

Southwood

Weekly Update /

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October 17 – 21, 2022

SCC Meeting – Monday, October 17, 2022

We were very excited to see many parents and family members come out to our SCC Meeting in September. Our next SCC (hybrid) Meeting takes place on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm. *Childcare will be provided for in-person attendees.* If you would like to receive a link to the online version of the meeting, please email Mr. Budd (david.budd@ddsb.ca).

Welcome Back M Salvati!

We would like to welcome back M Salvati as he returns from his parental leave and will be teaching Grade 6 in Room 214, beginning on Monday, October 17. We would like to give a big appreciation to M McKinnon, who has done a fantastic job from the beginning of the year in Room 214. We are very fortunate to have M McKinnon staying with us in a coverage and support role at Southwood Park for the remainder of the school year.

Willowtree Farm – Fundraiser – Orders Due by Thursday, October 20

A message from our SCC:

Welcome Back to another exciting year at Southwood Park Public School. Your School Community Council has been busy planning for a fun year! School Community Council raises money to help support enrichment opportunities for our students such as Scientist In School, helping reduce the cost for school field trips, musical instruments, gym and sports equipment, and art supplies to name just a few. This year the School Community Council has partnered with *Willowtree Farm*, located in Port Perry, to run our annual fall harvest fundraiser. The fundraiser will sell healthy, *locally grown farm fresh produce*. **Ordering timelines are Tuesday, October 11 to Thursday, October 20.** Orders will be available for pick-up on Thursday, October 27.

To place an order, please use the instructions provided in this link – [Willowtree Farm - Fundraiser](#).

IEPs – Sent to Families on October 18, 2022

For all identified students, IEPs (Individual Education Plan) will be sent to families through an encrypted email on Tuesday, October 18th. If you have any questions regarding this process, please email Jennifer French, our Special Education Resource Teacher (jenniferl.french@ddsb.ca).

Halloween

We recognize that October 31 is Halloween. As always, it is our goal to foster inclusion and school spirit. Students who celebrate this occasion are welcome, but not expected to wear costumes on Monday, October 31st.

The spirit of inclusion also means respect for the decision of those who choose not to participate in some of the day's activities. If students do not wish to wear costumes, they are welcome to come in regular school attire or wear fall colours. As a school, we will make sure that all students—should they choose to dress for the day or not – will feel equally included and respected as part of the Southwood Park P.S. community.

Students who choose to wear a costume, are expected to keep the following in mind:

- Stereotypical costumes (i.e., indigenous representations) minimize the lived experiences of students within our community and are therefore not welcome in our learning community
- Costumes should not include masks, as these can impair vision, muffle speech and impact student safety
- Costumes should not include scary images, accessories, or any type of weapon (i.e., blood, gore, replica guns, knives, etc.) that can impact safety or a sense of security

Have a great week,
Mr. Budd & Mme Saati

DAILY EVENTS

The Character Trait for October is ***Teamwork***

October is:

- Islamic Heritage Month
- Latin American Heritage Month
- LGBTQ+ History Month
- ADHD Awareness Month
- Autism Acceptance Month (Canada)
- Neurodiversity Education and Neurodivergent Acceptance Month

SPPS Activities – Week at a Glance:

<p>Mon. Oct. 17 Day 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - Intermurals (Jr.) @ 12:00 pm - Int. Boys Volleyball Practice (after school) - SCC Meeting (Hybrid) – 7:00 pm
<p>Tues., Oct. 18 Day 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simchat Torah - Birth of the Báb - Individual Education Plans (IEPs) sent home (PDF copies sent by encrypted email) - Flag Football Tournament (Int.)
<p>Wed., Oct. 19 Day 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flag Football Tournament (Jr.) - Int. Boys Volleyball Game (Duffins Bay – after school) - Intermurals (Int.) @ 12:00 pm
<p>Thurs., Oct. 20 Day 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cross-Country Meet - Regionals
<p>Fri., Oct. 21 Day 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Int. Boys Volleyball Practice (after school) - Deadline for Gifted Nominations (Nomination Form sent in email last week to families)

Upcoming Dates:

October 24: Diwali

October 24: PA Day (no school for students)

October 25: Volleyball Playdowns (Int. Boys)

October 27: Willowtree Fundraiser – Fresh Food Orders - Pick-Up

October 31: Samhain

October 31: Halloween

October 31: Halloween Dance (Grades 6 – 8)

Quote of the Week: The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side. – Margaret Carty