



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

The Southwood Source

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

Dear Southwood Families,

Welcome to another month of learning here at Southwood. Many new things have been happening in these first couple of months at school. We are so proud of how well all of our students, staff, and families have worked together to make our school a safe place where learning is the priority. We are excited to be sharing progress reports with families. Progress reports will go home with students on the afternoon of November 14th. We value the communication and partnership between home and school and the importance of discussing strengths, areas of growth, and next steps for your child's learning.

Thank you for continuing to keep our students safe by using the Kiss and Ride road before and after school and following the established traffic patterns. We appreciate that the sidewalk at the Kiss and Ride entrance along Mt. Royal is not blocked so that our students and families can cross safely. No walkers should be using the Kiss and Ride entrance. Please have your child(ren) exit on the sidewalk side of the Kiss and Ride. If you need to undo or do up seatbelts for your child(ren) please pull ahead to the end of the Kiss and Ride in order to not hinder traffic.

Please bring your child(ren) to the front doors (off Cabana Road) of the school if you arrive after the 8:15 a.m. bell as supervision on the playground ends at that time. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at (519) 969-3470.

With the cooler weather also comes the challenges of snow, rain, and the impending winter. We ask all families to carefully check the weather regularly and have your children dress accordingly. Also, if inclement weather is being predicted, please check www.publicboard.ca, buskids.ca, AM 800 CKLW or CTV Windsor for closures and bus cancellations notifications.

Thank you for your Terry Fox donations and for supporting our Pizza fundraiser!

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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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/N. Bassam
GAINS 3 - S. Lysay
Library/Prep coverage - V. MacDonald
French- J. Meszaros
French - T. Laurendeau
ESL Itinerant - J. Piescic
DSW - D. Branch
DSW - T. Mickle
EA - A. Carter
EA - A. Renaud
EA - C. Blackburn
EA - E. McIntosh
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 - M. Gauthier
Vice Principal - T. Dugan
Principal - M. Lowes

**Promoting Spirit, Strength,
Success and Kindness!**



Every year, Canadians wear a poppy as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.

At Southwood Public School, we also recognize the sacrifices made by our past and present members of our Armed Forces.

This month we will be observing Remembrance Day and honouring those who have served our country on Friday, November 11th with an in-person assembly at approximately 10:45am planned and conducted by Mrs. Landry's grade 7/8 class. Families are welcome to join us!



You have tremendous impact on your child's learning!

The GECDSB has created these guides to support you and the GECDSB's mission which focuses on excellence in education by building confident learners, engaging with our communities, and demonstrating ethical stewardship.

These guides will help you understand the learning expectations in each grade and to help your family navigate elementary school.

To view our guides click on: **K-8 Partner in Learning Guides**
- **Greater Essex County District School Board**
(publicboard.ca)



Student Attendance Procedures



At the Greater Essex County District School Board, **"Every Day Counts"**. Ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives on time is the best way to get the most out of our programs. If your child will be absent, please call the school at **(519) 969-3470**. You can leave a message before and after school hours, 24 hours a day on our attendance line.

Edsby is also available 24 hours a day to report absences and planned absences. If it is necessary for your child to be dismissed early, please send your child's teacher a note or call the office. If you are picking up your child before dismissal, please come to the office to sign your child out. Thanks to our parents for helping to make our school a safe and secure place to learn!



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 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.



Important Safety Message for Families

As parents and educators, one of our foremost concerns is the safety and well-being of our children. Periodically it is important to remind our children of how they can keep themselves safe while in the community. Please reinforce with your children the importance of the following safety precautions:

- Never walk alone.
- Choose one route to school and always take that route.
- Walk to and from school directly, don't stop to play and let a parent know when you have arrived home.
- Walk on the sidewalk well away from parked or moving cars (not down an alley).
- If you are at a traffic light, remember to continue across the street if the sign turns to "Don't Walk" while you are crossing.
- You should cross the street only at corners or pedestrian crosswalks.
- Do not cross the street from between parked cars.
- Never talk to a stranger or accept anything from a stranger.
- If someone approaches you or tries to speak with you or follow you run to the nearest store, school or familiar location.
- If you are approached or notice someone watching you tell your parent/guardian or a school staff member immediately.
- Never touch or pick up sharp objects such as needles or broken glass. Report the discovery to an adult.

This message is a precautionary measure to keep our children safe. If you have any concerns regarding something you observe or child reports you should contact the police immediately.

