



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

COYOTE CLASSIFIED



APRIL 2021

APRIL CALENDAR

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Thank you for your support at parent/teacher conferences. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher to discuss their current progress. Our students have been working hard all quarter to improve their skills and I am sure our staff has lots of great information to update you with.

Southwest Elementary summer school will be held at Mark Denman Elementary School. Summer school will take place from June 14th—July 9th from 8:00AM—1:00 PM. Classes will only be Monday-Thursday and July 5th will be a holiday to observe the 4th of July. Breakfast and lunch will both be included. Please keep an eye out for permission slips to come home.

IAR Testing Update

The Illinois State Board of Education has allowed additional flexibility for 2021 state assessments. Districts were given the option to test in the Spring or Fall. Danville District 118 has chosen to participate in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness in the Fall of 2021. All students grades 4-8 will be tested. Students will be given tests based on their grade level in Spring 2021. For example, a fourth grade student in Fall 2021 will be given a third grade test. Please feel free to contact your building administrator with any questions.

I would like to recognize the Problem Solving Club for a great year. This was a strange year with the pandemic. But I hope everyone had fun! Problem Solving Club Members: Sora Diffenderfer, Lillian Rhodes, Jailyn Huston, Ryland Moore, and Jordan Winchester.

- 4/6 Students return from Spring Break
- 4/9 Sports Day (wear your favorite team jersey or colors)
- 4/16 Career Day
- 4/23 Tacky Tourist
- 4/26 Asynchronous Day
- 4/30 Crazy Hair Day
- 5/7 Brainiac Day
- 5/10 Asynchronous Day

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**

During March, the preschool classrooms spent two weeks learning using Dr. Seuss books and two weeks learning about the weather. The next material distribution will be Monday, April 5th at the Jackson Building from 9:00-1:00 but if you are unable to get your materials then, they are always available in the tote outside of the Southwest front doors. The learning packets support the home learning grids. Not only are they filled with more than 50 activities for your child to do at home (mostly hands-on, some online), they often include other supplemental materials like books, crayons, and other learning tools for your child! The packets are passed out monthly and change from month to month with different materials. Reach out to your child's teacher if you need assistance in getting a learning packet. Also, preschool screenings are back in action. If your child is already enrolled, you do not need to get them screened. But if you know of a child who is ready to enter preschool (ages 3-5), call 444-3525 to get them signed up for a screening. You will have the option to attend an in-person screening or fill out an online questionnaire to see if your child qualifies for the Vermilion County and Danville Preschool programs.

KINDERGARTEN

We are now in the last quarter of Kindergarten. Your child should have these skills mastered at this time: identifying letters and sounds, identifying & writing numbers to 20, counting to 100 by 10's & 1's, and identifying shapes. Please continue to work on these skills at home daily if your child has not yet mastered them. We will be focusing on adding and subtracting to 5, writing complete sentences, and identifying all 46 sight words this quarter. Remember your child has homework everyday for class. Please complete the assignments. We appreciate your support!

FIRST GRADE

It was great to talk to so many of you for parent teacher conferences! If we were unable to reach you, please call us. We would love to talk about your student's progress! We are happy to welcome more students into the building in Dr. Brown's classes. Ms. Coffman and Dr. Brown's student teachers will be in full take over for most of April. In reading this month, we will be studying weather and space. In math we will work on two-digit addition and subtraction as well as time. We hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break!

Second Grade

Huge thank you to all of the families who met with us for Parent Teacher Conferences. We really appreciate your dedication to helping your children learn during these challenging times. In reading this month we will be wrapping up Unit 7, Investigating the Past, and will soon begin Unit 8 on Wild Weather! In Math, we are learning all about money, time, and place value to 1,000. Both Miss Witzel and Mrs. Wise are very excited about so many more students coming back to school fourth quarter. Mrs. Wise will finally get to meet some of her students in person! 😊 We hope you all had a wonderful, restful Spring Break and are ready to conquer quarter 4! Let's do this!!

Third Grade

Welcome back to school! I hope you all have enjoyed your break. We welcome the remote students who have chosen to come back to school in-person! Third graders will continue practicing our multiplication and division facts and learning some new skills in Math. It is important to practice those facts each day! Your 4th grade teachers will expect you to know them. In reading we will be learning more about communities and strategies to help you understand non-fiction texts. It will be an exciting month as we prepare for 4th grade.

