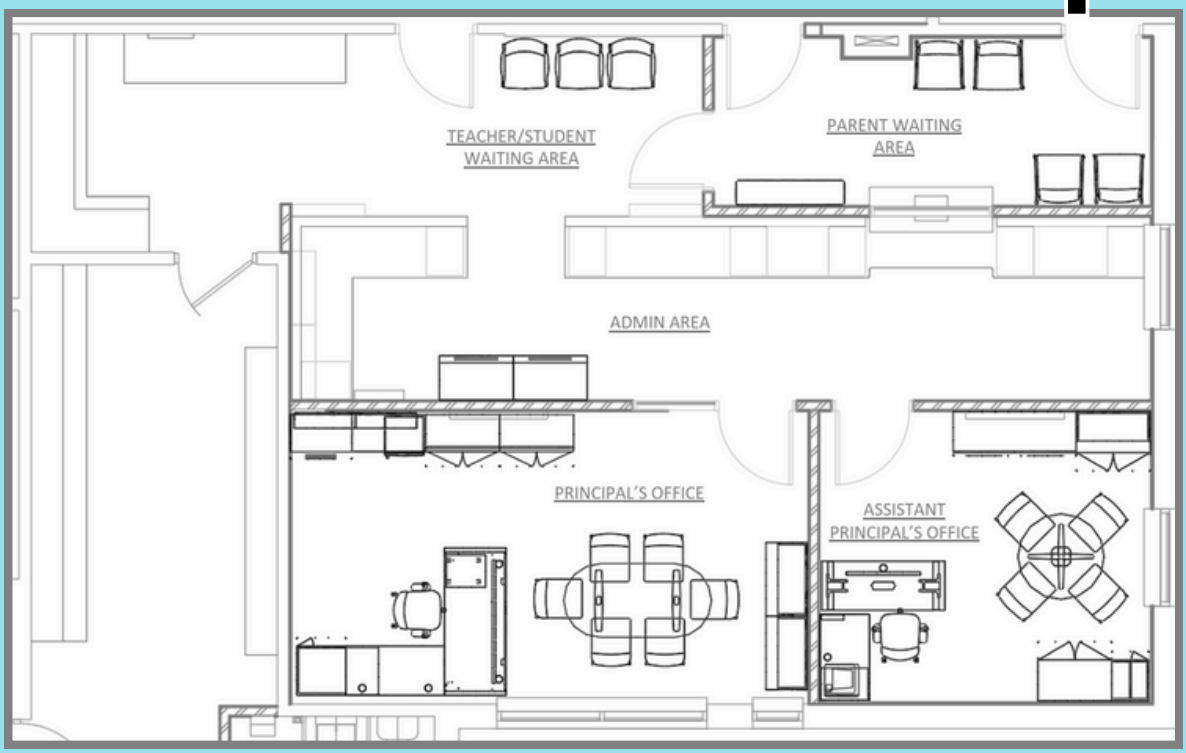
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THE PAWS PRESS

SMALLWOOD DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our New Main Office Opens



The first week of November brought an exciting moment for our school community as we officially opened our newly renovated Main Office. The space was designed to enhance safety and improve daily efficiencies while still feeling warm bright and welcoming. It reflects the character of our Smallwood community and creates a positive first impression for students families and visitors.

We are grateful for the teamwork that helped bring this project to life and we are proud of how the space supports the work we do each day. The new office truly feels like Smallwood.

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BY MR. CROZIER, SDS PRINCIPAL & MRS. MARZOCCHI, ASST. PRINCIPAL

Community Circles: Building Belonging and Connection



Our first Community Circles of the year focused on seeing the good in ourselves and recognizing the strengths we bring to our classrooms. Students practiced being thoughtful listeners, shared personal stories, and reflected on how they can positively contribute to the Smallwood community.

These circles help students build empathy, strengthen relationships, and develop social-emotional skills that last far beyond the school year. We are proud of the openness and care students showed during these conversations.

We thank our TLC student leaders who led the conversations.

