

# Giving Thanks

November 2016

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 11th.



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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Donner".

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## Covenant Care Mobile Dentist

Covenant Care Mobile Dentist will be at SWDCS for the rest of this week. 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.

## Professional Photographer

There will be a professional photographer in our school on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. This photographer will be capturing images of our school day for use on our website and in official publications.

## Professional Development Day

There will be no school for students next Tuesday, November 8, 2016. This is a professional development day for teachers. (This is also Election Day -- don't forget to vote!) School will resume at 8:00am on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

## Picture Day

SWDCS' official picture day will be Wednesday, November 9, 2016. Whether or not you choose to purchase pictures, your child does **not** need to wear a uniform.

## Thanksgiving Holiday

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no school on Wednesday, November 23, Thursday, November 24, or Friday, November 25. School will resume at 8:00am on Monday, November 28, 2016. Enjoy the time with your family!

## Girl Scouts

SWDCS' Girl Scouts group started last month. 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.

## Update: October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Thank you to everyone that contributed in the fight against breast cancer. Through the pink jar at the front desk and staff donations for Lee National Denim Day, the SWDCS community raised \$184.00 for the American Cancer Society. Thank you for your generosity!

## Afterschool Programming

Tutoring and afterschool programs began last month. At this time all tutoring spots are filled, but you can contact your child's teacher about securing a spot on the waitlist. There will be another round of tutoring offered in winter. Currently SWDCS is offering drama, art, and robotics programs after school. Look for more information coming home about our next round of afterschool programs.

## Lost & Found

There is a 'Lost & Found' area behind the front desk. If your child is missing a jacket, sweater, lunch bag, book bag, or other item -- please have them check at the front desk. Because of how quickly items accumulate we can only hold them for about 6 weeks, then we launder them and donate them to local charities.

## 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!