

The Southwood Source



IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT
OR LATE PLEASE SUBMIT
ABSENCE ON EDSBY OR
CALL: 519-969-3470.

Southwood Staff

2022-2023

JK/SK- C. Djelebian

ECE - C. Woschenski

JK/SK - S. Tessier

ECE - A. Meloche

JK/SK - A. Barraco

Grade 1 - C. Coulter

Grade 1/2 - A. Mamo

Grade 2 - S. Forget

Grade 2/3 - D. Hunt-Robinson

Grade 3 - H. El-Khachen/
C. Tourangeau

Grade 3/4 - M. Pfaff

Grade 4 - S. Black & A. Carosella

Grade 4/5 - M. Dragicevic

Grade 5 - T. Mio

Grade 6 -J. Dunlop

Grade 6 - K. Trudell

Grade 7 - A. Worrall

Grade 7/8 - L. Landry

Grade 8 - D. Chisholm

Grade 8 - M. Cichon

RISE/PREP - K. Camlis-Leroux

LST - D. Edgar

GAINS 1 - F. Ala

GAINS 2 - J. Tait

GAINS 3 - S. Lysay

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French- J. Meszaros

French - T. Laurendeau

DSW - D. Branch

DSW - T. Mickle

EA - A. Carter

EA - A. Renaud

EA - L. Murray

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EA - M. Mejia

EA - F. Sami

EA - J. Crosswell

EA - M. Thompson

EA - T. Marentette

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Custodian - M. Roy

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Clerk - C. Holley-Lord

Vice Principal - T. Dugan

Principal -M. Lowes/K. DeHetre

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL ...

Dear Southwood Families,

Spring has arrived! The days are getting longer and the sun is feeling warmer. We have had a long winter season so now that we can see that "Spring has arrived" it is time to celebrate! Spring is synonymous with change, beginnings, energy, and growth! As we enter our the next three months of school, we ask that you continue to model the importance of education by setting aside time to talk to and/or read with your child(ren) or for older children, we ask that you set aside time for your child to complete their homework or read. Our home-school partnership is important as we work together to improve our student's academic achievements. We ask our students to put forth their very best effort every day!

This month, we say good-bye to Mrs. McKane who has taught our GAINS 1 classroom since September and welcome back Mrs. Ala from her maternity leave. We wish both teachers a great Spring start.

It is hard to believe, but it is already that time of year when we begin planning for the next school year. Each year, great time and effort is made to determine the appropriate classroom placement for our students. Classroom placements are a school decision that is based on careful collaboration with our school team, including sending and receiving teachers. Considerations for classroom placements include classroom dynamics, specific grouping needs such as academic, behavioural and social needs, student profiles, personalities, gender balance, and the availability of support services. We always keep in mind the learning needs of the child when determining class placement. With this said, parents are invited to write a letter to our Principal, Mrs. Lowes, where there are specific requests regarding class placement based on what is best for a child's learning. While we cannot accept requests for specific teachers, we do try to grant requests that are based on the learning needs of our students. All requests must be made in writing, dated and signed, prior to **May 12th, 2023**. If you have made the same request in a previous year and it is still relevant, please make the request again this year. Please note that all class placements are TENTATIVE until after reorganization day in September.

We would like to thank all the families who contributed to our School Advisory Council's Read-a-thon Fundraiser this year! Your efforts raised a total of **\$8,862.90!** We appreciate your dedication to our school by providing us with funds that offer so many learning and enrichment opportunities for our students. Our students enjoyed a fun day of reading and literacy initiatives with our inspirational guest readers.

Finally, please access your Edsby account, follow us on Twitter, and/or visit our school website regularly for information updates. As always, please feel free to email, message on Edsby, or call the school if you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or compliments!

Your Partners in Education,

Mrs. DeHetre

Acting Principal

Mrs. Dugan

Vice Principal

School Bell Times

Supervision Begins - 8:00 AM

Instructional Time Begins- 8:15AM

1st Nutrition Break - 9:55 to 10:35

2nd Nutrition Break - 12:15 to 12:55

Dismissal: 2:35PM

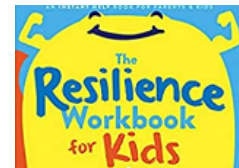
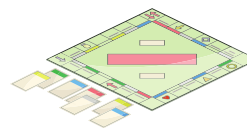
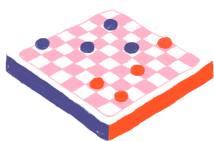
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Promoting Spirit, Strength,
Success and Kindness!



