



SWANSON ELEMENTARY



WE ARE THE SUPERSTARS. WATCH US SHINE!

January 2018

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Mission

The Mission of Swanson School, as a dynamic community alliance and model of innovative education, is to support and empower all learners to achieve academic excellence.

School Improvement...

Swanson's school improvement goal is all students will increase reading comprehension.

Swanson's Expectations

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

Dismissal on Wednesday is 3:00 p.m.

A New Year—New Resolutions

As we begin 2018 we wish to thank parents for getting students to school on time. We know all parents want their children to have great days at school. Starting those days on time is an excellent way to begin.

Please continue to get students to school on time. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Classes begin at 8:40 a.m.
Mrs. Jennifer Harr

NO SCHOOL

**Monday, January 15, 2018
Martin Luther King, Jr Day**



Great Kindness Challenge

During the week of January 22-26, Swanson School will be participating in the "Great Kindness Challenge."

The "Great Kindness Challenge" is one week dedicated to creating a culture of kindness in schools nationwide. Our school is proudly participating in this proactive, positive event.

All students will receive a Great Kindness Challenge checklist with kind deeds to be completed at home or at school. Please encourage your child to complete the checklist and bring it to school by Monday January 29. At Swanson School KINDNESS MATTERS everyday!

greatkindnesschallenge.org



Calendar Reminders

Jan. 15	NO SCHOOL - MLK, Jr. Day
Jan. 23	C.C. Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Variety Show @ WMS, 6 p.m.
Feb. 12-14	Scholastic Book Fair
Feb. 14	Valentine Parties, 2 p.m.

Feb. 19	NO SCHOOL
Feb. 20	C.C. Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	5/6 Gr. Strings Concert @ WMS, 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 1	1/2 Gr. Music Concert @ WMS, 7 p.m.
Mar. 2	Pizza/Bingo Night



Gallup Parent Night

This year the Gallup Parent Nights will be held in the Westside Middle School cafeteria. There will be two sessions held for all elementary schools. The Swanson and Sunset Hills night will be Monday February 12 from 6:30-7:45. Brandi Peterson will take care of marketing. We may want to include information in our Newsletter and calendar

Happy Happy January Birthdays!

Pranav A., Kirthana B., Cooper R., Marley A., Rex M., Yasir O., Joey E., Rakendu J., Thomas L., Ubeyd O., Maya S., Connie G., Cory N., Sree K., Luci P., Ja'Mia W., Elliot B., Franny B., Leilani G., Jackson K., Evan K., Ryan K., Griffin B., Evan D., and Charlie Y.

ADVENTURE IS OUT THERE:

Where will your summer adventure be? Find yours with Camp Westside Early Childhood Centers. Mark your calendars now to sign your School-Age child up for an explorative and adventurous summer! Our Summer program runs May 30 - August 9, 2018. Registration begins March 5, 2018. No minimum weeks required and flexible scheduling. Email weccsummer@westsideecc.org for more information and questions!

Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Talent Show on February 9th, 2018!



Recess

Recess will be held outdoors, except when extended exposure to the elements is inadvisable or when the Principal determines it to be otherwise unsafe. Students will not have outdoor recess when either the air temperature or wind chill factor is 10 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

First Friday Spirit Day!

Each first Friday of the month is Swanson Spirit Day. On this day we all wear our Swanson logo wear or school colors, blue and white, to show our spirit. We begin our day by saying the Swanson Pledge together. It's a fun day filled with terrific Swanson spirit! Friday, February 2nd is our next First Friday Spirit Day.



2018/2019 Kindergarten Round Up!

We have a list of neighborhood children who will be eligible for kindergarten next year. If you have a child who will be turning five years old **on or before July 31, 2018** and haven't received a call, or if you know of someone new to the neighborhood, please let Mrs. Jolkowski know. She will be sending out important information about registration.

Continue to TAGG for Swanson Community Club

When visiting participating businesses, do not forget to TAGG (Together a Greater Good). Over \$910 has been raised for Swanson Community Club since Swanson became a TAGG organization in April 2016.

An easy way to give back to Swanson without spending an extra dime. Download Together a Greater Good to your smartphone, use it at participating local businesses, and those businesses will donate 5% back to Swanson. With 200+ participating businesses, it is easy to support Swanson!

Please contact Traci Copple with any questions, tracicopple@yahoo.com



Robotics Expo

The Nebraska Robotics Expo (<http://neroboticsexpo.unl.edu/>) will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum. This is a great way to expose students of all ages to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) concepts.

Westside will be registering 6 elementary teams for this event and a Loveland parent will be holding workshops on Saturdays in January so the students can work with the CEENBoTs and practice.

Interested students and parents can visit the EY Blog for more information. <http://ey.westside66.org/nebraska-robotics-expo/>

Student In-District Transfer Requests for the 2018-19 School Year

If you are a District resident who would like your K-5 child(ren) to attend an elementary school other than the school that serves your attendance area for next school year, you must submit a completed In-District Transfer (IDT) Request form to the Office of Student Services for review.

The District gives priority to families living within the District prior to placing Option Enrollment applicants who reside outside the District. We must receive a Student In-District Transfer Request form no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2018, for your request to be considered prior to our placement of Option Enrollment students.

IDT forms are available at the ABC Building and on the District website. An IDT request form must be completed for any child starting kindergarten next year who has one or more siblings currently attending a school outside their home attendance area. Transfers are approved or denied based on available space and other resources. If you have questions about the in-district transfer process, please call 402-343-2603.

Kindergarten Enrollment for District Residents: January 8-February 15

Do you live in the District and have a child who will be ready for Kindergarten this fall? Do you know of other Westside residents with children who will be ready to start school in August?

Kindergarten enrollment for 2018-19 begins January 8, 2018. Parents of eligible students should go to westside66.org to begin the enrollment process as early as possible.

Students entering kindergarten for 2018-19 must be five years old by July 31, 2018. Parents may opt to hold their children out of kindergarten for an additional year. However, Nebraska state law mandates that a child who reaches six years of age prior to January 1 of the then-current school year must be enrolled in school.

If you have questions, you may call the Westside Welcome Center at 402-343-2603.



Requirements for Early Admission to Kindergarten

In accordance with Nebraska Statute 79-214, the Westside Community Schools allows for admission of children residing in the District as early entrance kindergarteners through a locally designed testing program. Children of District residents who wish to be tested for early entrance must turn five between August 1 and October 15, 2018. For further information regarding early entrance to kindergarten, please call 402-390-3303.

Kindergarten Enrollment for Non-District Residents

If you live outside the District and have a child eligible for kindergarten who has a sibling currently attending a Westside elementary school through the Option Enrollment program, you must submit an Option Enrollment Application. Option Enrollment Applications must be received by Westside's Office of Student Services no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2018. The application form is available at the ABC Building (909 S. 76th Street) and at westside66.org.

Under Option Enrollment statutes, first priority for admission is given to siblings who seek to attend in the District where an older sibling is already enrolled, provided an Option Enrollment form is submitted by March 15 and provided that there is space available in a requested building and grade level.