

September 2019

Southwest School

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Southwest School is so fortunate to have wonderful neighbors who also model our theme of *"Care for Self; Care for Others."* Thank you to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital staff, Baroco Corp and the Family Resource Center for their generous donation of school supplies for our staff and students.



Upcoming Events

- **September 10: PTO Ice Cream Social; 5:00 to 7:00 PM**
- **September 25: Board of Ed Meeting at THS; 6:00 PM**
- **September 19: PLC Day; Early Dismissal; 1:35 PM**
- **September 26: Welcome Back Night; 5:30 to 7:30 PM; this 1:10 PM dismissal only occurs on this date**
- **September 30: School Picture Day**



We would also like to thank Staples for their thoughtful donation to two of our teachers. The goodie bags were delivered through the kindness of our wonderful Torrington Police officers. Pictured below with Officer Richardson are two of our new teachers, Mrs. Krystal Wall and Miss Amanda Warchol.



Just a reminder: If your child is in need of cough drops, a parent note stating that it is okay for your child to have cough drops in school is needed. No doctor's note is required. Parents are responsible for providing the cough drops, and just like all medications, the cough drops will be kept in the nurse's office. For safety reasons, cough drops are not given to students at recess, during gym or for bus rides.



Principal's Message

Hello Southwest Dragon Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year and are enjoying getting acquainted with our new students and reconnecting with our returning students. It is so nice to have the enthusiasm and energy back in our building after our summer break.

Our theme continues to be: *Care for Self, Care for Others*. How we all treat each other is important. Each one of us has the ability to be kind and we need to spread that contagious spirit of kindness. We are seeing wonderful examples of your children demonstrating caring acts every day. Please continue to encourage your children to show their best selves to their peers, their teachers, and to themselves.

This year our school days are on a five-day rotation, Days A, B, C, D, E. This creative scheduling helps when we share staff members between schools. Your children were informed by their classroom teacher of the days they have their specials classes scheduled. You can find a copy of the calendar with the rotation dates on our school website.

Please check your student's backpacks on a regular basis for any information being sent home. School-related forms will also be posted on our school website under BACKPACK NOTICES. You will find this resource to be handy if your child states he or she misplaced a form. You will be able to access the form directly from our website. For cost efficiency of resources, we will continue to provide paper copies to students, yet parents will be able to access duplicate copies from the website if needed.

Attendance is vital to a successful, enriched learning experience. We are excited that we will be recognizing students with 100% attendance each month. One hundred percent attendance is defined as being present 100% of the time, no tardies, no dismissals, no absences. An excused absence, tardy or dismissal will not count towards 100% attendance. Families are encouraged to schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

A safety reminder to parents who may be bringing their children to school after our 8:40 AM start time. Please escort your child into the school and sign in at our main office.

Looking forward to an amazing school year with your children. Thank you for sharing them with us!

Mary Ann C. Buchanan, Ed. D., Principal

Meet our Southwest Family



Mrs. Merritt
Library Media
Specialist



Mrs. Shea
Social Worker



Mrs. Todd
Secretary



Mr. Paganini
Custodian



Alicja Jancewicz; Cafeteria Manager, Melissa Roman; Colleen Hall & Stephanie Gillotti

Cafeteria Staff



(Back Row: L to R: Mrs. Schlapler; Mrs. Richtmeyer; Mrs. LaTulipe; Mrs. Dickinson; Mrs. Picz; Front Row: L to R: Ms. Conforti; Mrs. Mathiesen; Mrs. Cook; Mrs. Rudnyai; Mrs. Valerio; Mrs. Stearns; Missing from photo: Mrs. Messenger; Mrs. Sabolik; Mrs. O'Connor)

Paraeducators



Mrs. Svetz-Juliano
Numeracy Coach



Mrs. Pollutro
Literacy Coach



Mrs. Vitali; Mrs. Nadolny; Mrs. Reynolds
RTI Team (Response to Intervention)



Mr. Randall
School Psychologist



Mr. Mahar
Physical Education



Ms. Hwang
Art



Mrs. Castellano; Mrs. Hyatt
Music



Mrs. O'Donnell
School Nurse





Mr. Mann; Mrs. Wall; Mrs. Driscoll; Miss Warchol; Mrs. Considine

Special Education Teachers





Mrs. Hammer; Mrs. Martin
Jade Team – Grade 4



Mrs. Yagid; Mrs. Lebel
Shamrock Team – Grade 4



Mrs. Melaragno; Mrs. Bruno; Mrs. Mooney
Emerald Team – Grade 4



Mr. McCotter; Mrs. Lage
Royal Purple Team – Grade 5



Mr. Wollschlager; Mrs. Palladino
Violet Team – Grade 5



Miss Gorman; Mr. Parkhouse; Mrs. Alamo – long term
substitute teacher for Mrs. Giampaolo
Amethyst Team – Grade 5