“**Building resilience** in children is not about making them tough. Resilience is the ability to recover from difficulties and manage how you feel” . Resilience building is also associated with numerous other soft skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, communication, stress management which are very essential for their future! Let's develop emotional regulation and life skills in kids without engaging them in screens!



Resiliency tip:

Play board games together to help your children to learn how to recover from minor setbacks and move on from them, which is the core of resilience, problem solve, work as a team.

International Day of Pink



On Wednesday, April 13th, Southwood Public School along with all the schools in the Greater Essex County District School Board will recognize the International Day of Pink. On this day, we will raise awareness against bullying, discrimination, homophobia and transphobia in schools and communities. Day of Pink began when a youth in a high school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia, was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. His fellow students decided to stand up to bullying. The next day, hundreds of students came to school wearing pink to show support for diversity and to stop discrimination, and bullying.

School Advisory Council

School Advisory Council continues to welcome parents/guardians to join Southwood School's School Advisory Council. New SAC members are welcome to attend. Our next SAC Meeting is **Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00pm** in the school library.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS HAVE THREE MAIN GOALS:



We need your help!

- We are looking for:**
- **Snack program volunteers**
 - **Bingo volunteers**

Attendance

The school must follow a very strict protocol as established in the Ontario Safe Schools Act 2000, that requires us to attempt to make contact with parents/guardians of absent students.

Please remember to enter your child's absence in Edsby or call the office to advise us of your child's absence.

Alternatively, parents/guardians can also leave a note in their child's agenda the day before an absence. By working together, we ensure the safety of our children.



Please ensure that the school has at least **2 emergency contacts** for your child. If your information needs to be updated, please contact the office at **(519) 969-3470**.

Visitors to our School



Thank you for remembering to check in at the office when you visit our school. Whether you are dropping off homework, lunch or other items it is important that we know who is in the building. For the safety of our children, please honour this request. If you are staying to help with our snack program, helping on a pizza day, etc., please put on a visitor's badge. We are happy to assist in getting students to and from their classes if you are dropping them off or picking up from the office. Should you need to venture beyond the main foyer, visitor badges are located in the office. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

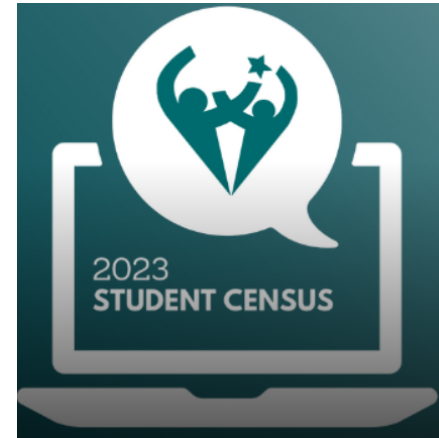


The 2023 GECD SB Student Census

Students in Grades JK-8 and STEPS are invited to complete the census at home with their parent/guardian. Emails with a unique link for each JK/8 and STEPS student will be sent to parents/guardians on **April 11th, 2023**.

Participation in the Student Census is confidential and voluntary! Responses to the survey will be kept in a confidential database. All responses can only be accessed by the consultant and the Superintendent of Human Resources, strictly for analysis and research purposes. Access and maintenance of this data will comply with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).

The GECD SB encourages all families to complete the census so that the board can understand the unique experiences of our student population in order to reduce inequities and better serve their needs. A list of frequently asked questions is available on the board website, www.publicboard.ca. If there are any additional questions, please forward them to studentcensus@publicboard.ca.



Celebrate our Earth!

Founded in 1990, Earth Day Canada inspires people of all ages across the country to connect with nature and build resilient communities as well as foster an intrinsically motivated, enduring commitment to stewardship and conservation. <https://earthday.ca/about/>

We will celebrate **Earth Week April 17-21**. Classes will be encouraged to create art, engage in a school yard clean up and wear green on April 21 to recognize Earth Day at Southwood!

Ideas for your family to celebrate Earth Day!



- **Help end plastic pollution.** Make a pledge to always carry a reusable shopping bag, use alternates to Ziploc bags, buy in bulk, refuse to buy over packaged products and make litter-less lunches. Download your Plastic Pollution Primer to learn more about this problem help End Plastic Pollution! <https://www.earthday.org/yourjourney2018/>
- **Spend a day outside.** In the garden with your family, plant vegetables, trees or native flowers and attract native animals and pollinators. Or join a local community event to help clean your neighbourhood or restore local plant life.
- **Make commitments to cut down on your energy usage.** Turn lights off, power down electrical devices, turn down your thermostat and only do full loads of laundry and dishes.
- **Learn more about the environment and the effects of global warming.** Encourage awareness and promote the Reduce (buy less), Reuse (repurpose it) and Recycle (sort it right!) way of life.

