

The Southwood Source

JANUARY 2023



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

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 - M. Lucier

Grade 7/8 - L. Landry

Grade 8 - D. Chisholm

Grade 8 - M. Cichon

RISE/PREP - K. Camlis-Leroux

LST - D. Edgar

GAINS 1 - A. McKane

GAINS 2 - A. Gerardi

GAINS 3 - S. Lysay

Library/Prep coverage - V. MacDonald

French- J. Meszaros

French - T. Laurendeau

DSW - D. Branch

DSW - T. Mickle

EA - A. Carter

EA - A. Renaud

EA - L. Murray

EA - K. Entwistle

EA - M. Mejia

EA - F. Sami

EA - S. Jay-Fox

EA - T. Marentette

CYW - J. Glover

Custodian - M. Merucci

Custodian - M. Roy

Secretary - J. Millar

Clerk - C. Holley-Lord

Vice Principal - T. Dugan

Principal - M. Lowes

Dear Southwood Families,

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday break. We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to our Southwood school community for your generosity this holiday season. Our generous families raised over \$1000 during our December Loonie License day to support our friend and fellow Sabre Rehef and her family with medical expenses. We appreciate the GAINS educators and classrooms for organizing this event.

We would also like to show appreciation to Mrs. Landry's grade 7/8's for their leadership during our December "Sabres Care and Share" campaign. Their leadership and the generosity of Sabre families helped make this event an enormous success. Donations of new mittens, hats, scarves and Tim Hortons cards were delivered to the Street Help Homeless Centre and the Downtown Mission just in time for the holidays.

Since September, our students have enjoyed healthy snacks of fruits, vegetables, yogurt tubes, cheese, and/or whole wheat crackers every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday provided by grants from the Ontario Student Nutrition Program. We would like to acknowledge the support of the staff and wonderful students of GAINS 3 who distribute, collect, and clean our snack bins. We are also extremely grateful for our community and parent volunteers, Mrs. J. Foy, Miss. E. Lejeune, Mrs. A. Ni, and Mrs. A. Prahladachar who help with the preparation of our snacks. With their support, our school will continue to enjoy delicious, healthy snacks for the remainder of this school year. Please contact the school if you are able to volunteer one day a week for an hour.

This past month, we have focused on the Character Pillar of Resiliency. In January, we will continue to learn more about Resiliency. We encourage you to talk with your children about what this word means at home, school and in the community.

January is always a busy month! Please note the important dates in this newsletter. As always, we encourage you to access your Edsby account, follow us on Twitter, and/or visit our school website regularly for information updates. 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. Lowes
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!

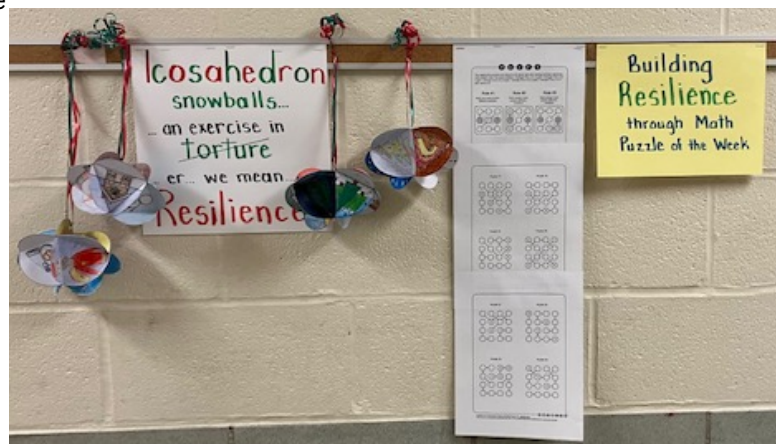


What is Resiliency?



Southwood Public School's Character Pillar is Resiliency! Resiliency is the ability to adapt well when facing and rising above challenges. People who are resilient have an easier time

- o Setting and moving towards realistic goals
- o Looking towards the long term
- o Accepting change as a part of life
- o Engaging in active decision making
- o Engaging in self-discovery
- o Communicating and problem solving
- o Having an optimistic outlook
- o Having a realistic perspective of the world around them as well as themselves
- o Being flexible
- o Actively learning new things
- o Actively engaging in self-care
- o Building connections with others



School Advisory Council

Be at the heart of your child's learning.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS HAVE THREE MAIN GOALS:



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, January 25th at 6:00pm** in the school library.

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**.



We need your help!

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



Student Transportation, Inclement Weather & Driver Absence



For the current school year (2023-23), if student transportation is canceled schools will be **open** unless otherwise notified by the school board. Students participating in in-person learning should report to school.

In the event of a bus driver absence, the operator will make every effort to replace drivers. This may result in some busses running late. Information related to bussing delays will be posted on the main page at www.buskids.ca. If the operator is unable to fill a vacancy, the applicable bus route will be cancelled. Cancellations will also be posted at www.buskids.ca. Parents and caregivers who created an account with Windsor-Essex Student Transportation Services will receive an email and a notification on the Buskids app notifying them of a bus cancellation. Parents and caregivers should be reminded to check www.buskids.ca an/or their email every morning before sending their child to the bus pick-up point.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

Outdoor play is valuable and fresh air is healthy. Our students have two opportunities daily to be outside (recess and lunch) as well as times planned by teachers throughout the week. We believe in outdoor play and education and encourage students to enjoy their environment. Please have your children dress for the winter weather.



