

Southwood

Weekly Update /

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September 12 - 16, 2022

SCC Meeting

We are excited to host our first SCC meeting of the year on Monday, September 26th, at 7:00 pm. We will be hosting the meeting in a hybrid format, with an in-person, as well as virtual option available for parents and community members to attend the meeting. There are several initiatives that the SCC is looking forward to leading and we are looking for new members and volunteers to assist with the many activities taking place throughout the year. If you would like a link to the virtual meeting, please contact Mr. Budd (david.budd@ddsb.ca).

Meet the Family Night

We are looking forward to our *Meet the Family Night* on Wednesday, September 21. The evening will begin at 5:45 with Mr. Budd and Mme Saati greeting families (outside with good weather, or in the gym with inclement conditions) and classroom visits taking place from 6:00 – 6:30 and 6:30 – 7:00 pm. More information regarding this event will be shared with families over the next week.

Terry Fox Run

We are excited to be participating in the Terry Fox Run again this year. Thank you to Mme Fudali for organizing the event for our school. The event will be taking place on September 23, with a rain-date of September 27. For families that would like to donate to the Southwood Park PS – Terry Fox fundraiser, please use the following link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/SouthwoodParkPSAjax>

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day

We will be joining schools across Canada in recognizing National Day of Truth and Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day on September 30. For parents who have inquired about where to purchase an orange shirt, Nish tees has created an Orange Shirt with the Amik (Beaver) on it. The Amik (Beaver) is part of the 7 grandfather teachings. They

represent wisdom because they use their natural gift in a wise manner to survive. The link to purchase a shirt is: [ORANGE SHIRT DAY | Nish Tees](#)

Entry and Exit Procedures

Thank you to families for your consideration and kindness as we navigate procedures during the morning entry and afternoon end of day times. A reminder to families that the parking lot is designated as a bus route space during the entry (9:00 – 9:30) and exit (3:30 – 4:00) times and is only open to staff vehicles. The parking lot is busy with students and families walking through it at entry and exit times and it is very important to ensure the safety of all community members using this space. If you have a medical or physical need for support during the entry or exit times, please contact Mr. Budd through email (david.budd@ddsb.ca) or a phone call (905-683-5230).

We also recognize the significance of students attending a new grade (or school) and the want to ensure your child(ren)'s safety and well-being during this transition. During the entry process last week, there were a couple incidents where parents standing directly beside the students in line inadvertently bumped into a different families child during the entry process. If parents can stay in the area behind the white lines and allow the painted line up space to be used by students independently (supervised by staff), that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting the safety of all students.

Classroom Placements

Thank you for the understanding of all families that were impacted by the changes that took place during our classroom placements. Our French Immersion classrooms have completed transitions at this time. Our English primary and junior classroom numbers have seen an increase in registration numbers since the beginning of the year. If further changes are made through board direction, we will contact families directly to let them know of classroom updates. We are cognizant of the impact classroom changes may have on students and any process that takes place will involve input from several members of our school team to support student well-being and learning.

DAILY EVENTS

Mon. Sept. 12	- First Monday of the school year! :)
Tues., Sept. 13 Day 1	

Wed., Sept. 14 Day 2	
Thurs., Sept. 15 Day 3	
Fri., Sept. 16 Day 4	- TGIF!

Upcoming Dates...

September 21 – Meet the Family Night
 September 21 – International Day of Peace
 September 23 – Terry Fox Run
 September 23 – Autumn Equinox
 September 25 – Franco-Ontarian Day
 September 26 – SCC Meeting
 September 26 – Navratri
 September 26-27 – Rosh Hashanah
 September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
 September 30 – Orange Shirt Day

Quote of the Week: *Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.*

- Colin Powell