Mrs. Souss
Translator



Mrs. Paulino
English Language Learners

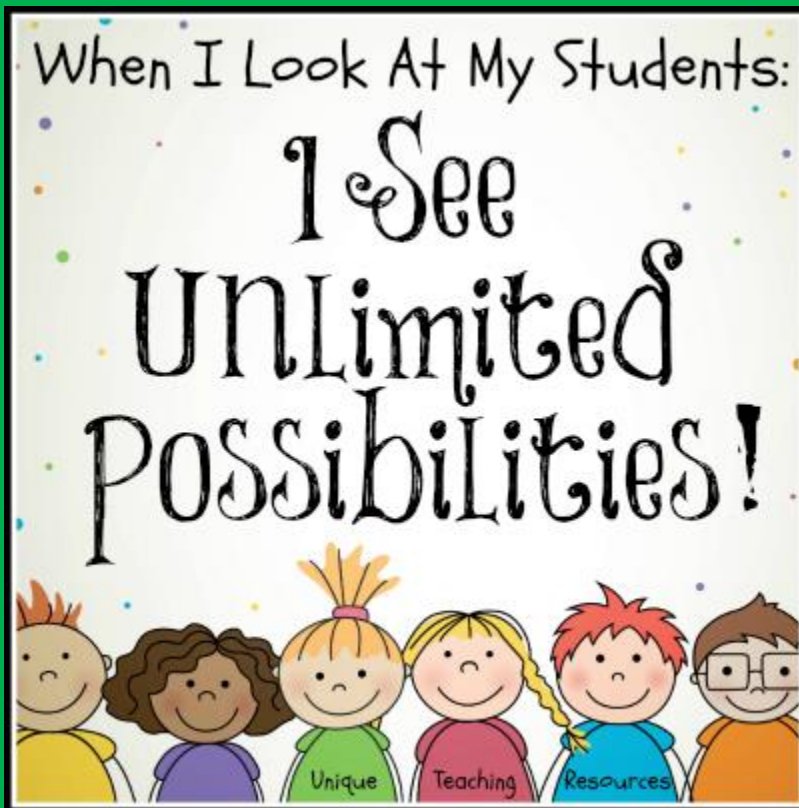


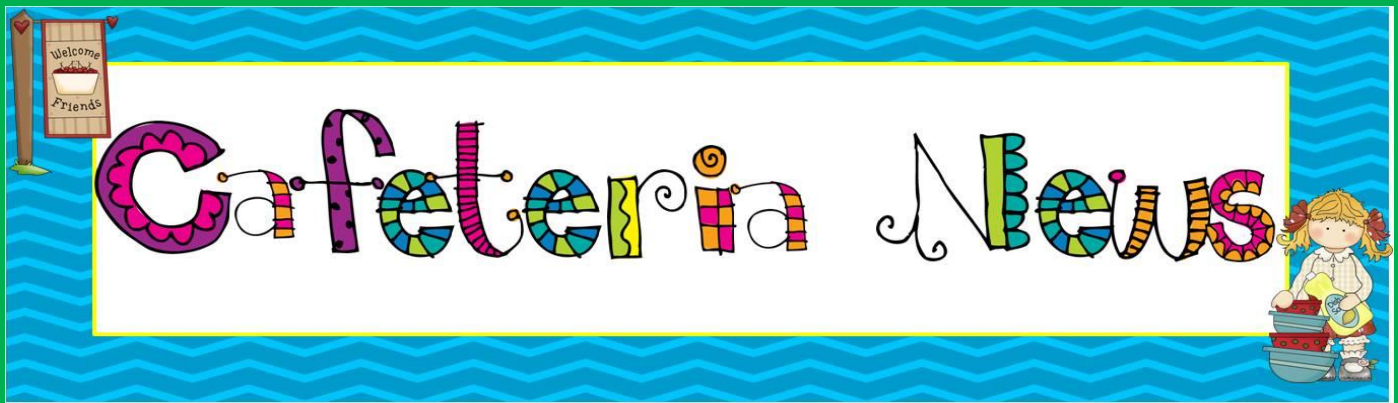
Mrs. Therrien
Social Emotional
Interventionist



VERY IMPORTANT DISMISSAL TIME CHANGE

We will have two early dismissals this month. One for staff professional learning (9/19/19) and one for our Welcome Back Night (9/26/19) where you will meet your child's teacher. On September 19 dismissal time will be 1:35 PM. This is the normal early dismissal time throughout the school year. On September 26 our dismissal time will be 1:10 PM. Please plan accordingly and we thank you in advance for your support and understanding.





