

The Southwood Source



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

Southwood Staff

2022-2023

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- Grade 3/4 - M. Pfaff
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- 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
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL ...

Dear Southwood Families,

March is the month things start to turn around in a school with the March break marking the very quick descent into the whirlwind of the spring. It's also when students who may have been struggling to achieve certain learning goals so far this year can start to turn a corner. We are reminded of the resiliency lessons we learned in February which teach us about the patience needed while waiting for a student to have enough time and practice before achieving a goal. Last month you received your child's term 1 report card. There may have been some marks or comments on there that indicated an area that your child needs more time and practice with. Keep an eye on them in the next while to see if they are ready to "bloom", but if you still have concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher to gain insight into what strategies are used and what your child can keep working on.

Last month, our school recognized and celebrated Black History Month by learning about the legacy of Black people in Canada, their histories, successes, sacrifices, and triumphs. During our daily announcements in February, we shared information about notable Black Canadians who helped shape Canada. Our hallways showcased our learning about the experiences of Black Canadians and how they advanced equality and human rights in Canada.

This March, we will be starting our "Caught you being Kind" Campaign to continue to foster a sense of belonging in our school community. When our Sabres are "caught" demonstrating acts of kindness at school, they will be rewarded with a Kindness Ticket by a caring adult. These Acts of Kindness will be shared throughout the school and on our Kindness bulletin board. Thank you to all our Sabres for making our school, community, and world a better place to be!

Finally, despite the stormy winter weather, we had an extremely successful Kindergarten Open House. Many families came to Southwood to learn about our amazing Kindergarten program. Our Kindergarten registration for September continues this month. We are very excited to welcome all our new Sabres! If you know a family who has children that will be 4 years old by December 31st, 2023, please encourage them to browse our website and contact the school for more information. We have big plans for your little ones!

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

Scan this QR code to access our website!



Promoting Spirit, Strength, Success and Kindness!



School Advisory Council Presents.....

Each year, SAC organizes a fundraiser to support/enhance student activities and provide additional resources and programs. Funding that comes from the Ministry of Education does not cover the extra things that have come to be an important part of student life. Fundraising helps us take care of the many resources and special things that we utilize throughout the year for students. Some examples are: online learning subscriptions, Learning Through the Arts Programs, special presentations for students, sports equipment, team uniforms, musical productions, instruments, indoor/outdoor nutrition break equipment and much, much more! We are also fundraising for a walking path to go around our soccer field for students to use during nutrition breaks, physical education classes, sports practices and track and field days.



This year, on March 30th, we are proud to present a Readathon to celebrate the love of reading

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, March 22nd at 6:00pm

in the school library.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS HAVE THREE MAIN GOALS:



Support Academic
Achievement



Improve School
Climate



Strengthen Family
Engagement

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**.

Safe Schools Welcome Policy

The Southwood School day begins at 8:15am. If your child arrives after that time, parents may park in the short-term spots in the staff parking lot and bring their child(ren) to the front door. Please use the intercom to notify office staff of their arrival. They will be buzzed into the building and must report to the office for attendance purposes. **It is very important that your child(ren) come to the front door of the school to be admitted as all other doors around the school are locked after 8:15am!**



Southwood Spirit Squad ... FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE UPDATE!

Southwood Sabres, your generosity is wonderful! Over 330 cans and boxes of food were donated to **St Mary's Food Cupboard**.

Your kindness created several meals: tuna and Kraft dinner, soup and crackers, pasta and pasta sauce, pancakes and syrup, and much more.

Families will enjoy healthy, tasty and filling meals because of YOU!

We are grateful for your kindness and generosity, Sabres!



You Belonging Here!

A sense of belonging is defined as being accepted, valued, included, and encouraged by others (teachers and peers) in the academic classroom and of feeling oneself to be an important part of the life and activity of the class. Students' sense of belonging has been identified as a potential lever to promote success, engagement, and well-being.



At Southwood, We are...

- building healthy student-teacher relationships;
- creating opportunities for students to participate in group activities;
- nurturing social and emotional competencies in students;
- addressing inequities in systems, structures, policies and practices; and
- celebrating and ensuring diversity and representation.





Do you know a child that will be 4 years old by December 2023?



Kindergarten registration continues through March!

Our Kindergarten Open House was such a great success! It was so nice to see so many Future Sabres!



- Items required for registration:
- Birth certificate or other government issued proof of age and name
 - Proof of residence
 - Proof of Canadian citizenship or status in Canada
 - Immunization record
 - Custody information (if applicable)
 - Medical information



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Parking and Safety Around the School

The safety of our children is of the utmost importance to everyone in our community. Pedestrian activity is traditionally more prevalent to schools during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

In an effort to improve pedestrian safety and traffic congestion around our school, various parking initiatives have been enacted. Drivers are encouraged to obey posted signs to create a safer environment for our children.

Please review some of the common signs seen around school zones listed below.



