

Southwood

Weekly Update /

Mise à jour hebdomadaire



October 25 – 28, 2022

Willowtree Farm – Fundraiser – Pick Up Date – Thursday, October 27

A message from our SCC:

Pick ups for Willowtree orders will take place on Thursday October 27th from 12 noon until 7pm. Orders must be picked up by 7pm on this date and cannot be held at the school as we do not have appropriate storage facilities and produce will spoil. Orders can not be sent home with students.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and who helped support this fundraiser.

School Bus Cancellations

With colder temperatures approaching, we are sharing information on how the DDSB is handling the cancellation of buses due to winter weather in order to ensure everyone remains safe.

In the event that transportation services are cancelled due to inclement weather, both elementary and secondary schools located within the affected cancellation zone(s) will **remain open**.

In very rare situations, if a decision is made to close schools:

- Elementary schools located in the affected zone(s) would be closed.
- Secondary schools located in the affected zone(s) would switch to a virtual learning day for all students.

How will I be notified if transportation services are cancelled and/or schools are closed?

Families will be notified as soon as possible (no later than 7:00am) through a posting on the DDSB website, social media and where possible, through local radio stations and media outlets.

What zone am I in?

Students at **Southwood Park PS** are in **Zone 4**.

You can review the inclement weather zone maps by visiting the [DSTS website](#).

Upcoming Spirit Week

We are looking forward to having October 31 – November 4 be Spirit Week at Southwood Park.

Monday, October 31 – Orange and Black and/or Costume Day

Tuesday, November 1 – Dress up as your Favourite Character Day

Wednesday, November 2 – Creative Hair Day

Thursday, November 3 – Sports Day

Friday, November 4 – P.J. Day

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:

Mon. Oct. 24 No School	- Diwali - PA Day (no school for students)
Tues., Oct. 25 Day 5	- Int. Girls Volleyball (Practice) - Int. Boys Volleyball (Playdowns)
Wed., Oct. 26 Day 1	- Intermurals (Int.) @ 12:00 pm - Girls Volleyball Practice
Thurs., Oct. 27 Day 2	- Willowtree Fundraiser Pick-Up (12 – 7 PM) (1/2 Gym closed) - Int. Girls Volleyball (Playdowns)
Fri., Oct. 28 Day 3	- Int. Boys Volleyball Practice - Virtual Assembly (1:35 pm)

Upcoming Dates:

October 31: Samhain

October 31: Halloween

October 31: Halloween Dance (Grades 6 – 8)

Quote of the Week: The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team. – Phil Jackson