On Fridays your children may purchase ice cream and cookies on a cash only basis for 50 cents or a dollar, depending on choice of item. If you wish to have your child use funds on your pre-paid account to purchase ice cream and cookies, please send a written note to school stating you give permission. Thank you.

New to this year is the link to our lunch menus found at <https://torrington.nutrislice.com/>

Also, checks submitted to pay a child's lunch account are made out to Torrington Lunch Program.

Cookies .50

Ice cream \$1.00

Premium Ice cream \$1.50

This hasn't changed, yet a friendly reminder:

- Payments to your child's lunch account may be submitted online using MySchoolBucks.com by credit or debit card.
- Payments may also be made here at Southwest by submitting cash or check made out to Torrington Lunch Program. Please include on the outside envelope, your child's first and last name, and the five-digit student ID.



**SOUTHWEST &
VOGEL WETMORE
PTO MEETING**



**Join Us For our first “Sister School”
PTO Meeting 2019-2020!**



- Join us to hear how you can help your child this year!
- Meetings will alternate between schools and be run jointly.
 - Discussion of events for the year.
- We need help from all families to provide the students with field trips, enrichment and fun activities!

**Monday, September 16th
5:30 pm at Vogel-Wetmore School**



**REUNIÓN DEL PTO DE SOUTHWEST
Y
VOGEL WETMORE**



**¡Únase a nosotros para nuestra primera Reunión del
PTO de “Escuelas Hermanas” del
2019-2020!**



- ¡Venga para escuchar cómo puede ayudar a su niño este año!
- Las reuniones se alternarán entre escuelas y se realizarán conjuntamente.
 - Discusión de eventos del año
- ¡Necesitamos ayuda de todas las familias para proveer giras para los estudiantes, enriquecimiento y actividades divertidas!

lunes, 16 de septiembre

5:30 pm en la Escuela Vogel-Wetmore



Welcome to Vogel Wetmore and Southwest for the 2019/2020 Academic Year!

From all of us at the Vogel and Southwest PTOs we want to wish our students and families a bright and successful school year! As most of you know Vogel educates our K-3 students and then they "graduate" to Southwest for grades 4 & 5. In Torrington we call this the "sister school" model and we are proud of the relationship we have between our sister schools. As a result of this close relationship you will see most of our major events are events for students and families at both schools. We are always looking for families to share their time and talents to make our events special. We have provided a link to our volunteer site below where you can submit your contact info and signup to help at one of our events.

Thank you all for your past and future support. We look forward to meeting each and every one of you at our events!

For Volunteer Opportunities www.tinyurl.com/torringtonpto

PTO Meeting Schedule

9/16	Vogel Wetmore 5:30pm
10/17	Southwest 6:00pm
11/18	Vogel Wetmore 5:30pm
1/14	Southwest 6:00pm
2/10	Vogel Wetmore 6:00pm
3/4	Southwest 6:00pm
4/23	Vogel Wetmore 6:00pm
5/27	Southwest 6:00pm

PTO Event Schedule

9/10	Ice Cream Social
9/26	99 Restaurant Night
10/18	Harvest Fest
9/30	Southwest Picture Day
10/25	Vogel Picture Day
12/3 & 12/4	Holiday Store
2/28	Vogel Wetmore Dance
3/27	Southwest Spring Dance
4/27 & 4/28	Mc Teacher Night
5/4-5/8	Staff Appreciation
5/15	Sister School Movie Night

PTO Fundraiser Schedule

Sept: Meadowview Farms
(shipped to your house!)

December: Yankee Candle

April: Munson Chocolates

Email Us:

vogel@torringtonpto.org

For News and
Events
Like us on



@vogelwetmore



¡Bienvenidos a Vogel Wetmore y Southwest para el año académico 2019/2020!

