

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
- 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 - J. Crosswell
- EA - M. Thompson
- 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/K. DeHetre

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

Dear Southwood Families,

May is the time of year when we start reflecting on the year that was and 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/guardians 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 Reorganization Day in September.

This month, as spring unfolds, we are looking forward to safely enjoying outdoor playtime in the schoolyard. To help promote a safer outdoor play environment, our school is participating in the GECDSB's **Outdoor Ball Strike Pilot Project**. The purpose of this pilot project is to develop best practices for physical activities, layout, expectations, and active supervision on our playground/hardtop to reduce and prevent ball strike types of accidents and injuries to both staff and students. Our hardtop play area has been painted to indicate high-energy ball zones (i.e., basketball zone, 4-square zone) and low-energy zones (i.e., hopscotch, skipping, walking). Next, we will be teaching our students positive playground expectations this month and promoting active supervision and implementing enhanced techniques for all supervising adults using the SBCI Outdoor Ball Strike Prevention Tool Kit. For more information on the Outdoor Ball Strike Prevention Pilot Project please go to [Ball Strike Video Link on YouTube](#).

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. Lowes Principal	Mrs. DeHetre Acting Principal	Mrs. Dugan Vice Principal
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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!



GRADES 3 & 6 EQAO



Education Quality and
Accountability Office

EQAO



This year, most students in grades 3 and 6 will complete the EQAO assessment **online** using the Ministry of Education's e-assessment system.

Grade 3 students will write the Primary Division EQAO assessment. The Primary Division EQAO assessment assesses the reading, writing, and mathematics skills students are expected to have learned by the end of Grade 3.

Grade 6 students will write the Junior Division EQAO assessment. The Junior Division EQAO assessment assesses the reading, writing, and mathematics skills students are expected to have learned by the end of Grade 6.

The language component is divided into four sessions requiring a total of approximately two hours. Each session is designed to be completed in 15 to 30 minutes.

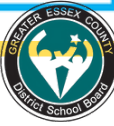
The mathematics component contains four stages requiring a total of approximately two hours. Each stage is designed to be completed in approximately 30 minutes.

Southwood students are scheduled to write the EQAO between **May 31st to June 8th**. Grade 3 and 6 families will be notified of exact dates soon.

Please do not book vacations or appointments during this time to ensure that your child can complete the assessment with the other children in the classroom. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Visit [EQAO Home Page](#) for more information.



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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 have been 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.

Do you know a child who will be 4 yrs old by Dec 31st, 2023?



Register them for Southwood's Kindergarten program by completing the online registration form. Then contact our amazing secretary, Ms. Millar to submit all necessary documentation and complete the registration process.



Go to: [Register with GECD SB](#)

Curriculum

The Ontario Ministry of Education has requested that the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations from the 2019 Grades 1-8: Health and Physical Education curriculum be taught to students. This education starts with children learning about themselves, their feelings, their bodies and about showing respect for themselves and others in a reliable and accurate way. This learning is most effective when parents/guardians and schools work together. Parents/guardians help their children form values about relationships and their behaviours.

To support these discussions, we are letting parents/guardians know when this unit will be covered in your child's class. Your child's teacher will send home a letter 20 days prior to the lessons.

Additional information and resources are available for parents/guardians to support the learning of the curriculum at [Health and Physical Education \(gov.on.ca\)](http://Health and Physical Education (gov.on.ca)).





Fit Week 2023 @ GECD SB

Congratulations!



Heidi L. - 6B

Fit Week 2023 is May 1st to 5th! This year's theme is "**Go with the Flow!**" Congratulations to **Heidi L - 6B** for winning this year's Junior Division GECD SB board-wide logo design.

This year staff and students are encouraged to "Find their Flow" by participating in physical activities and mindful practices.

Monday, May 1st: Get Active

Tuesday, May 2nd: Drink your Water

Wednesday, May 3rd: Find Your Breath

Thursday, May 4th: Sleep & Self-Care

Friday, May 5th: Fuel Your Body

For a list of Family-oriented outdoor activities go to:

Get Outside and Connect:

Outside Activities for Kids and Families

(rhythmsoplay.com)



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, May 24th 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**.

