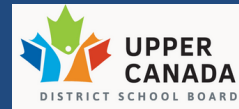


WELCOME BACK SEPTEMBER 2023

SOUTH BRANCH



SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome back to all of our returning and new Tiger Families. We are so happy to see everyone and have had a great return to school, despite the intense heat. Thank you to all of our staff who worked hard throughout the summer cleaning and setting up the school to welcome our 390 students back.

This year we will run a tumbling/wave timetable for our French Immersion Program to balance out their morning and afternoon classroom times. Your teacher and child will be able to explain how the classroom where students end their day is where they begin the next morning.

COMING SOON: On-Going Excursion Permission: Please ensure you approve the **On-Going Excursion permission form** being sent through My Family Room. This permission allows our school to take advantage of outdoor learning through exploring the Campus Trails, Riverside Park and NGDHS.



COMMUNICATION-Stay in the Know



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DROP OFF

School Supervision begins at **9:15 a.m.-9:25 a.m.** Student drop off cannot be prior to 9:15 a.m. to ensure student safety.

END OF DAY PICK UP

Please call the office by 2:00 p.m. if you are picking up your child at the end of the day. Pick up lists are distributed and we want to make sure our lists are accurate. This reduces interruptions to the classroom learning.

MIDDAY PICK UP

Once you are buzzed into the school, please report to the office and wait for your child to be brought down.

We want to ensure that you have all the information you need so we rely on various methods to communicate important information such as upcoming events at school, late busses or other emergency details.

All communication from the school and classroom teachers will be distributed through My Family Room email lists. If you are receiving this newsletter you are connected to receive school emails. You can check your communication sources when you log in to MFR on a computer and ensure that Board, School and STEO are checked.

Facebook and Instagram are also used regularly for reminders throughout the year. We pride ourselves on positive social media communication and use these spaces to push out reminders and share photos of special school events. Please email the school directly if you have questions or concerns. We do not monitor comment threads and often have this feature turned off to ensure that any questions are directed to email and receive a timely answer. Never hesitate to reach out tanya.preston@ucdsb.on.ca



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SOUTH BRANCH ELEMENTARY

Get ready for Photo Day!

PHOTO DAY: Monday, September 25th

We are ready to take your amazing photos and help capture all your 2023-24 School Year Memories!

Good news!

Paper order forms are thing of the past. All students will be provided with a **personal online code** at the time of photography. Use this code to view your proofs online at www.photovisions.ca

Proofs will be available **48-72 hours** after Photo Day

Browse our extensive selection of photo backgrounds and make all orders online!



We look forward to seeing everyone on Photo Day!

TERRY FOX RUN FOR CANCER

On Friday, Sept. 22 we will walk/run around our school yard to raise awareness and money for Cancer Research. Families are invited to sign in at the primary fence entry and walk along with us. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, students are asked to bring their donation in Friday morning. A collection jar will be placed in each classroom.

The walk/run will be for Kinder-Gr.6 and will take place from 2:40p.m.-3:20 p.m.

**Please monitor Facebook in the event we have to alter time due to weather



OPEN HOUSE

Please drop in between 4:30-6:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023 to see our school. Our classrooms will be open to tour and for our students to show you where they will learn this year.

Please join us for refreshments at the playstructure at the end of your tour. This is a great spot to meet other parents and talk to some School Council members.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

**THURS. SEPT.21
6:30-7:30P.M.**



One way to help create a great year for your child is to participate in School Council. Without you we cannot run things like Hot Lunch Programs, Book Swap or fundraise to help offset the cost of special events like field trips.

Please consider joining us Thurs. Sept 21 at 6:30 to see all the ways big and small that you can make a difference!

ELECTIONS: (are you interested in being part of the executive?)

We will hold elections for our executive and School Council members that evening at the beginning of our meeting.

Schools are required to establish Safe and Accepting Schools Team and set a date for the first meeting. 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).

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

Our first meeting will be in October prior to our monthly Parent Council Meeting.



Lunches and Snacks

Students are encouraged to bring a lunch every day, 2 healthy snacks and a filled water bottle.

We are a Nut Aware school so please look for the symbol to keep our school safe.



Remember, we ask you to refrain from sending peanut butter simulated alternatives as it closely resembles the real product and makes it difficult for staff to discriminate between the products.

CELL PHONES & ELECTRONICS



If your child brings a device to school, it is imperative your child understand that video recording other students on the bus, school yard, bathrooms or at school is not permitted to protect the privacy of other students. We ask for your assistance in reinforcing this message.

Students who wish to call or text home during the day may do so during break times at the office. This helps ensure we are aware of any problems or changes that arise during the day.

Cell phones, watches and all recording devices must remain locked in lockers at arrival and used with teacher direction. We are not responsible for lost devices. Thank you

MEDICAL PLANS



Children with life threatening or other medical concerns require an updated Plan of Care. Please ensure you have connected with the office to complete a plan with our admin team. Any child requiring medication to be administered at school requires a signed Authorization form. All medication must be stored in our lock cabinet at school and should not travel to and from school with our students.

South Branch Staff

2023 2024

FRENCH IMMERSION PAIRS

Mrs. Dawson/Ms.Barrette & Madame King/Mrs. Trayner (JK/SK)
Madame Smith/Mrs.McCool (SK/1 & Gr.1)
Madame Niska& Mrs. Morrow (Gr. 1 & Gr.2)
Madame Berry & Mrs. Price (Gr. 2/3 & Gr.3)
Madame (Paquette) Peters/Mrs. Prosper (Gr. 4 & Gr.5/6)

CORE PROGRAM

Mrs. Kehler & Mrs Hunt (JK/SK)
Ms. Paterson (Gr.1/2)
Mrs. Bryan (Gr.2)
Mrs. Mellaney (Gr. 3)
Ms. McCracken (Gr. 4)
Mr. Stone (Gr.5)
Mrs. Nolan/Mrs. Matheson (Gr.5\6)
Mrs. Kay (Gr. 6)

Prep Teacher (French, Science, Health, Gym, Music)

Madame Gagne
Madame Harvey
Madame Kate
Mrs. Adamson
Mrs.O'Connor (music)

Office

Mrs. Somerville

Custodial Team

Ms. Colterman
Ms. Barkley
Ms. Roddick

Admin

Mrs. Preston Principal
Ms. Haley Vice-Principal

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Special Education Team

Mrs. Adamson
Ms.Haley
Mrs. Howison
Mrs. Matheson

Education Assistants

Mrs. McKinley
Ms. St.Denis
Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Demik
Mrs. Mallette

Student Monitor

Mrs. Claxton

Learning Commons

Mrs Cornelisse