Remember that every day is Earth Day! Don't restrict yourself to just one day a year. Make environmental actions and caring about the planet a habit - on Earth Day and every day!



Read-a-thon!

A Special thank you to Southwood SAC, Little Caesars, Harvest Fresh, Topp Family, Morris Family, Coulter Family, Martin Family, Dugan Family, St. Clair College, DeHetre Family, Lowes Family, 95.9/92.7 Windsor's Country Radio station, Windsor Clippers, & Windsor Express for donating great prizes for our Read-a-thon!

Top Earners:

1st place & winner of Detroit Tigers tickets: **Tommy - 6D**

Tied for 2nd place & winners of \$75 gift cards:

Jonathon - 3/4P

Meila - 4/5D

3rd place & winner of \$50 gift card:

Stevie - 1C



Top Classes

Kindergarten - EY Tessier

Primary - 1 Coulter

Junior - 6 Dunlop

Intermediate - 8 Cichon

Prize Winners

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| Owen - 2/3A - \$30 Harvest Fresh Gift Certificate | Zander - 3/4A - Clippers Prize Bag |
| Ryan - 2A - Minecraft Gift Pack | Blake - 8A - Clippers Prize Bag |
| Everett - 3/4A - Hover Ball Set | Noah - 2A - \$10 Little Caesar's Gift Card |
| Isabella - 3A - Craft Kit #1 | Gabrielle - 5A - \$10 Little Caesar's Gift Card |
| Veda - 2/3A - Craft Kit #3 | Caleb - 6D - \$10 Little Caesar's Gift Card |
| Narae - 3/4A - Disney Princess Kit | Krishna - 1/2A - Snakes & Ladders Game & Kite |
| Lucas - GAINS 2 - Playdough Set | Findlay - 6A - Lululemon Hat |
| Mantashaa - 2A - Spring Prize Pack #2 | Jianing - 4A - Paw Patrol Art Kit & Kit |
| Akhil - 1A - Star Wars Lego | Myra - EYC - Bracelet & Tie Dye Kit |
| Evan - EYB - Hot Wheels Pack | Iris - EYA - Operation Game |
| Gaven - 1A - And1 Basketball | Changyou - EYB - Soccer Ball #3 |
| Logan - 1/2A - Soccer Ball #1 | Kayson - EYA - Soggy Doggy |
| Matai - 1A - Soccer Ball #2 | Sam - 6D - Star Wars Pack |
| Luke - 8A - Mustangs Sweatshirt | Sybella - 1A - 4 in a Row Game & Kite |
| Jonathon - 3/4P - Pop-o-matic Trouble Game & Kite | Payton - 6D - \$25 Amazon Gift Card |
| Shrey - EYA - Summer Kit #1 | Stevie - 1A - Activity Pack #1 |
| Olivia - 6D - Movie Pack | Austin - 7/8A - Massey Gift Bag |
| Kailey - 8A - Game Pack #1 | Henry - 6A - St. Clair College Gift Bag |
| Daniel - 2/3A - Intelligence Dancing Robot | Justin - 6A - St. Clair College Gift Bag |
| David - EYB - Star Wars Backpack & Craft Kit | Avineet - 4A - St. Clair College Gift Bag |
| Brooklyn - 5A - Bunny Pack | Addison - 7A - Harry Potter Board Game |
| Sakina - 3/4A - Easy Animation Kit | Emmett - GAINS 2 - Wilson Football |
| Serenity - 2/3A - Spring Prize Pack | Ryan - 4A - Atomic Power Popper |
| Jasmine - 7A - Spring Fun Kit #1 | Meila - 4/5D - Lululemon Hat & Mix Your Beats |
| Mohammad - 8B - Pokemon Pack | Charlie 2/3A - Massey Gift Pack |
| Michael - 6B - Boxing Sport Set | Tommy - 6A - Southwood Spiritwear |
| Brooklyn - 6A - Southwood Spiritwear | Maylodee - 3/4A - Southwood Spiritwear |
| Emaleigh - GAINS 3 - Southwood Spiritwear | Ella - 7A - Southwood Spiritwear |
| Kegan - 6B - Windsor Express Tickets | |



Read-a-thon!