¡De parte de todos en los PTOs de Vogel y Southwest queremos desearle a nuestros estudiantes y familias un año escolar brillante y exitoso! Como muchos de ustedes saben, Vogel educa a nuestros(as) estudiantes de K-3 y luego se "graduan" a Southwest para los grados 4 y 5. En Torrington lo llamamos el modelo de "escuelas hermanas" y estamos orgullosos de la relación que tenemos entre nuestras escuelas hermanas. Como resultado de esta relación cercana usted verá la mayoría de nuestros grandes eventos para estudiantes y familias en ambas escuelas. Siempre estamos buscando que las familias compartan su tiempo y sus talentos para hacer a nuestros eventos especiales. Hemos proporcionado más abajo un enlace al sitio de voluntarios donde puede dar su información de contacto y se puede apuntar para ayudar en uno de nuestros eventos.

Gracias por todo su apoyo en el pasado y en el futuro. ¡Esperamos conocer a cada uno de ustedes en nuestros eventos!

Para Oportunidades de Voluntariado

www.tinyurl.com/torringtonpto

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PTO Itinerario de Eventos

9/10	Social de Helados
9/26	Noche de 99 Restaurant
9/30	Día de Fotos Southwest
10/18	Harvest Fest
10/25	Día de Fotos Vogel Picture
12/3 & 12/4	Tienda Navideña
2/28	Baile Vogel Wetmore
3/27	Baile de Primavera Southwest
4/27 & 4/28	Noche Mc Teacher
5/4-5/8	Apreciación de Empleados
5/15	Noche de Películas de Escuelas Hermanas

PTO Itinerario de Recaudación de Fondos

sept: Meadowview Farms
(¡enviado a su casa!)

diciembre: Yankee Candle

Email:

vogel@torringtonpto.org
ptosouthwest@gmail.com

Para Noticias y Eventos
De "Like" en Facebook



@VogelWetmore
@southwestschool



Welcome Back to School
The PTO would like to
invite you to our first
event:

Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, September 10th

5pm-7pm Southwest School

We will be serving yummy ice cream and
toppings while you visit with teachers,
students and families.

Hosted by: The PTO

Please like our Facebook page

Southwest PTO





**Bienvenidos De Vuelta a la
Escuela**

**Al PTO le gustaría invitarlo
a nuestro primer evento:**

Social de Helados

Martes, 10 de septiembre

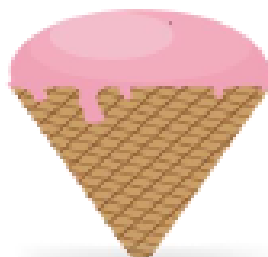
5pm-7pm Escuela Southwest

**Estaremos sirviendo helado rico con
coberturas mientras usted visita maestros,
estudiantes y familias.**

Organizado por: El PTO

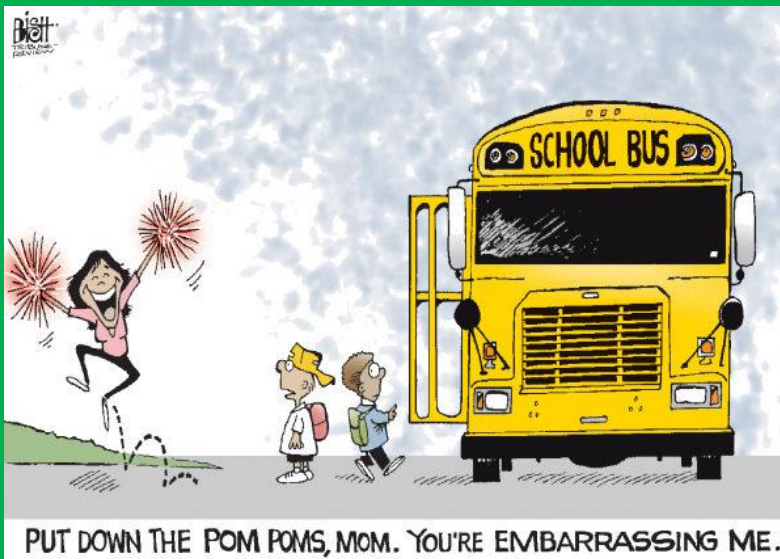
**Por favor déle "like" a nuestra página de
Facebook**