School Bus Loading Zone: This sign marks a zone within which school buses load or unload passengers without using the red alternating lights and stop arm. Please do not park in this zone and drive carefully around this area.



No Stopping: Do not stop in the area between this pair of signs. This means stopping even for a moment or to drop off passengers or goods is prohibited except when directed by a police officer.



**** No Parking: Do not park in the area between the signs.** This means you are prohibited even when the vehicle is occupied unless you are actively engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers. Drivers are not allowed to wait for their passenger while in a "no parking zone." (These signs are used in pairs or groups.)

Zones are clearly marked. Parking Enforcement Officers will issue tickets in accordance with the City of Windsor's Parking By-law 9023 (see [By-laws Online](#)).

For other signs and what they mean, please see the [Ontario Driver's Handbook for Regulatory Traffic Signs](#).

In partnering with local school boards, (Greater Essex County District School Board and Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board), the City of Windsor is promoting a Healthy lifestyle living for today's children. We encourage parents to allow children to walk a couple blocks or to participate in the bus programs that the school offers.

Please see the links below for safety tips for you and your child when walking to and from school:

- [CAA School Safety Brochure](#) - The route to school should always start with safety
- [Tips for Walking Safely to School](#)
- [Pedestrian Safety](#) - Walking and Biking to School

For questions or more information, please contact:

Parking Enforcement Office @1266 McDougall Street, Windsor, ON, N8X 3M7. Call 311 for general information or for detailed inquiries, phone (519) 255-6298 or email parkingenforcement@citywindsor.ca

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Outside Recess - Reminder!

Spring is almost here, but until then, it is important that children come to school prepared for the cold – boots, mittens or gloves, and hats should be worn to school. It is also a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc., in the event they are needed. Students and staff will be going outside for fresh air and exercise daily. This time spent outside is an opportunity for students and staff to have fun and break free from the structure of the classroom.





Kiss and Ride/Pick up & Drop off Safety Routines

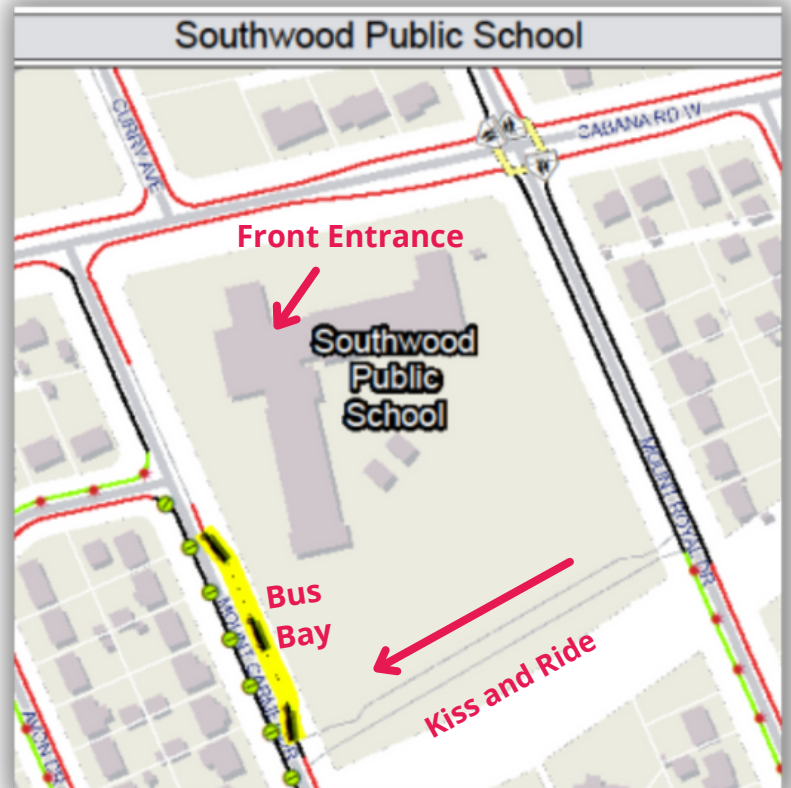
The health and safety of our school community is our first priority. With that in mind, we would like to remind families about the safest and most efficient practices for our Kiss N Ride drop off and pick up each day:

1. Ensure your child(ren) can access the passenger side exit of your vehicle, as well as their backpack and any items they are bringing with them to school.
2. Adults should always remain in their vehicle.
3. Students only exit/enter vehicles in the yellow loading zones.

Thank you for your assistance with ensuring the safe and efficient use of our Kiss N Ride each day.

To further assist with limiting traffic, decreasing our ecological footprint and promoting physical activity and positive social skills, we would like to organize community walking groups, The Southwood Walk and Rollers! If your family is interested in participating, please contact Mr. Edgar via Edsby. Thank you for your continued support in making the Southwood Community a great place for everyone.

