



# SWANSON ELEMENTARY



**WE ARE THE SUPERSTARS. WATCH US SHINE!**

April 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



**NO SCHOOL  
April 2nd - 6th  
Spring Break**

**We are excited to share staffing news with you for the 2018-19 school year.**

Ms. Angela Snarski will be our new second grade teacher as Mrs. Urosevich plans for retirement at the end of this school year. Ms. Snarski is currently a 2nd grade teacher at Edison Elementary in the Omaha Public School District. She has been teaching 2nd grade for the past 15 years at Edison. She holds a Master's Degree in Reading Instruction and an endorsement in English Language Learning (ELL). She is looking forward to joining the Swanson staff and family!

Mrs. Cheryl Houser will be our new fourth grade teacher as Mrs. Hall plans for retirement at the end of this school year. Mrs. Houser has worked for Westside for the past 28 years and is a current Westside 5th grade teacher at Westbrook where she has taught for the last 23 years. Cheryl started her career as a special education teacher and has held many leadership positions during her tenure as a 5th grade teacher. She is ecstatic to be joining the Swanson team, to be teaching 4th grade, and to becoming a Superstar!


Sarah Oas will be joining the Swanson Special Services staff for the upcoming school year. She will be sharing time between Swanson and Rockbrook Elementary Schools next year. Sarah comes to us previously from Loveland Elementary and looks forward to working with all of our students.

We are also going to be saying "Good-bye" to Mrs. Lois Kluthe, our Health Assistant for the past 11 years. Mrs. Kluthe looks forward to retiring and spending time with her family here in Omaha and abroad. We will miss Mrs. Kluthe along with the care and kindness she has provided to so many of our Superstars!

We will celebrate Mrs. Kluthe, Mrs. Urosevich, and Mrs. Hall at a retirement gathering in May. Please look for further information in the weeks to come.

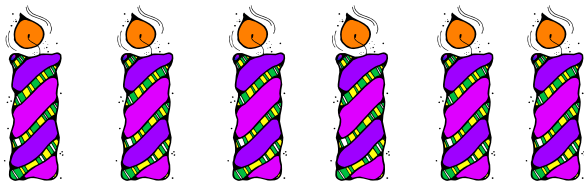
**Dismissal on  
Wednesday is  
3:00 p.m.**

## Calendar Reminders

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| Apr. 2-6 | NO SCHOOL - Spring Break  | May 3  | Kdgn Vocal Music Concert, 6:30 p.m.     |
| Apr. 16  | 18/19 Kindergarten Round Up Mtg., 6:00 p.m.   | May 7  | 5/6 Gr. Band/Strings Concert, 2:45 p.m. |
| Apr. 17  | C.C. Mtg., 6:30 p.m.  | May 10 | 5/6 Gr. Strings Concert @ WHS, 7 p.m.   |
| Apr. 20  | Movie Night  | May 11 | No School for Current Kindergarteners   |
| Apr. 24  | 3/4 Gr. Music Concert @ WMS, 7 p.m.   | May 11 | Family Fun Fair                         |

**Safety Patrol**  
**Apr. 9 a.m. - Apr. 27 p.m.**

Front Crosswalk:  
AM: Claire White, Jack Nisbet, Sara Manhart  
PM: Claire White, Jack Nisbet, Ava Klien



**Happy Happy April Birthdays!**

Max G., Jacob H., Gianna R., Daiba S., Daneen S., Halle T., Tori T., Evelyn P., Graham W., Duncan H., Madison H., Maxwell W., Claire F., Thomas M., Tavin H., Patrick J., Elisa L., Noah A., Treyvon D., Luke P., Delaney S., and Kalahni T.

**End of the Year is Fast Approaching!**

Please have your child check around the house for any school property that may have been borrowed during the school year and return it to school. Items to be searching for include library books, textbooks, calculators, templates, etc.