Southwest PTO



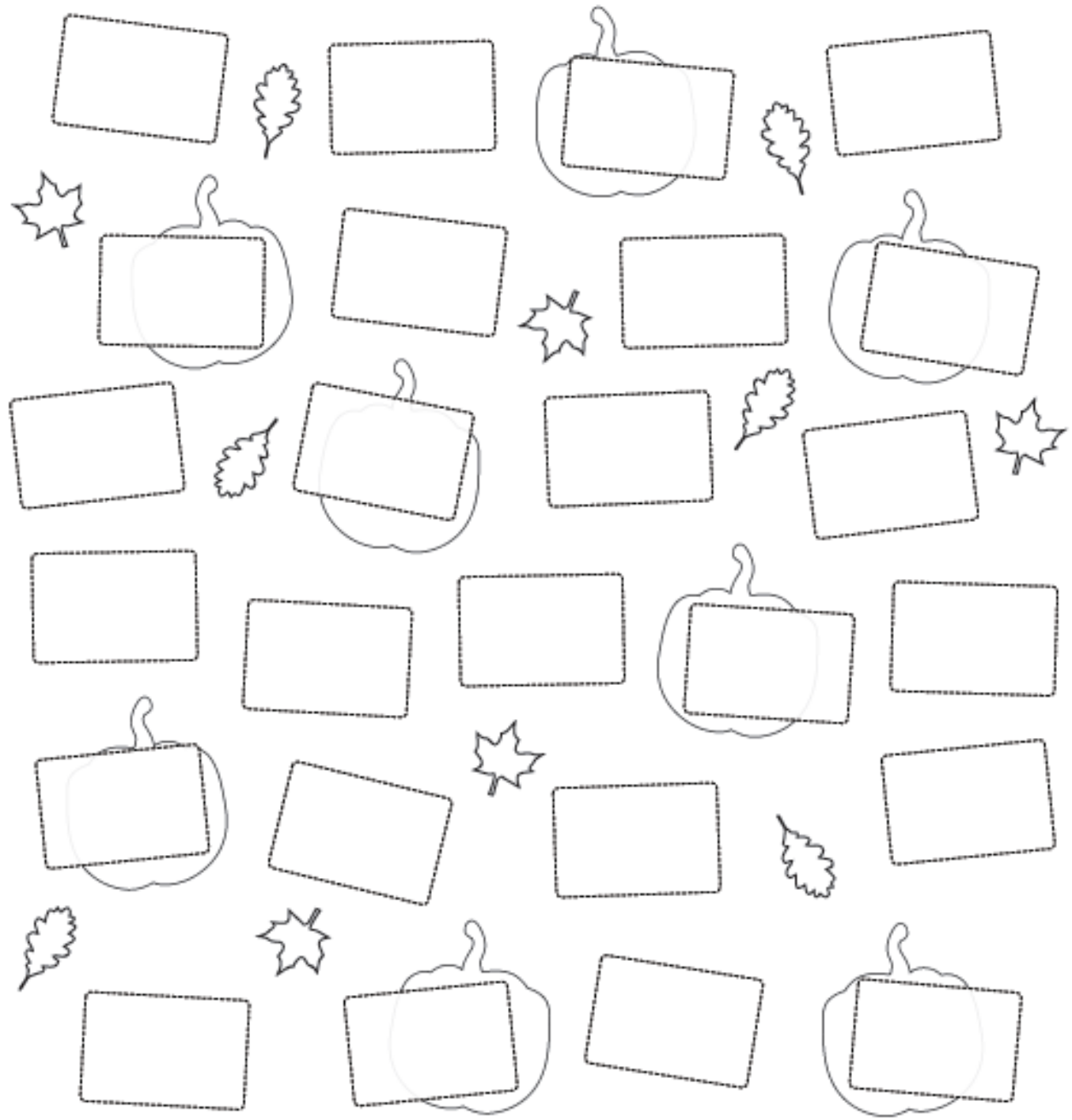


School picture day is September 30th
Be sure to have your best Southwest smile on!





HARVEST ALL YOUR BOX TOPS AND SEND THEM TO SCHOOL!



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school.
Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately.
To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.

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Opportunities that make the grade

If you've ever considered working in an educational environment, this could be the perfect time to act. Kelly Educational Staffing is currently hiring talented individuals to work in the Torrington School District, earning full-time or part-time supplemental incomes. Make a difference in your child's school -and in your life - by connecting with us!

Positions Available:

- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Paraprofessionals

Details:

- Bachelor's degree required for substitute teacher positions
- High School diploma for substitute paraprofessional positions
- Flexible scheduling
- As part of preparation for potential employment as a substitute educator or paraprofessional, Kelly Educational Staffing® offers free online professional training and development from TeacherMatch/Smart Practices.

To find out more, contact:

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