

# Southwood

## Weekly Update /

### Mise à jour hebdomadaire



September 26 - 30, 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.ddsbc.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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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. **Childcare is available for the in-person meeting.** Light refreshments will also be served.

At our first meeting we will be having elections to form our SCC Executive for the 2022/23 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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@ddsbc.ca](mailto:david.budd@ddsbc.ca)).

#### 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](#)

#### Terry Fox Run

Thank you to our students that participated, Mme Fudali and Mme Stiles who organized and led the event, and our Student Leadership Team for their support of this

important occasion. Through the generosity of our community, we raised \$2,930, far surpassing our goal of \$1,500. With the fundraising goal surpassed, Mr. Budd is looking forward to wearing a creative costume for a day, soon to come his way.

### **No Dogs on School Property**

On Friday at school, a parent of a child was bitten by a dog on school property. Families are reminded **that at no time during school hours (including childcare times before and after school) are dogs allowed on the property.** We have several students that are fearful of dogs and do not feel safe when they are in proximity to them, so even the sight of a dog on property can be traumatic.

Having a dog as part of our family, I understand the want to include them in morning routines and as part of the process in dropping off children to school. If dogs are brought on the walk to school, please make certain to have them stop before entering school property. At the front of the school (south side), please do not pass the front sidewalk. On the primary entrance (west side), please keep behind the fence entry. On the east side, please keep them at or behind the path, and on the north side (back field), please keep them behind the large trees.

Thank you to everyone for following these directions. We want school to be a safe space where all students, staff, parents and guardians are safe and feel secure at all times.

### **Durham Student Transportation Services**

Please refer to [dsts.on.ca](https://dsts.on.ca) or Twitter at @DurhamSTS for any school bus alerts such as cancellations and delays.

Have a great week,  
Mr. Budd & Mme Saati

## DAILY EVENTS

<b>Mon. Sept. 26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– SCC Meeting (hybrid – 7:00 pm)</li><li>– Navratri</li><li>– Rosh Hashanah</li></ul>
<b>Tues., Sept. 27 Day 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Rosh Hashanah</li></ul>
<b>Wed., Sept. 28 Day 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– (Virtual) School Assembly (video recording of assembly to be sent to families on Thursday)</li></ul>
<b>Thurs., Sept. 29 Day 3</b>	
<b>Fri., Sept. 30 Day 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– National Day of Truth and Reconciliation</li><li>– Orange Shirt Day</li></ul>

### Quote of the Week:

*No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it. – H.E. Luccock*