School Advisory Council News

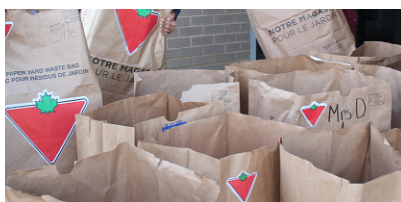
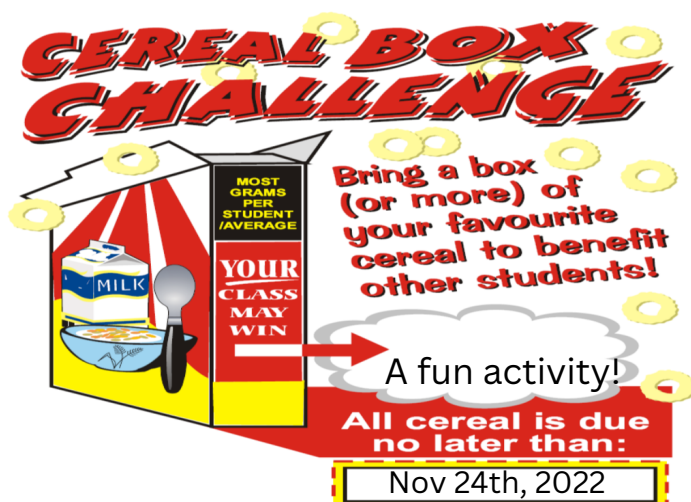
Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who provide their input at our meetings on behalf of all the parents/guardians and students of Southwood Public School. As a reminder, the meetings are open to all members of the school community and the next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. in the library.** The meetings are a great way to make sure you have a voice in and around the school!



School Chair: Dan Topp
 School Vice-Chair: Shana Holmes
 Treasurer: Lisa Dewhurst
 Secretary: Elita Laios
 Teacher representative: Laurie Landry

Cereal Box Challenge

Southwood will be participating in the **Cereal Box Challenge** again this year to support School Breakfast Programs! We will begin collecting breakfast cereal donations on **Nov. 1st, 2022**. All cereal is due no later than **Monday, Nov. 24th, 2022**. Thank-you for supporting GECDsb schools and students!





We need your help!

We are looking for:

- Snack volunteers (1 hour on Monday/Wednesday/ or Friday)
- Bingo volunteers

Please call the school if you would like to volunteer for these jobs, or any other ones you feel would be helpful, please contact the school at (519) 969-3470.

A Big Thank You to Paradise Bingo!



At Southwood, we have been so lucky to have access to the funds that are generated through the OLG and Paradise Bingo. We have been able to bring in some much needed funding to support our programs at Southwood Public School. We have used the funds generated to purchase new technology, such as Ipads, computers and projectors. We purchased subscriptions for educational online programs including RazKids, BrainPop, Around the World and musicplayonline.com. Our GAINS classrooms have received equipment and supplies needed for our students with diverse needs. New sports and outdoor play equipment have been purchased.

We can't say enough good things about the benefits that have come through the collaborative efforts of our volunteer parents/guardians and staff, working with Paradise Bingo. A great big thank you to Mrs. MacDonald for taking on the role of Bingo Co-Ordinator! Our Bingos take place twice a month. Please consider volunteering your time and sign up to work bingos with us. Please contact the school at (519) 969-3470 if you are able to volunteer to help us with this fundraising opportunity.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

We are lucky to live in a relatively moderate climate. However, on occasion, we will have some extra hot, cold, wet or snowy days. What matters is that we dress appropriately for outdoor activities no matter 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.

Tip: Dressing in layers is helpful when making the transition from indoors to out.

- outer layer = protection from the weather
- middle layer = warmth
- inside layer = comfortable for indoor temperature





Message from Windsor Essex Student Transportation Services

As band practice resumes, this is a reminder of Policy GT-032 - Transportation of Equipment on School Buses



GT - 032

Section Transportation of Equipment on School Buses	Page 1 of 1
	Date : November 26, 2010 Amended: October 24, 2013 Amended: October 7, 2019

Statement	Transportation of large items that are not secured in the bus pose a safety hazard to the students riding the bus. If the vehicle has to stop suddenly, items can become projectiles causing injury to students or the driver . In order to provide a safe riding environment equipment on the school bus is limited.
Procedures	<p>Equipment may not be brought on the bus except as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skates and Hockey Equipment - hockey equipment shall not be transported to and from school on a bus. Skates may be transported provided the blades are covered by guards and carried in the student's backpack. 2. Musical Instruments - musical instruments may be transported if they can be secured in the student's backpack. 3. Skateboards/Scooters/Roller Blades - skateboards, scooters and roller blades shall not be transported on a school bus. 4. Other - any objects that are large and cannot be secured on a student's lap shall not be transported. <p>N.B. Items brought on the bus cannot take up a seat on the bus.</p> <p>If there is a question about the items to be transported the decision will be brought forward to WESTS by the principal for final determination.</p>

Approved by Board of Directors on **November** 21, 2013.

