



Schwarzkoﬀ

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Spring 2019

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 29-May 3 Staff
Appreciation

April 30 3rd, 4th, 5th Music
concert @ 6:00

May 2 Career Focus

May 8 Special Olympics

May 10 Muffins with Mom

May 13-17 Book Fair

May 17 Bagel Day

May 17 Mother/Son night
@ Jimmy Johns
Field

May 27 NO SCHOOL

May 29 3rd Grade Green
field Village

May 30 Kindergarten
Farm

May 30 1st Grade Zoo

May 31 Field Day

Spring Testing

Spring is finally in the air and with it comes the time for standardized testing. In addition to NWEA (K-6), and Student Risk Screening Scale assessment, our 3rd-6th grade will be taking the M-Step test. This test will measure our students against the state standards to assess their progress as compared to their grade level peers. We encourage students to do their best, as we use the data from the test to design learning environments to support individual students. Research shows a connection between student's performance on state tests to the SAT test, which students take in their Junior year of high school. You can support your student's preparation for the test in the following ways:

- 1) Make sure your student is in attendance on the day of the test. Research shows students test better when they are in school testing with their peers
- 2) No early dismissals - Per state regulations, dismissals are disruptive to the testing environment and will not be allowed during the days when students are testing.
- 3) Make sure your students gets to bed early the night before the test, and eats a good breakfast on the day of the test. Long hours of Michigan daylight in Spring can make it challenging to get kids to bed on time, but loss of sleep impacts memory and brain function. Serving students protein in the mornings, will ensure they are not testing on an empty stomach.
- 4) Talk to your student about doing their best. Many students are nervous about testing, but we believe in our kids and we want them to relax, take a deep breath, and focus on showing what they know. Right before we test, we talk to each student about their score from last year and goal setting. Ask your student if they need more support at home to be proficient on M-Step. Become their partner in the testing process. Your involvement makes a difference.

SWIS Data

Spring is in the air! With the warmer weather and the school year rounding towards the finish line, we are noticing an uptick in office referrals. To support our student's behavior the PBIS team is hard at work brainstorming ways to review behavior expectations, and offer students rewards for making good choices. Thanks for your parental support as we work on our Positive Respect.



Coming Up

June 3 6th Grade Camp

June 4 Donuts with Dad

June 7 Safety and Service
Squad Bowling outing

June 10 Kindergarten
Graduation @ 9:30

June 11 4th Grade Science
Center

June 13 Half Day 11:29

June 14

6th Grade Promotion
Last Day of School
Half Day 11:29

School Hours

8:25 to 3:15

Breakfast

8:10 - 8:25

Lunch

11:10-12:05



Moving

If your family will be moving over the summer and NOT returning to Schwarzkoﬀ next year, please fill out and return the lower portion:

I will NOT be returning next year:

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher Requests

If you are interested in requesting a specific teacher for the 2018-2019 school year, please be sure to write a letter. Include your child's name and grade level for next year, as well as a reason why the teacher is a match for your child's learning style. Requests must be turned into the main office by May 6th. All requests that come in after this date will not be honored.

Parent survey

Parents we need your feedback to improve our school. Please take a few minutes to complete a parent survey about Schwarzkoﬀ Elementary. We use your input to create a School Improvement Plan. Our staff will follow this plan to make Schwarzkoﬀ even better in the 2019-2020 school year. Our survey will close by May 6th.

<https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/87279/26175>

Spirit Week

Our Cougar Council is working hard to Stomp out Cancer. Please join us in celebrating Spirit Week as we show our support for those fighting the battle of a lifetime.

Monday 4/29

Show Your School Spirit to Stop Cancer-

Wear Schwarzkoﬀ gear to show your team spirit as we team up to stop cancer!

Tuesday 4/30

Sweating to Strike Out Cancer

Wear your favorite sweat suit, sweatbands and sneakers in support of cancer research. We will walk for 24 minutes around the building (outside, weather permitting) to have our own mini relay.

Wednesday 5/1

Hats Off to Cancer

Wear your favorite hat in support of cancer research.

Thursday 5/2

Color for a Cause

Wear a color that represents a cause that you are passionate about.

Friday 5/3

Team Up to End Cancer

Wear your favorite team jersey or uniform.