Allergy Aware School & Scent-Free Environment



Within our school community there are several students who have potentially life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) to foods. Food allergies are predominately to peanuts and/or nuts, but may also include sesame seeds, eggs, egg by-products, fish, and berries. Parents/Guardians are asked to **please check the ingredients of all the foods your children bring to school** (snacks and lunches), and avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts or nuts listed in the ingredients. We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within this school community to NOT send in any food for special events, birthdays, etc. The only food that should be coming to school should be for your child's own personal consumption. Thank-you for your assistance in keeping all of our students safe! We appreciate your co-operation and understanding. For more information regarding these types of allergies, please visit www.anaphylaxis.ca.

We would also like to remind our community that we are a scent-free environment to protect our students and staff who have allergies and sensitivities to the chemicals contained in products with fragrances. Please help us maintain a safe environment to make our school a comfortable learning environment for all members in our community.



"Sabres Care and Share" Campaign

Thank you for your generous donations this season!
Your support helped to keep many people warm and fed this winter!



Southwood Sabres, you donated:

- 12 backpacks
- 2 blankets
- 164 mittens and gloves
- 104 hats
- 47 scarves
- 265 pairs of socks
- 7 coats
- Earmuffs
- Shirts
- Pajamas
- Sweaters
- Toothbrushes
- Soaps & Shampoos



&
100 Tim Horton's cards valued over \$300!!!



All your generous donations went to support Windsor's

STREET HELP HOMELESS CENTRE

and

Downtown Mission





Secondary School Information

At the Greater Essex County District School Board (GECD SB), we do our best to make the transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 as smooth as possible for our students. We've provided information and resources about high school and what to expect so students can confidently transition to this next stage of their education. For more information go to: **Secondary School Information - Greater Essex County District School Board (publicboard.ca)**

2022-2023 Grade 8 Information Nights

School	Date	Time
Essex District High School	January 17th, 2023	4:00 p.m.
Honourable W.C. Kennedy Collegiate	January 11th, 2023	6:00 p.m.
Kingsville District High School	January 18th, 2023	6:00 p.m.
Leamington District High School	January 18th, 2023	6:00 p.m.
Vincent Massey Secondary School	January 18th, 2023	6:00 p.m.
North Star High School	January 18th, 2023	6:00 p.m.
Sandwich Secondary School	January 16th, 2023	6:00 p.m.
Walkerville Collegiate Institute	January 12th, 2023	6:00 p.m.

Grade 8 to Grade 9

Out of District Application

Grade 8 students wishing to attend a secondary school other than their designated secondary school:

Out of District applications will be accepted during the following dates *only*:

January 9-20, 2023

Parent/guardian will be notified the week of February 3rd, 2023 by the secondary school principal.

If a student is accepted to the International Baccalaureate Program (IB), the Enriched Program, eSTEAM Program or Walkerville Centre for the Creative Arts (WCCA) they do not need to complete the Out of District application.

Application for Out of District can only be made for ONE secondary school.

To apply, please go to: <http://outofdistrict.publicboard.ca/>
 * Access Code: (YOUR STUDENT NUMBER)

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Southwood School Advisory Council



January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Happy New Year! 	<h2>Winter Break!</h2>					7
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Tamil Heritage Month

January marks the beginning of **Tamil Heritage Month** in Canada, a time to reflect on the rich history, culture, resiliency, and strength of Tamil communities across Canada. Canada is the proud home of one of the largest Tamil diasporas in the world. Tamil communities play a vital and inspiring role in our society.

Over the course of this month, members of the Tamil community will come together to celebrate the many great contributions that they have made and continue to make, and it serves as an opportunity for everyone to acknowledge and honour their tremendous achievements. Canadians from coast to coast are invited to learn more about the Tamil language and culture throughout the month of January and beyond.

新年快乐



Lunar New Year YEAR of the RABBIT

Lunar New Year is one of the most important celebrations of the year among East and Southeast Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean communities, among others. The New Year celebration is usually celebrated for multiple days—not just one day as in the Gregorian calendar’s New Year. In 2023, Lunar New Year begins on January 22.

China’s Lunar New Year is known as the Spring Festival or Chūnjié in Mandarin, while Koreans call it Seollal and Vietnamese refer to it as Tết. 2023 welcomes the YEAR of the RABBIT.



Southwood's December 2022 in Pictures



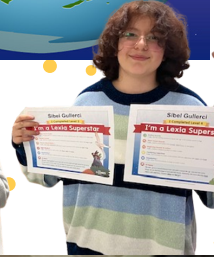
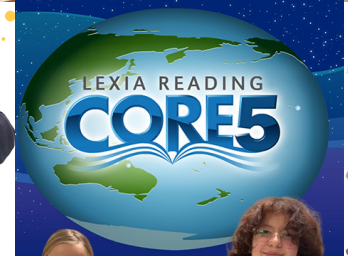
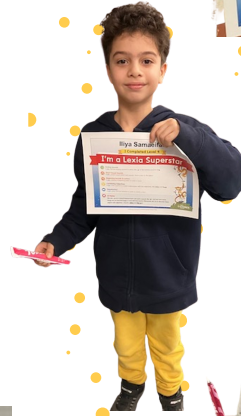
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KEEP IT UP

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

ECO-SCHOOLS SUSTAINABILITY PRESENTATION



Winter fun in GAINS!



3E AND 3/4P @ JOHN R. PARK HOMESTEAD!



THANK YOU PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR JOINING US!

AUTHOR VISIT WITH MR. ERIC WALTERS!



Thank you School Advisory Council & Mrs. MacDonald for making this event happen!