

SOUTH BRANCH NEWS

FEBRUARY 2023



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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

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) RECESS 12:15-12:35 RECESS (3/4-6) (K-2/3) EAT

12:35-1:55 INSTRUCTIONAL BLOCK

1:55-2:35 BREAK

1:55-2:15 EAT (GR.3/4-6) (K-2/3) RECESS 2:15-2:35 RECESS (3/4-6) (K-2/3) EAT

2:35-3:40 INSTRUCTIONAL BLOCK

3:40 BUS DISMISSAL

3:45 PICK UP /WALKERS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SCHOOL, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR THE SCHOOL.

WE DO NOT MONITOR FACEBOOK FOR MESSAGES/COMMENT THREADS.



SCHOOL UPDATE

It's February and we are beginning to make plans for next year's classrooms. If you are considering a change in programming for your child between French Immersion/Core, please ensure you have that conversation with your child's homeroom teacher.

REPORT CARDS

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home Feb. 16 along with IEPs for students who are on modified or alternate programming. We ask you to review your child's progress and reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions. On-going communication between school, home and our students ensures the best success for our children!

READING

Our staff and students are working hard on improving student reading this year. In our classrooms we are focussing on letters/sounds and how to use this information to blend sounds together to read longer words.

In our junior classrooms we are focussing on reading fluency and how we use punctuation, and pace to be smooth fluid readers. Repeated reading of the same text helps provide practice with these skills. Please have your child read with you routinely and watch them grow as readers!

Establishing a nightly routine that involves 10-20 minutes of reading, homework, or practice ensures that studying habits are being formed from a young age and continue to develop as your child moves through each grade. From Mathletics, Lexia, nightly reading, or even fine motor activities such as cutting, colouring or playdoh -there are many ways to practice and improve our skills in a fun way!



Children's book author Ruth Spiro came up with the idea of National Bubble Gum Day as a way for kids to raise money for school activities without having to sell anything. On February 3, kids can "buy" a license (comes with 1 piece of bubblegum) and earn the privilege of chewing "bubblegum" at school when they make a cash donation to our UCDSB Champions 4 Kids Charity. There will also be a bubble blowing contest between staff and students! Some students will want to bring their own pack of gum to enjoy that day. Bring your bubblegum & donation and let's HAVE FUN!



Please see your classroom teacher's communication regarding Valentine's Day. Parents who wish to send in a treat/snack are asked to ensure they are pre-packaged with the Nutfree label. Baked goods cannot be shared with other students. Your teacher will send out communication about how to prepare Valentine's Day cards to be distributed in the classroom as it varies by age group.



STUDENT ILLNESS

With flu/cold season upon us we want to remind parents that children who display gastro symptoms (diarrhea/vomiting) are required to stay home. Public Health advises parents to exclude their child from child care and school for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

NEW JK Kindergarten
Registration
Information
Virtual Session
Tues. Feb. 28 @
5:00 p.m.

If you have or know someone who will turn 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2023 we want to invite them to register for Junior Kindergarten. Please visit [myfamilyroom.ca](https://www.ucdsb.on.ca/myfamilyroom.ca) to register your child. For more information visit our UCDSB website https://www.ucdsb.on.ca/for_families/registration



Our Voice counts....













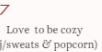





School Council Meeting
Virtual

**Feb. 16 @ 6:30 p.m

Maple Syrup Fundraiser
Coming in March



FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  PROFESSIONAL DAY NO SCHOOL FOR ALL	2  NEW ORDER Feb. 2-Mar. 10	3  C&K Bubble Gum Day Fundraiser	4
5	6  SUBWAY	7  Tiger Tuesday & SB SPIRIT DAY	8 	9	10	11
12	13  SUBWAY CRUSH ON YOUR FAV SPORTS TEAM (WEAR JERSEY)	14  V-Day (DRESS IN PINK, RED & WHITE)	15  LOVE OUR DIFFERENCES (DRESS IN RAINBOW COLOURS)	16  SCHOOL FEAST Winter Carnival School Council Virtual Meeting 6:30	17  Love to be cozy (pj/sweats & popcorn)	18
19	20  Happy Family day	21	22  HALLYING SOPS HERE!	23	24  WE NOT LUNCH! NEW ORDER FORM SENT OUT	25
26 	27  SUBWAY	28 Virtual JK Information Session 5:00 P.M.				



IS A MONTH LONG CELEBRATION THAT HIGHLIGHTS BLACK HISTORY, CULTURE AND RICH TRADITIONS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THIS YEAR'S 2023 THEME OF "BLACK RESISTANCE: BUILDING BRIDGES AND NAVIGATING BARRIERS." ACTIVITIES WILL VARY CLASS TO CLASS.



MARCH BREAK
MARCH 13-17

2023