Scent-Free Southwood & GECD SB

SCENT FREE ZONE

Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free

Please be informed that our school is a fragrance/scent aware environment. There are staff members and/or students who could suffer serious adverse reactions and health effects when exposed to even a small amount of fragrance or scents. We are requesting that the community support us in our efforts to promote a scent-aware environment by refraining from wearing fragrances or scented products to school when visiting the school, even if your visit will be short. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for becoming part of our solution to providing a scent-free and safe environment for all.



ATTENTION GRADE 8s! Reaching Ahead – Registration is OPEN

Entering its ninth summer in July 2023, the Reaching Ahead program has helped hundreds of students make the transition from grade 8 to grade 9 with new skills and confidence.

Reaching Ahead is open to students who will be starting grade 9 in the fall of 2023. Our program invites students to learn more about the world of work, what to expect in high school, and how to get involved in their community. Students who successfully complete the course also earn their first full high school credit.

Registration for this course closes May 31st, 2023. For more information about the program, please contact Jason.Lynn@publicboard.ca (519) 255-3200 ext. 10186.



- Make new friends
- Earn your first credit

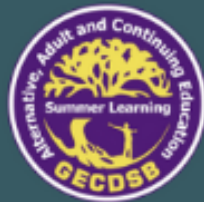
To register:

Step 1: Provide consent for student to register by clicking here to fill in the [consent form](#).

Step 2: Current GECD SB students must sign up on myBlueprint.

Go to: [Reaching Ahead](#) to register.

GRADE 6 & 7: READING AND WRITING FOR SUCCESS



MOVING FORWARD

Are you interested in improving your reading, writing and math skills?

The Moving Forward program is offered to grade 6 and 7 students who may want to improve their reading, writing and math skills. This program will prepare them for moving into the next grade.



2023 Program Details

Program Start Date: July 5, 2023

Date End Date: July 28, 2023



Locations: West Gate PS, Forest Glade PS, Essex PS, Queen Elizabeth PS

TO REGISTER:

<http://register.publicboard.ca/SummerSchool/>



MAY 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Music Monday	2 Harvest Fresh	3 Yogurt Day	4 Pizza Day Grade 8 Graduation Pizza Fundraiser Pick-up in Gym 3:00 - 4:30pm	5 GINGO de MAYO	6
MAY 1ST TO 5TH IS FITWEEK						
7 Southwood Spirit Wear campaign May 8th to 23rd	8 GECSB Special Olympics @ Essex Highschool	9 Harvest Fresh	10 Yogurt Day	11 Pizza Day	12 GECSB Student Census closes	13
14 Happy Mother's Day	15	16 Harvest Fresh	17 Yogurt Day	18 Pizza Day	19	20
21	22 HOLIDAY Victoria Day No School	23 Harvest Fresh	24 Yogurt Day School Advisory Council Meeting in library @ 6:00pm	25 Pizza Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 EQAO starts for grades 3 & 6	Kindergarten registration continues throughout the month!		



May is Asian Heritage Month

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, a time to reflect on and recognize the many contributions that Canadians of Asian heritage have made and continue to make to Canada. Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated since the 1990s. In December 2001, the Senate of Canada adopted a motion proposed by Senator Vivienne Poy to officially designate May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to announce May as Asian Heritage Month.

Over the last two centuries, immigrants have journeyed to Canada from East Asia, Southern Asia, Western, Central and Southeast Asia, bringing our society a rich cultural heritage representing many languages, ethnicities and religious traditions.

The people of this diverse, vibrant and growing community have contributed to every aspect of life in Canada – from the arts and science to sport, business, and government. Asian Heritage Month offers all Canadians an opportunity to learn more about the history of Canadians of Asian heritage and to celebrate their contributions to the growth and prosperity of Canada.



Thank you Mr. Trudell for running our Dodgeball Intermural tournament!



Great job on your Storybook 3D Dioramas - Class 6B!



Thank you Coach Worrall & Coach Pfaff for a great BADMINTON season!



Congratulations to Zach - 8B for his GOLD place!

Congratulations to the team for placing 2nd in our division!



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Magnificent Tinfoil Sculptures by 6A!