Supervision does not start until 8:00am. Students will not be permitted on the yard prior to 8:00am and should not be gathering at the gate before 8:00am. We encourage students to come closer to 8:10am if possible. To avoid congestion we remind our Sabres to use their designated entrance when coming to school. We thank our parents/guardians for waiting at the gate when they are walking students to and from school.



Thank you for your patience and co-operation during this time as we continue to work together to make school a safe place for everyone!



March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Kindergarten registration continues		1	2 Pizza Day	3	4
5	6	7 	8	9 Pizza Day	10 Pizza orders due	11
12 Daylight savings time starts	March Break					18
13	14	15	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18	
19	20	21 	22 MEETING School Advisory Council Meeting in library @ 6:00pm	23 Grade 8 Graduation Photos Pizza Day	24 Ramadan Begins on the 23rd!	25
26	27	28 	29 Spring Photos	30 Read-a-thon Pizza Day	31 Ramadan continues for 1 month.	



March is Irish-Heritage Month



Throughout March, people across the country will come together to celebrate Irish Heritage Month. Canadians of Irish heritage have been an important part of making Canada what it is now, and as we recognize their accomplishments, we also honour their past.

After arriving in what was then known as New France in the 17th century, Irish immigrants faced extreme poverty and discrimination. In the 19th century, many more arrived on ships escaping the Great Irish Famine. Despite the community's challenges, they never lost their spirit and determination to build a better life for themselves and their families.

Today, over 4 million people in Canada can trace their roots back to Ireland, and our country is the proud home of one of the largest Irish populations outside of the "Emerald Isle" itself. Canadians of Irish heritage have contributed significantly to the fabric of our society. Whether it is in the arts, music, literature, business, politics, or other fields, their traditions and history have helped enriched communities from coast to coast to coast and have helped shape Canada into a diverse country.

During Irish Heritage Month, let's take the opportunity to learn more about the community's rich history and culture while also acknowledging their contributions to our country.

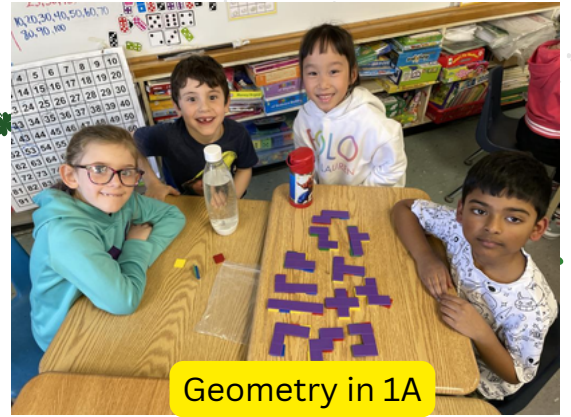




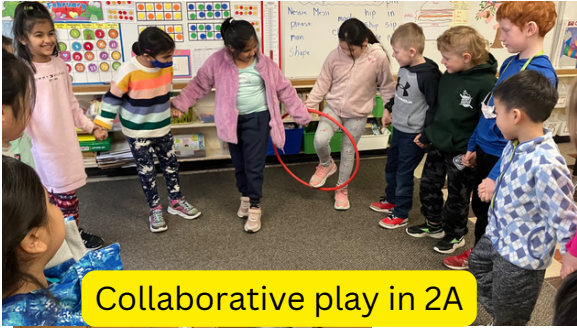
Learning Everywhere



Pancakes in Kindergarten



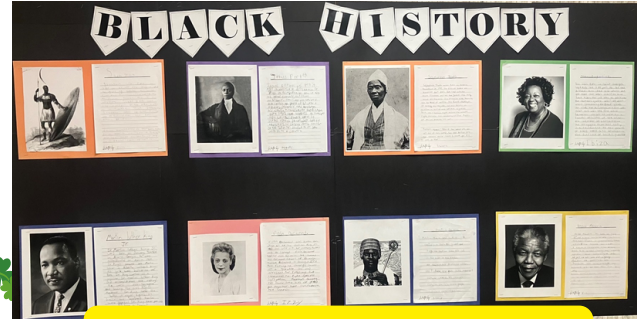
Geometry in 1A



Collaborative play in 2A



Stirfry in GAINS 2



Black History Biographies in 3A



Drumming in GAINS 3



Field Trip to the Orchestra to learn about Black Composer Florence Price.



Ramadan



Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It begins and ends with the appearance of the crescent moon. This year, Ramadan starts around March 23rd until April 20th. For one month, from dawn until dusk, people fast (refrain from eating and drinking) in order to develop self-discipline and increasing awareness and empathy for the poor. Families eat a meal pre-dawn called a "suhoor" and break the fast after sunset each day with a meal known as "iftar," often shared with family and friends. Fasting is intended to educate the Muslim in spirituality, humility and patience.

Some staff and students at Southwood Public School will be observing this sacred month. They will take part in the fasting throughout the school day.

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