

Southwood

Weekly Update /

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October 31 – November 4, 2022

Spirit Week: October 31 – November 4

We are looking forward to October 31 – November 4 being a fun *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

Lunchroom Supervisors (Supply list) Wanted

We are welcoming applications for Lunchroom Supervisor (LRS) applications for our supply list at this time. If you are interested in applying or finding out more information in regards to the position, please contact Ms. Saati by email (rema.saati@ddsbc.ca) or phoning the school.

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

Celebratory Treats

With the significant number of allergies and food sensitivities that students (and staff) have at the school, we are requesting that any food sent to the school for holidays and celebrations be closed and wrapped, with ingredients clearly written on the packaging. If the food products are peanut-free and do not impact any student health concerns in the classroom, the food will not be eaten in class, but may be distributed at the end of the day for students to take home. For *birthdays*, we are asking that product and food gifts be shared outside of school and *not brought to the class to be shared*, as some families may not have the means (e.g., time and/or finances) to bring items to school, which can cause distress for some of our students. We recognize birthdays are a special day for students and on their birthday, students are recognized on the morning announcements shared with the class and school. Thank you to all our families and community members for your understanding regarding this policy.

Congratulations to Our Teams

Over the past few weeks, several teams have been actively participating in many events and activities. We had several runners do an excellent job of representing the school in the area and regional cross-country competition. Congratulations to all runners; to Mme. Fudali for organizing and coaching, Ms. Cooper and Ms. Cordeiro for coaching, and to the many families that came out to support their children at the events. Our flag football season is continuing for our junior team after their area championship, with our intermediates having a great showing as well. Thank you to Ms. Biswas and Mr. Ross for coaching both teams. Both our boys and girls volleyball teams are continuing their seasons with successful playoff runs. Thank you to Mme Tang, Mr. Ross, Mme Stiles and Mr. Sell for coaching the teams. We look forward to our cricket teams starting up this week.

Have a great week,
Mr. Budd & Mme Saati

DAILY EVENTS

The Character Trait for November is **Empathy**

November is:

- Hindu Heritage Month
- Albanian Heritage Month

SPPS Activities – Week at a Glance:

Mon. Oct. 31 Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Samhain- Halloween- Halloween Dance- Jr. Girls Volleyball Tryout (AM)
Tues., Nov. 1 Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- All Saints Day (Christianity)- Holocaust Education Week (Nov. 1 – 7)- Int. Cricket Practice (AM)- Int. Girls Volleyball Practice (lunch)- Jr. Flag Football Practice (PM)
Wed., Nov. 2 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dia de los Muertos (Mexican Heritage)- Holocaust Education Week- Jr. Cricket (lunch)
Thurs., Nov. 3 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Holocaust Education Week- Int. Girls Volleyball Practice (AM)- Int. Girls Volleyball – Sweet 16 (PM)
Fri., Nov. 4 Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Holocaust Education Week- Whole School Leadership Activity (1pm)

Upcoming Dates:

November 6: International Day for preventing the exploitation of the environment

November 6-12: Treaties Recognition Week

November 8: Guru Nanak's Birthday

November 11: Remembrance Day (Virtual Assembly)

November 11: SCC Meeting (7pm – hybrid)

November 14-18: Transgender Awareness Week

November 18: Day of Covenant

November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20: Universal Children's Day

November 25: International Day for the elimination of Violence against Women

November 26: Holodomor Memorial Day

November 27: Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha

November 28: First Sunday of Advent

November 29: International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People

Nov 30 – Dec 3: Gr. 6 (Fudali/Salvati) Claremont Trip

Quote of the Week: “Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping him up.” – Jesse Jackson