

MARCH 2023



SOUTH BRANCH NEWS

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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

SCHOOL UPDATE

We welcome Ms VanDusen as our new Grade 6 classroom teacher and Ms Kellogg who will be teaching our Prep coverage Kinder & Science. We are so excited to welcome both to our South Branch Family.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We continue to notice on-going absences and early pick ups occurring throughout the week. We are aware this year has been difficult with various illnesses and understand that returning to regular routines can be challenging. Please take a moment to review the "Attendance Matters" document for ideas on how to support regular attendance for your child. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you require support.

SPRING CONCERT & OPEN HOUSE

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Spring Concert during the first week of May to celebrate Education Week. We will welcome our families **Friday, May 5 either at 10:00 a.m. (A-L) or 1:00 p.m. (M-Z)** to enjoy this performance.

On **Thursday, May 4 we will be hosting our Spring Open House from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** This will provide a time for students to tour their families through our school to showcase some of our great learning. Our Scholastic Book Sale will also be open during this evening for parents to shop with their children. We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE

DAILY SCHEDULE

9:15-9:25 ARRIVAL

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.





POPCORN DAYS

We will be selling seasoned popcorn for a special treat once a month on the following days: March 1, March 10, April 6. The proceeds from this fundraiser will support classroom educational experiences such as Scientists in the Classroom, Jungle Sport and other learning experiences for our students.

Pappa Jack snack size popcorn will sell for \$2.00 a bag and will be sold in the following flavours: Butter, Dill Pickle, White Cheddar, Salt&Vinegar or Sweet & Salty (dairy free option)



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

Book Swap



Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who will host our first Book Swap of this year on Wednesday, March 1. Please send in any gently used books you wish to donate to the office labelled "Book Swap". Each class will have the opportunity to select a few books that they want to take home to read. This is a great chance to exchange some books your child is no longer reading for some new ones.

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 to register your child. For more information visit our UCDSB website https://www.ucdsb.on.ca/for_families/registration

Our Voice counts....



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Are you interested in getting emails from our School Council of upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer? Please email South Branch School Council at southbranchcouncil@gmail.com in order to have your name added to their distribution list.

Annual Maple Syrup Fundraiser is happening once again this year. The sale will open on March 10 and close on March 22.

Prices will be

500ml - \$10

8 x 500ml - \$75

250g maple butter- \$8



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**School Council Meeting
*Thursday, March 23 @
6:30 p.m**

Please watch for order forms so you can share with your families and friends and support School Council initiatives e.g. support classroom field trips.