Fourth Grade

We hope you had a relaxing spring break and are ready to get back to work. We still have a lot of school left before we are out for summer. We are busy working on fractions and still trying to touch on the other skills learned earlier in the year. Students need to practice their reading and math facts every day at home. It is also important that they complete their homework. This is teaching them to be responsible, while also working on the skill that is being taught in class.

ACCESS TESTING:

The ACCESS for English Language Learners grades K-12 will be administered in person March 15-26, 2021. Illinois schools are currently operating under Restore Illinois Phase 4, which allows in-person instruction while following public health requirements. Schools will be preparing assessment plans that will follow state guidelines to keep all students and staff safe. Schools must follow the Illinois Department of Public Health requirements when administering spring 2021 assessments. Those requirements during Restore Illinois Phase 4 are:

Require use of appropriate personal protective equipment, including face coverings; Prohibit more than 50 individual from gathering in one space; Require social distancing be observed, as much as possible; Require that schools conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings; and Require an increase in schoolwide cleaning and disinfection.

You will be receiving additional information from your student's ESL teacher or school. Students will bring their current school device to use during testing. Busing will be provided to those remote students who need it. If you have any questions, please call Brandie Kuchefski, Title I Grants Coordinator, 217-444-1065. Thank you!

El ACCESS para estudiantes de inglés de los grados K-12 se administrará en persona del 15 al 26 de marzo de 2021. Las escuelas de Illinois actualmente operan bajo la Fase 4 de Restaurar Illinois, que permite la instrucción en persona mientras se cumplen los requisitos de salud pública.

Las escuelas prepararán planes de evaluación que seguirán las pautas estatales para mantener seguros a todos los estudiantes y al personal. Las escuelas deben cumplir con los requisitos del Departamento de Salud Pública de Illinois al administrar las evaluaciones de primavera de 2021. Esos requisitos durante la Fase 4 de Restaurar Illinois son:

Exigir el uso de equipo de protección personal adecuado, incluidas las cubiertas faciales Prohibir que más de 50 personas se reúnan en un espacio; Exigir que se observe el distanciamiento social, en la medida de lo posible; Exigir que las escuelas realicen exámenes de detección de síntomas y controles de temperatura o exigir que las personas certifiquen por sí mismas que no tienen síntomas antes de ingresar a los edificios escolares; y Requerir un aumento en la limpieza y desinfección de toda la escuela.

Usted recibirá información adicional del maestro de ESL o de la escuela.

Los estudiantes traerán su propio aparato electrónico escolar para usar durante la prueba. Se ofrecerá transporte en autobús para aquellos estudiantes que están remoto que lo necesiten. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a Brandie Kuchefski, Coordinadora de Becas Título I, 217-444-1065. ¡Gracias!

Kindergarten Registration

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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse.

Mrs. Ahmed-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!</p>	<p>Pre-K: McKenzie Pitts, Jackel Dumas, Yuri Mack-Wright, Isaiah Tuel, Amareae Robinson-Seaborn, Eric Stark</p> <p>Kindergarten: Anna Grupe, Hunter Brewer</p> <p>1st Grade: Kayden Cunningham, Kaz Connor, Masyn White</p> <p>2nd Grade: Atticus Jones, Willow Bolton</p> <p>3rd Grade: Zilah Adams, Kolin Winchester, Devin McDaniel</p> <p>4th Grade: Bob Cunningham, Rylee Hardesty</p>

AVID Strategy of the Month

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 2 questions. Level 2 questions require looking at two places and pulling information together. Level 2 questions are typically your How and Why Questions.

The Munez family went to Florida for Spring Break. They rented a house on the beach! The family had a blast building sandcastles and collecting seashells along the beach. At first, Timmy was scared of the ocean waves and would not go into the water. His sister, Layla had an idea! She showed him that the crashing waves at the ocean are just like the splashes they make in the pool. Timmy now loved the ocean too!

Examples of Level 2 Questions:

1. How did Layla help Timmy?

How does this compare to what you did on Spring Break?

