

# Giving Thanks

November 2017

November: darkness settles in earlier each day, the air is cooler, and the leaves are falling. At home, I have started to clean up my garden and finish the harvest. More often than not I am wearing a hat and gloves on my way to school in the morning. At school, the first quarter is coming to a close. We have completed fall NWEA testing, our first parent teacher conferences are done, and report cards will be coming home on November 10th.



We are well into the autumn season. For many of us, this is the beginning of a season full of family and gathering. For me, it is also a time of reflection and gratitude. There is much in my life that I am grateful for: my wife and daughters, my friendships, my health, and all of you that make up the Southwest Detroit Community School family. I am thankful to work each day with amazing young people, amazing staff, and amazing parents. All of you impress me beyond words!

Thank you for all that you do everyday as part of our school family!

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## Afterschool Programming

We are happy to announce the start of two after school programs at SWDCS: **K-8 Chess Club** and **K-8 Girls Club**. These clubs will run during the months of November and December. Spots are limited so we will be using a raffle process. The raffle ticket form is attached to this newsletter -- please submit your raffle ticket form to Ms. Emma as soon as possible.

Throughout the course of the school year, we will also offer the following after school clubs: **Book Club**, **Yoga Club**, **Girls on the Run**, **Environmental Club**, and **Healthy Kids Club**. Raffle ticket forms will be distributed to students as these clubs are offered -- be on the lookout for these forms in January!

Finally, **Motor City Street Dance Academy** will be offering an after school club to a limited number of 3rd-8th grade students. Permission slips were sent home on Monday.

## Girl Scouts

SWDCS' Girl Scouts group started last month. The Troop meets on Early Release Wednesdays. Applications to participate are still being accepted for girls in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Please stop by the front desk if you are interested in applying.

## Cub Scouts

Pack 4001 will begin meeting again in early December. More information will be sent home with eligible boys at the end of the month.

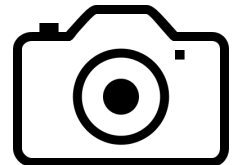


## Professional Development Day

There will be no school for students next Tuesday, November 7, 2017. This is a professional development day for teachers. (This is also Election Day -- don't forget to vote!) School will resume at 8:30am on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

## Picture Day Make-Up

For any students that were absent on Picture Day, make-ups will be Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Students having their picture taken do not need to be in uniform.



## Principal and Parents Meeting

The next Principal and Parents meeting will be Friday, November 17, 2017 at 8:45am. Coffee and snacks will be provided. The Parent Group will hold their monthly meeting immediately following this meeting.

## Thanksgiving Holiday

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no school on Wednesday, November 22, Thursday, November 23, or Friday, November 24. School will resume at 8:30am on Monday, November 27, 2017. Enjoy the time with your family!



## Covenant Care Mobile Dentist

Covenant Care Mobile Dentist will be at SWDCS the last week of November. Permission slips to participate in this mobile dentist event went home last week. If you would still like your child to participate, please see the office for an application.

## Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed this Saturday!