



# May Coyote Spotlight

## Notes from Mr. Proffitt

May is here, and I can't believe the school year is almost over. The first week of May will begin our final Fastbridge testing for the year. Please encourage your child to take their time and give their best effort. This assessment will determine multiple things for the new year. We want to give a shoutout to Aron Coleman from Mrs. McNeal's class, who will be performing at The Red Mask Theatre in the production of Law and Order: Nursery Rhyme Unit. We will also have our annual derby day on May 2nd. On May 8th we will recognize two fourth grade students at the Vermilion County Student Recognition Banquet. This year we are recognizing Adalyn Bowers from Mrs. McNeal's Class, and Delanee Dunavan from Mrs. Wilfong's class. The fourth-grade outdoor school will begin on May 19 and end on May 23.

I hope everyone has a wonderful month ahead and before we know it, it will be June 3rd, and we will be officially on summer break. Ask your child's teacher about resources to continue learning at home. Be sure to continue visiting our website: <https://www.danville118.org/southwest>, and Class Dojo for announcements.

Charles Proffitt, Principal



## PreK News

As the end of the year approaches excitement begins to build in Pre-K. Of course, we are all thrilled that the weather is warmer and some of us are looking forward to vacations and free time, but there are also some great things that are happening specifically in the Pre-K world. Many of our classes are currently doing studies on garden or bugs. The children bring personal knowledge and experience to share regarding these topics. They are also able to learn new things about topics they will encounter in the weeks to come in their world. Some rooms are growing plants and flowers. A couple of the classes are even hatching chicks!

In addition, we are working on our Touch-A-Truck event in which local agencies, businesses and individuals are asked to bring vehicles for the children to explore. We are working to have a variety of vehicles: garbage truck, power truck, kayak, 4-wheeler, bus, ambulance, police car, fire truck, construction vehicles, semi, race car, Jeep, snowplow, coffee truck and even a hot air balloon (weather permitting). We are looking forward to a fun-filled day and would like to express our appreciation to those who are making it possible. THANK YOU! If you have access to a special vehicle, please let your child's teacher know, we'd love to have you join us.

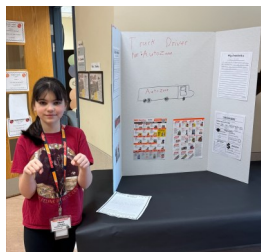
Most exciting of all is that at this time in the school year we begin to see great growth in our students. Some children are achieving age-appropriate milestones regarding physical abilities, some are talking and using their words to get their wants and needs met, and kindergarten-bound students are writing their names and recognizing letters. We are so proud of them for all they are accomplishing and thank you for working alongside us to assist your child as they grow and learn, it is a privilege and a pleasure. Have a wonderful summer.



## 2024 – 2025 GOLDEN RULER RECIPIENT

Maurita Keyser, Southwest Elementary Pre-K Special Education Teacher

Mrs. Keyser is an outstanding teacher and colleague. She serves our students selflessly and works to support all Pre-K teachers and staff. Mrs. Keyser genuinely cares for each student, seeing them grow academically, physically, and socially. She has helped prepare many new teachers and student teachers throughout her career and fostered a belief that every student can be successful. Mrs. Keyser has served on multiple committees and as a unit leader with one goal – students first.



### 4th Grade AVID Wax Museum

Our 4th Grade did a fantastic job at their wax museum! The students researched and interviewed professionals. It was so exciting to see the students dressed like the profession they learned about, then present their information to the students and staff.

### Notes from the Nurse

The following will need to be in your student's file before your student can start Kindergarten on 8/14/24:

**Current Physical (dated 8/14/2023 or after)**-this must include blood lead screening and diabetes risk assessment

**Current, up to date immunization record**

**Eye Examination by an Optometrist or Waiver** (Due by 10/15/2024)

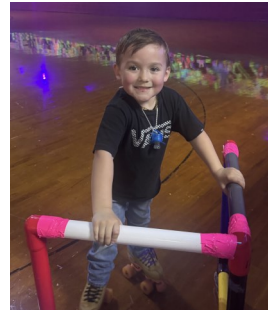
**Dental Exam** (Due by 5/15/2025)

The sooner you get these completed and turned into the nurse's office, the better. Doctors' offices get very busy over the summer with school physicals and immunizations, which can make it difficult to get an appointment. Getting everything completed as soon as possible will make your Kindergarten registration process easier. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse.



## Skate Night

Thank you to all the families for attending our skate night. Roller skating is always a favorite unit in PE. We love seeing our students trying out their skills.



## Registration

Did you know that you do not need to wait until this summer to register your returning students?? The Returning Student Portal opens on Skyward May 5. **All Southwest students that register early will receive a prize from Mrs. Kidwell.**

On **May 8th** we are having a Family Game Night. Doors will open at 4:00 for those wanting to come and register their students before the event. We will have computers set up, and Mrs. Mitchell will be available to assist parents at that time.

If you have questions before that, or would like to come another time, call Mrs. Mitchell at 217-444-3525

If you need any Skyward Help the number is 217-444-3081.