



# SOUTHWOOD PTA

## A Word from the Presidents...

Welcome Back! We are off to a great start with the school year. Rachel and I had the pleasure of meeting most of you during the Ice Cream Social and are looking forward to getting to know you better this year.

Why join PTA? I've heard this question a lot while talking with people over the last few months. I became involved with PTA when my oldest child was in the first grade because I wanted to know the teachers better. After all this is where my kids will spend most of their day and I want to be involved with their lives, understanding what goes on in the school. Prior to being involved with the PTA, I didn't have a clue what role the PTA played within the school. Now I have a greater respect for how the PTA works along with the school for the benefit of the students. As time went on I learned of more areas where the PTA is supporting student learning. The PTA provided classroom document cameras and is looking to provide more classroom technologies this year. The help goes beyond the classrooms into the community also. Seeing the joy in the students as they were collecting items of clothing for kids in the Enumclaw area is priceless. Our goal as the PTA is to be there for the students, helping to fill in the gaps from the budget cuts over the last few years.

So my reply is why not be a part of something that helps support the future of students at Southwood? We hope you will join us for many new adventures this year.

Sincerely, *Lisa Longtine*

Co-President, Southwood PTA



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### Keep Informed:

- ☺ **On the Web:**  
[www.southwood-pta.org](http://www.southwood-pta.org)
- ☺ **Like us on Facebook:**  
Southwood Elementary PTA
- ☺ **Attend a meeting:**  
2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 p.m. in the SW Library
- ☺ **E-mail:**  
[pta@linxure.net](mailto:pta@linxure.net)

## Reflections: "Diversity Means..."

Reflections is a cultural arts competition offering students from preschool to grade 12 an opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Sponsored by the Washington State and National PTAs, this year's theme is "Diversity Means..." Students may submit works of art in six arts areas: *dance choreography*, film production, *literature*, musical composition, **photography**, and **VISUAL ARTS**. Only original works of art are accepted.

Information on this program has been sent home with students. Deadline for entry is November 30th. If your child is interested in participating, contact Rachel Miller at 360.825.2215 or [southwoodreflections@gmail.com](mailto:southwoodreflections@gmail.com)

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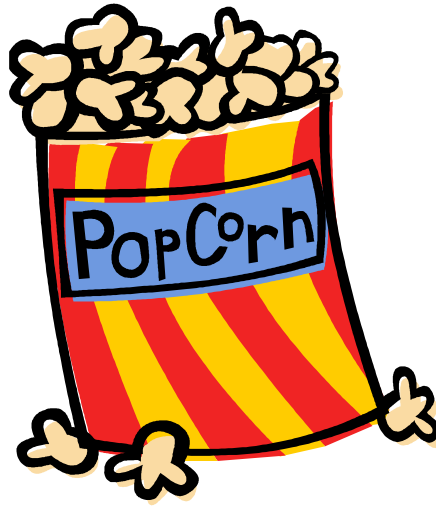
## Monday Munchies & Free Popcorn Fridays

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Poppity-pop-pop! Yum!

Monday Munchies kicked off with students treated to FREE popcorn by the PTA on Friday, September 16th. This special treat will continue with FREE popcorn at lunch on the first or second Friday of each month.

Monday Munchies are available during lunch on every Monday throughout the school year. Treats range in price from 25



cents to \$1. Available treats may include: fruit snacks, cheese and crackers, chips...

Students can purchase a Monday Munchies punch card or bring money each time.

Volunteers are always welcome. Come experience lunchtime at Southwood, volunteer to help. Arlene Duvall is your contact to volunteer or can assist you with purchasing a card.

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## Box Tops & Campbell's Labels

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The Southwood PTA will be holding its fall Box Tops and Campbell's Labels collection contest from October 3 through November 23, 2011 to help support various programs at Southwood.

Collection envelopes for the labels and box tops are located in your student's classroom or the Campbell's bin in the main office; please include the name of your child's teacher on the bag so the class can receive credit for the items.

*The class that turns in the most box tops and labels will receive a special prize from the PTA in December.*

*"A simple but effective way to contribute... clip box tops and labels on these items that you already use."*

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## E-Scrip

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Thank you for supporting Southwood by registering your Safeway Club Card through eScrip--the PTA and the students really appreciate those Safeway donations!

Our *Fall 10% Goes Back to School* campaign is wrapping up-- PLEASE turn in the bottom portion of your current Safeway receipts (including the redemption code) to Southwood

PTA. Just send them to school marked "PTA" anytime before October 7th.

Safeway is requiring everyone to re-new their eScrip subscription each year. To do, please go to eScrip.com and log into your account. Just click the "Renew" checkmark and you're finished! If you prefer me to renew your account for you, you can send me

an email at [PTA@linxure.net](mailto:PTA@linxure.net) with your name and phone number or Safeway card # with the subject line "Please renew my eScrip." Thank you again for all of your support! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Close at [PTA@linxure.net](mailto:PTA@linxure.net)



## Fall Fundraiser—September 23rd to October 7th

The Fall Fundraiser is in full swing right now through October 7th! Our fundraiser helps us to support our outstanding Southwood kids and help them to make the most of their school experience. In the past, we have brought document cameras to all our classrooms, brought the Gizmos science program to our 3rd-5th graders, and *Book-It* assemblies to bring books alive for all our students. Please help us continue these and other programs by participating in our annual fundraiser.

**October 7th**, I will be hosting our annual fundraiser money-counting party. If you are interested (kids are always welcome), please contact me for details: Anna-Cajsa Gipson, bacgipson@hotmail.com

Fundraiser products will be available for pick-up in the gym on November 17th (the Thursday of Parent/



Thanks to you, your friends, neighbors, and families for helping fundraise for PTA sponsored programs.

Teacher conferences) from Noon - 7pm. This will be in plenty of time for the holidays! If you are interested in helping with product pick-up, please contact me with what times you are available. Consider helping out before or after your parent/teacher conference.

Thanks for your willingness to help the

**PTA!**



The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.  
—Dr. Seuss

### Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendar

October 3	FALL Box Tops and Labels Contest Begins
October 5	Picture Day
October 7	<b>Fundraising Packets due</b>
October 7	Fundraiser Money Counting Party
October 11	PTA Meeting; 6:30 p.m. in Southwood Library
October 12	Volunteer Training @ Southwood; 9:15 a.m.
November 10	Teacher Planning—No School
November 11	Veterans' Day—No School
November 17	Fundraising Product Pick-up; 12-7 p.m.
November 17, 18	Early Dismissal; 12:15 p.m.
November 21, 22, 23	Early Dismissal; 12:15 p.m.
November 23	FALL Box Tops and Labels Contest Ends
November 24, 25	Thanksgiving Break—No School
November 30	Reflections entries due

Don't count every hour in the day, make every hour in the day count.