Guest reader/parent & local celebrity - Morgan in the Morning shares her talents with our Sabres!



Windsor Express Basketball - Players and Coach talk about the importance of literacy to our Intermediate students!



Paralympic swimmer & Crossfit athlete shares her love of books & stories of resiliency with us!



Retired educator Mr. Sisco reads to 4/5D



Staff at Windsor Public Library support our love of Reading!

Mr. Chisholm is Kindergarten's guest reader! →

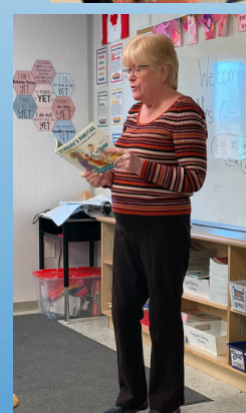
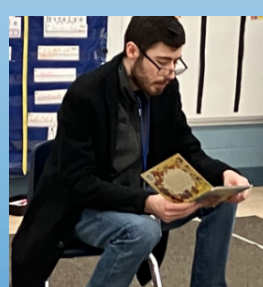


Love
BOOKS

Mrs. Black's mother guest reads for 4A! →



















Liberal Arts program - St. Clair College students read to our Primary students.



Former Sabre Griffin S. and his Windsor Clippers Jr. B Lacrosse teammates read to our Junior students.



APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Passover April 5-13th 			1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	 Grade 8 Graduation Pizza Fundraiser Starts!		 Yogurt Day	 Pizza Day	Good Friday!  No School!	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	 No School!	 GECDSB Student Census opens	 Yogurt Day	International Day of Pink  Pizza Day		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Orthodox Easter 	Grade 8 Graduation Pizza Fundraiser Ends! Gr 6, 7, 8 to Walkerville play		Yogurt Day 	 School Advisory Council Meeting in library @ 6:00pm	 Ramadan Ends! Eid al-Fitr!	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			 Yogurt Day	 Pizza Day Grade 7 Immunization		
30	 Kindergarten registration continues					

In 2013, history was made with April proclaimed as Sikh Heritage Month by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (Bill 52). The first of its kind in the world, Sikh Heritage Month is a celebration of arts, culture and heritage.

For more than 125 years, the Sikh community has made immense contributions to the social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our country. This month gives us the opportunity to celebrate these accomplishments and educate future generations about them.

Since the arrival of the first Sikh immigrants in the late 19th century, this community has helped make Canada a more diverse and inclusive society. With more than 500,000 members of the Sikh community here in our country, Canada is the proud home to one of the largest Sikh diasporas in the world.

The values of equality, humility, generosity and compassion are core principles of Sikhism. In fact, these values will be also highlighted during Vaisakhi later this month. We invite everyone to celebrate and learn about the culture and history of Sikh communities here in Canada throughout April and beyond.

Sikh
Heritage
Month



April is Sikh Heritage Month



HAPPY
Easter

Easter is one of the principal holidays, or feasts, of Christianity. For many Christian churches, Easter is the joyful end to the Lenten season of fasting and penitence. Canadians commonly refer to Easter as the period from Good Friday through Easter Monday. Good Friday (and /or Easter Monday) is a statutory holiday in Canada. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox, and thus takes place between 22 March and 25 April. For many Christians, the celebration of Easter is preceded by Lent, a 40-day period of penance that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday.

Orthodox Christians in Europe, Africa and the Middle East celebrate Easter later than most in the western world. It's because they use a different calendar to work out what day Easter should fall on.

Some of the symbols we associate with modern Easter have more to do with spring than with religion, and hearken back to the traditions of ancient peoples. Eggs, chicks, flowers and rabbits are all related to spring and to the renewal of life after winter.



Passover (Pesach) is Judaism's spring ritual commemorating the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt, as told in the Haggadah. The celebration is one of three pilgrim festivals and lasts up to eight days.

Passover is held from the 15th to the 21st day of the seventh month of the Hebrew year. It begins at sundown on the day before the first full day specified for the holiday. None of the Passover days are statutory holidays in Canada, though Jewish businesses and organizations may close or work restricted hours during Passover (see National Holidays). Passover often coincides with Easter.

Jewish families in Canada celebrate Passover much as people do around the world, with food and family gatherings. The first and last day are particularly important, and include special blessings and prayers, attending a synagogue or read from the Torah, and eating a ceremonial meal.

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