adreauna Brockett, Jailyn Huston</p>

Note from the Nurse

- The following will need to be in your student’s file before they can start Kindergarten in the fall:

Current Physical (dated 8/19/2020 or after)-this must include blood lead screening and diabetes risk assessment Current, up to date immunization record Eye Examination by an Optometrist or Waiver (Due by 10/15/2021) Dental Exam (Due by 5/15/2022) The sooner you get these completed and turned into the nurse’s office, the better. Doctors offices get very busy over the summer with school physicals and immunizations, which can make it difficult to get an appointment. Getting everything completed as soon as possible will make your Kindergarten registration process in June go more quickly.

- All new Pre K students and all Kindergarten students must have a school physical completed within the past year, a blood lead test and present a current immunization record. This was all required to be turned in to the school nurse by 10/15/2020. If you have not turned in the required paperwork, your child is now considered NONCOMPLIANT, which means they will not be allowed to attend any in person learning or extra-curricular activities until the required documentation has been turned in. If/when we get released to return to all in person learning, your child will NOT be allowed to attend if they are non-compliant. Paperwork can either be faxed to Carrie High (Southwest Nurse) at 217-444-3507, or emailed to highc2@danville118.org