#### November 2022

## South Branch

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#### Principal's Message

Hello to November and the early darkness that this month will bring with it. A reminder that our mornings and days will start to get cooler so please ensure mitts and hats are packed to make recess more enjoyable.

#### **Winter Concert**

We are excited to share



that our Winter Concert will be returning this year on Wednesday, December 21. Parents will be asked to attend the morning or the afternoon viewing. Please limit the number of family members that attend to help ensure we have space in our gym.

#### **Progress Reports**

Progress Reports will be sent home with your child on November 10. We believe that



children are more successful when families and

schools have on-going communication. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please reach out and set up a meeting time with your child's teacher.

#### **Cell Phones**

Cell Phones brought to



school must remain in student lockers unless invited to use for educational purposes by the teacher or during indoor recess times. No videotaping or recording is permitted in class, school yard or the bus to protect the privacy of all students. Students who wish to call or text home during the day must ask their classroom teacher. This helps ensure we are aware of

any problems or changes that arise during the day. We cannot be responsible for lost or stolen devices.



We are going to have some fun this week with our first spirit week. Monday will kick off with Orange/black or costume. Tuesday will be our school spirit clothing day, Wed. we wear our finest clothes for Picture Day, Thursday each class will select a colour and dress in that colour. We will end the week with a Pajama Day!

To honour Remembrance Day our students will attend a student ceremony in our gymnasium this year. It will not be open to parents due to space limitations. A small group of junior students will travel to the North Grenville Cenotaph to lay a wreath for South Branch at our community service.



If you have any questions regarding the school, please email your child's teacher or the school.

We do not monitor Facebook for messages.

We model and maintain a positive Facebook presence. A safe school is one where students, staff and families feel safe. For accurate information please refer to this page: South Branch Elementary-UCDSB

Yard Safety—Supervision begins at 9:15a.m

End of Day Pick Ups 3:40 (Park at NGDHS)

Please call the office by 2 p.m. so your child's name can be added to the pick-up list. This limits class disruptions and end of day chaos.

#### Daily Schedule

9:25-11:55 Instructional Block & snack

11:55-12:35 BREAK

11:55-12:15 Eat (Gr.3/4-6) (K-2/3) RECESS12:15-12:35 Recess (3/4-6) (K-2/3) EAT

12:35-1:55Instructional Block

1:55-2:35 BREAK

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2:35-3:40 Instructional Block

3:40 Bus Dismissal

3:45 Pick Up /Walkers

PHOTO DAY: Wednesday, November 2nd



**Friday**, November 25 is a PD Day. The school will be closed to students.



Tues. Nov.8

6:30 –7:30 p.m

**Teams or In Person** 

### Safe and Accepting Schools

Schools are required to establish Safe and Accepting Schools Team. The Safe and Accepting Schools Team must meet at least once in each term. The Team must consist of at least the following - one student, one parent, one teacher, one non-teaching staff member, one community partner, and the principal/vice principal). If your Gr. 4-6 student would like to be our school representative and can attend the evening meeting, please reach out to Mrs. Preston prior to the meeting.

Our Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan is updated annually and posted on our South Branch Website.

Our first meeting will be in November prior to our monthly School Council Meeting. A separate Teams links will be sent to invite you to attend both meetings.

November 8 7:30-8:00 p.m.



#### **FALL PHOTOS**

www.photovisions.ca



**GOOD NEWS!** 

PhotoVisions' COVID aware photography procedure has been reviewed and approved by your school board's Health and Safety.

So, we are ready to safely take your amazing photos – with a few tweaks!

This year all orders will be only available for viewing and ordering from our secure online site.

We will not be sending home any paper order forms.

All students will be supplied a personal Online Code at time of photography. All photos will then be accessible in approximately 48-72 hours after their session.



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**Tiger Tuesdays** (first Tuesday of each month)

Tues. Nov. 1, 2022

South Branch spirit days- wear your South Branch clothing or dress in blue and yellow. Families are invited to order pizza from Mr. Mozzerella and send 15% of proceeds back to support our school.

November Proceeds to support South Branch Boutique-warm clothing





#### Reporting a Child Absence

In accordance with our Safe School Policy, all absences must be reported to the school. When a child is absent from school and we cannot reach a guardian through the numbers provided, we must notify our local OPP to investigate.

To avoid this please ensure you report any absences by either method:

- Download MFR APP
- Phone the school and leave a message any time prior to
   9:20 a.m. that morning.

\*To ensure consistency, please avoid emailing absences to your child's teacher.

## Parent Pick Up & Drop Off

Just a reminder that if you are picking up or dropping off your child within



the regular school day, please sign your child in/out at the main office. Parents are asked to wait in the office in accordance with our safe schools policy. We ask that parents refrain from walking to their child's classroom.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	HAPPY HALLOWEEN	School Spirit Wear NOV HOT LUNCH STARTS	Finest for Photos	Class Colors Day	Pajamas all day:	5
Fall Back  6  Fall Back  6th November 2022	Treaties Recognition Week	8 Indigenous Veterans Day School Council 6:30 p.m.	9 🔊	10 Progress Reports Home	11 Wear Red & Black Remembrance Day Lat We Torget	12
13 WORLD KINDNESS DAY	BULLYING AWARENESS PREVENTION WEEK	15 stop	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	No School P.D. Day	26
27	JUNGLE SPORT INDOOR CLIMBING COMES TO SOUTH BRANCH  Kinder-Grade 6  November 28-December 2					