The Good is Growing at Smallwood

The 2025–2026 school year is off to a wonderful start, and we are grateful for the energy, kindness, and teamwork our students and staff have shown throughout this first trimester. This year, our theme “See the Good. Be the Good. Spread the Good.” has already taken root in classrooms, hallways, and Community Circles.

Students are learning how to recognize their strengths, use them to support others, and help make Smallwood an even better place. The positivity in our building is real, and we are so proud of the foundation our students are building together.

Celebrating Who We Are at Smallwood

In October we gathered in the auditorium for our first PAWS Assembly of the school year and officially launched our new theme. Mr Crozier and Mrs Marzocchi helped set the tone as we celebrated the strengths each student brings to our community.

Students reviewed PAWS expectations shared in the excitement of being together and reflected on how they can see the good in themselves and in the people around them. The energy in the auditorium was incredible and the assembly reminded all of us how special Smallwood is. We began the year grounded in belonging, kindness and pride and that feeling continues to grow throughout our building.









Smallwood Goes Pink: Supporting a Great Cause Together!

In October, we came together for Pink the School, showing support for breast cancer awareness. The hallways were filled with pink, and students engaged in important conversations about kindness, empathy, and supporting those facing challenges in our community. Our students continue to demonstrate what it means to be the good.



Fall Fest 2025 at Smallwood a big Success!

Our annual Fall Fest was a huge success and truly showcased the heart of our school community. Families enjoyed bounce houses, food trucks, music, games, crafts, and an impressive teacher experience auction.

A big thank-you to our PTA and all volunteers who worked countless hours to make this year's event unforgettable. Events like Fall Fest strengthen our family-school partnership and bring the joy of the Smallwood community to life.



Staff Thanksgiving Breakfast and Gratitude Feathers

Our staff Thanksgiving breakfast was a meaningful opportunity to pause, connect, and celebrate one another. Adding to the spirit of gratitude, students created feathers sharing what they are thankful for, which were displayed for staff to read and enjoy. Their thoughtful words were a powerful reminder of the impact our community has on one another and made the morning even more special.









Bills Spirit Alive at SDS!

An SDS Halloween to Remember!

Halloween at Smallwood was a joyful celebration filled with laughter and creativity. Students shared stories, engaged in seasonal activities, and enjoyed time with friends and teachers. The costumes showcased their imagination, with staff joining in the fun, creating a lively atmosphere. Gratitude is extended to families for their support, making the day special and highlighting the strong community spirit at Smallwood.







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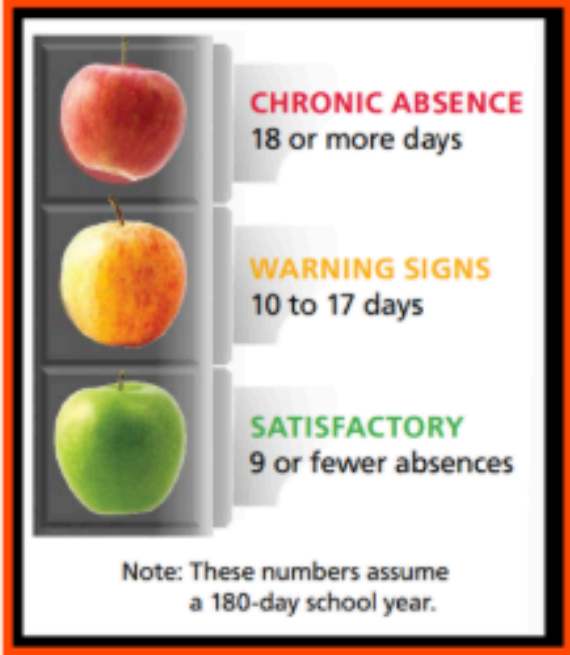
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ATTENDANCE *Matters*

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school- and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that getting to school on time, every day is important.



WHAT YOU CAN DO?

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If you're needing additional resources about getting to school, reach out to your child's teacher, Mrs. Noe, Mrs. Marzocchi, or Mr. Crozier.

Information from www.attendanceworks.org

Doors Open: 7:30-7:45 AM

Students who arrive after 7:45 AM should come to the front door and will be marked late

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