

Good Afternoon SWES Families,



The **Scholastic Book Fair** is almost here! We are excited to offer a modified in-person event this year so you can shop affordable books at all reading levels with the characters and topics our students love.

The Book Fair is different this year. Shopping is open every night except Wednesday! All Covid-19 precautions will be in place. Only students can shop during the daytime hours; no parents/guardians are allowed. Students will shop with their class or cohort during specific hours of the day. Only one class will shop the Book Fair at a time. Watch for communication from your teacher about your student's shopping day.

### **Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> thru Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Student Daytime Shopping Hours Monday thru Friday:**

8:00 AM – 1:30 PM: Student Class/Cohort Shopping Only

#### **Family and Community Shopping Hours**

Monday**	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5-8 PM	5-8 PM	CLOSED	5-8 PM	5-8 PM

\*\*Come join us for a **Book Fair Kick Off event with Kona Ice**. The Kona Ice truck will be at the school from **5 pm – 8 pm** for you to buy treats before or after you shop the books fair. All proceeds will go towards All for Books, putting more books into the hands of our SWES Students!

### **Making it Easy**

#### **1. Setup an e-Wallet to give your student a secure, cash-free way to shop the fair.**

Create a free account, preauthorize a spending limit, and have money immediately available for your student to use at the Book Fair. Share your e-Wallet link with family and friends if they would like to add money to your student's account.

You can set up the e-wallet now [here](#). Follow the link for "Set up e-Wallet".

**\*\*IMPORTANT e-Wallet CHANGE:** In years past, the balance left on an e-Wallet account would be refunded back to the credit/debit card used to set up the account. That has changed this year. Any money left on the account will now convert into an e-Gift Card for the Scholastic Store or for future Book Fairs.

**2. Shop Online Beginning – Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>- April 29<sup>th</sup>.** Visit the [SWES Scholastic Store](#). Click “Shop the Virtual Fair”. All items will ship to your home. Orders over \$25 ship free.

### **Consider Classroom Giving**

Teachers Wish Lists of items they would like to have in the classroom will be on display at the Fair. Students love having access to great reading material in their classrooms. Consider picking up a book or two for your teacher or adding money to your teacher’s classroom e-Wallet account. Ask your teacher for more information!

### **All for Books – Helping Others**

**All for Books** helps raise money to provide books for Southwest Elementary School students who may not be able to afford them. Today, approximately **1 in 4 students** at Southwest may not be able to buy a new book. **All money donated to All for Books stays in Southwest and benefits our Southwest students!** This year we have a generous sponsor who is willing to **match all donations made to All for Books dollar for dollar up to \$500.00!** Please donate by:

1. Send a donation to the school with your student in a clearly marked envelope.
2. Visit Member Hub to [make a donation now.](#)
3. Buy a donation coupon at the Book Fair or enjoy the Lollipop Pull.

### **Volunteering:**

We need your help to make sure that our fair runs smoothly! Please consider volunteering for a day or evening shift.

[Sign me up!](#)

Lastly but not least, I personally want to thank you for all you do to support our school and students. You make Southwest a terrific place to learn!

Sincerely,

Michelle Thigpen