

Southwood

Weekly Update /

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September 19 - 23, 2022

SCC Meeting

The School Community Council (SCC) supports student achievement and well-being through an advisory role with the school principal. The SCC also supports parent engagement and communication between home and school. More information can be found at <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/family-and-community-support/school-community-councils.aspx>. 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.

At our first meeting we will be having elections to form our SCC Executive for the 2021/22 school year. If you are interested in self-nominating for a position on the SCC Executive, please complete the following Google Form - <https://forms.gle/YBeLceshd7SkxWKM6>. Please submit all nominations by Monday, September 26th at 4:00 pm. 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 pm with Mr. Budd, Mme Saati and support staff members greeting families (outside with good weather, or in the gym with inclement conditions) from 5:45 – 5:55 pm, and classroom visits taking place from 6:00 – 6:30 and 6:30 – 7:00 pm. Students, along with their parents/caregivers will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and talk with their homeroom educators, as well as meet subject-specific teachers and participate in activities taking place throughout the building, organized by our Student Leadership Team. We look forward to this evening and welcoming families back into the building.

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>. Thank you to the many families that have donated thus far – we are at \$1125 raised and well on our way to our goal of \$1500!

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](#)

Lunch Routines - Forks and Spoons

Please remember to pack forks and/or spoons in your child's lunch. The office has a very limited supply of these items.

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.

In case of inclement weather (e.g., heavy rain or extreme temperatures), students will automatically go into the school through their assigned doors (beginning at 9:00 am) when they arrive at school first thing in the morning.

Durham Student Transportation Services

Please refer to dsts.on.ca or Twitter at @DurhamSTS for any school bus alerts such as cancellations and delays.

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. 19	
Tues., Sept. 20 Day 1	
Wed., Sept. 21 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meet the Family Night (5:45 – 7:00 pm)- International Day of Peace
Thurs., Sept. 22 Day 3	
Fri., Sept. 23 Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Terry Fox Run- Autumn Equinox

Upcoming Dates...

September 25 – Franco-Ontarian Day
September 26 – SCC Meeting (hybrid – 7:00 pm)
September 26 – Navratri
September 26-27 – Rosh Hashanah
September 28 – (Virtual) School Assembly

September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
September 30 – Orange Shirt Day

Quote of the Week:

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.
– *Helen Keller*