**Information Needed!**

If your child will not be coming back to Swanson next fall because you are moving or transferring to another school, please let our office know as soon as possible. This information is very important to us as we prepare for fall classes.

**Medication Information**

Remember to pick up any meds you have in the health office before the end of school. All meds left will be disposed of on the last day of school.

**2018/2019**  
**Kindergarten Round Up!**  
**Parent Meeting**  
**Monday, April 16th, 6:00 p.m.**

**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 soon.



It is that time of year when we begin to plan for the upcoming school year. A piece of that planning includes classroom placements. Our staff does not take the process of student placement lightly. We seek to make the best developmental, social and academic decisions for all students. We know that providing a quality education is important to both parents and to the Swanson staff. Our teachers will spend hours planning and looking at various aspects on how students learn best.

When a classroom is balanced, the students are more successful, learning is increased, and the teacher is able to meet the needs of the learners in attendance. When a class is not balanced, the learning process can become more challenging for the students. If we are not careful, teacher requests can cause imbalance in a classroom in which learners struggle and classroom management is a greater challenge.

Please know that your child's current teacher has valuable insight as to the placement of your child for the upcoming school year. If you feel you need to make a request, contact Mrs. Jennifer Harr in writing by April 20, 2018. Lastly, please understand that a request is not a guarantee for classroom placement.

**Community Club Meeting**  
**April 17th**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### **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, May 4th is our next First Friday Spirit Day.

**Movie Night**  
**Friday, April 20th**  
Be watching for more information!

### **Email**

Email is a great way to communicate with your child's teacher. The Westside format is as follows:

lastname.firstname@westside66.net  
Sample: harr.jennifer@westside66.net  
jolkowski.susan@westside66.net

### **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](mailto:weccsummer@westsideecc.org) for more information and questions!

**3rd nd 4th Grade**  
**Vocal Music Concert**  
**Tuesday, April 24th at 7 p.m.**  
**Westside Middle School**

### **6th Grade Speech Contest**

Congratulations to the top six Swanson speech winners: Noah Atlas, Allie Burnett, Luke Protzman, A.J. Shefsky, Weston Siebler, Claire White

1st Swanson: Noah Atlas

2nd Swanson: Luke Protzman

3rd Swanson: Claire White

Noah Atlas represented Swanson at the District Speech Contest on March 9th.

Thank you to former Principal Laura Croom and former Swanson Teacher T.J. Jensen for judging our six grade speeches.

### **Battle of the Books**

Saturday, March 24th over 200 students on 48 teams participated in the Battle of the Books. It was an amazing morning of readers!

First place: Speed Readers - Second Storm from Paddock

(Joe Simon, Kaden Shepherd, Anthony Barone, Piper Zatechka, Drew Longmeyer)

Second place: Fire Breathing Marshmallows from Loveland

(Katelyn Bauer, Zoey Carlberg, Eliza Haney, Emma Tyler, Fia Woita)

Third place: Word Nerds from Oakdale

(Ruby Wray, Leah Dysico, Carly Bea Brown, Ava Stoller)

Fourth place: Book Barbarians from Sunset

(Jonathan Carnazzo, Reed Elias, Charlie Henningsen, Jonathan Wood, Paul Wood)



*Together We Transform Lives*

# TEAMMATES<sup>SM</sup>

## MENTORING

TeamMates partners with school districts and communities to provide the support and encouragement of mentors to students. Our goal is for mentees to develop safe, positive relationships with their mentors and for those matches to last through high school graduation. Use the sections below to learn more about TeamMates and how we can partner with your school to ensure students are surrounded by the web of support they need to reach their full potential.

Westside Community Schools currently has 75 mentor/mentee matches, but we have over 100 students that are on the waiting list to be matched with a mentor. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, or know someone who is, they can find more information at <https://teammates.org/>.

Questions about mentoring in Westside can be directed to:

Quinn McGuire – District Coordinator

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