Amendment approved by BOD: October 16, 2019



Resources for Parents


Ontario 

Ontario's Ministry of Education website has a wide variety of materials for elementary and secondary students and their families to access. The site [Education in Ontario | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca) has information for parents/guardians about the province's publicly funded education system in many languages.

[Home](#) > [Education and training](#)

Some languages (other than English) are Chinese, Gujarati, Farsi, Urdu, Tagalog, Polish, Somali, Russian, Korean, Tamil, French, Arabic, Hindi, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Punjabi, Mohawk, Spanish, Bengali, Pashto, Nepali, Romanian, Cree, Ojibwe, and Ojicree. We hope these materials help to support your child's learning at home.

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November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Cereal Box Challenge Begins! Frozen yogurt - Don't forget your spoon! 	2 SAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library	3	4	5
6 Daylight savings time ends - turn back the clock 1 hr 	7	8 Frozen yogurt - Don't forget your spoon!	9 Pizzermo Pizza Fundraiser Pick-up 1:30pm to 5:30pm 	10	11 Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45am 	12
13 World Kindness Day!	14 World Diabetes Day! Progress Reports go home!	15 Frozen yogurt - Don't forget your spoon!	16	17 Parent/Guardian - Teacher Interviews 4:00pm to 7:00pm	18 PA Day - No school for students	19
20 Universal Children's Day!	Bullying Prevention Week - Welcoming and Inclusive Schools					
	21 Grade 8 Shadow Day @ Massey	22 Frozen yogurt - Don't forget your spoon!	23 Picture Day Retakes!	24 Cereal Box Challenge Ends!	25	26
27	28	29	30			



November 21st to 25th is Bullying Prevention Week at the Greater Essex County District School Board.

All week parents, students and staff are encouraged to learn more about bullying and the negative effects it can have. Bullying can be represented in various forms including physical, verbal, social and electronic.

Schools in the district will be participating in a variety of activities to promote bullying prevention, including hosting assemblies on the topic and displaying positive messaging around classrooms.

Learn more at: [Bullying – we can all help stop it | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/bullying)



World Kindness Day - November 13th, 2022

World Kindness Day was first launched in 1998 by The World Kindness Movement, an organisation formed at a 1997 Tokyo conference of kindness organisations around the world. There are currently more than 28 nations involved in The World Kindness Movement. The mission of the World Kindness Movement and World Kindness Day is to create a kinder world by inspiring individuals and nations towards greater kindness.

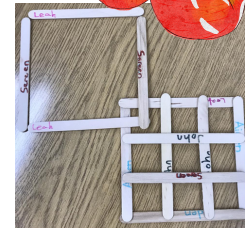


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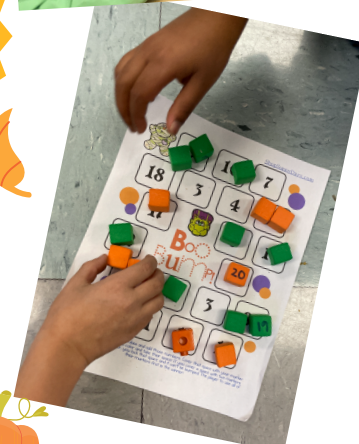


Thank you OSNP for the APPLES!



We use Manipulatives for "Hands on math" in every grade!

Using the Expanding Expression Tool - EETCHY for vocabulary acquisition!



Bats
mammal
- drink milk, babies are born, lungs, fur
- fly, hunt for food
- sleep upside down
- water
- bugs, insects, fruit, milk (babies)

look like
- 2 wings
- 2 ears
- claws
- eyes
- 2 feet
- fur

born
- pups

where
- Cave, under a bridge
- trees, barns, old building
- ecolocation

what else

black
brown
gray
reddish-brown

pups
drink milk
nursery

bugs
fruit
water

Hand
fingers

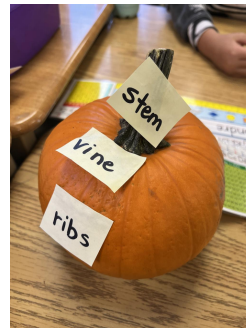
ears
wings

mammal
nocturnal
roost colony

fly
sleep upside down
hunt

hang upside down
fly
ecolocation

caves
trees
attic



We love learning with Pumpkins!

