

Woodfield FIPS

August 2025 Newsletter

Dear Woodfield French Immersion Public School Families,

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer so far. I would like to extend a warm welcome and welcome back to all Woodfield families and staff joining us for the 2025-2026 school year. Our office is open August 25-29 from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The office is closed on Labour Day, Monday, September 1. Tuesday, September 2 is a Professional Activity Day for school staff and the school is closed to students. Classes for students in Kindergarten Year 2-Grade 8 begin on Wednesday, September 3. Our Year 1 Kindergarten students begin on Thursday, September 4. We look forward to seeing you next week!

On the first day of school, staff wearing bright orange vests or sashes will be present outside beginning at 7:55 a.m. to help direct students to their classroom teacher. Kindergarten students will be welcomed by their entry door on the east side of the building and Grade 1-8 students will see posters with their grade levels on the back wall of the school, facing the school yard (north side). Students can proceed to their grade sign or find another staff member to provide them with the name of their teacher. In case of inclement weather that morning, we will invite kindergarten students into their classroom in the basement and Grade 1-8 students to the gym to meet their teachers. End of day dismissal is 2:40 p.m.

A friendly reminder students must be signed out in the office by an adult if they are leaving the school for lunch. That adult must be a parent or guardian or have express permission from a parent or guardian to be signed out by another adult. This permission can be presented in writing that day or by adding the name of that adult granting them permission to pick-up through the parent portal. This will help to ensure the safety of all students during the day.

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We continue to offer our hot lunch program several times per week at the school for families who wish to participate. HASA (Home and School Association) has helped to offer a new menu this year for participating students.

Please use this link [Lunchbox](#) to get started. Hot lunch begins on Monday, September 8. We are looking for adult volunteers who can help organize pizza slices by class on Mondays at 11:50 a.m. If you are available to help some or all Mondays, it would be greatly appreciated! Please inform the office at woodfield@tvdsb.ca. Hot lunch is served on select days at second nutrition break.

If you are interested in volunteering at Woodfield, there may be several other opportunities for you throughout the school year. To work directly with our students, including leading a small group on field trips, a recent police record check with a vulnerable screener is required. One year after a police record check is issued, we will send you an offense declaration form to sign to continue volunteering. Two years after the original police record check has been issued, we require a new record check with vulnerable screener. You can begin the record check on the London police website at <https://www.londonpolice.ca/en/services/Vulnerable-Sector-Check.aspx>

We will have a September newsletter shared with families and posted to our website by the second week of school. We are looking forward to reconnecting with students and their families next week. I hope that all students continue to enjoy the final week of summer!

Mme A. Parsons, Principal/Directrice

Orange Shirt Day

On Monday, September 30, our school will observe **Orange Shirt Day**, a meaningful occasion that honours the experiences of Indigenous children who were taken from their families and placed in residential schools across Canada.

Orange Shirt Day is a time for reflection, and learning. It began with the story of Phyllis Webstad, whose orange shirt was taken from her on her first day at a residential school. Her story has become a symbol of the loss of culture, identity, and dignity experienced by thousands of Indigenous children.

At our school, we are committed to fostering a community of respect, empathy, and understanding. Throughout the month, students will engage in age-appropriate activities and discussions that highlight the importance of truth and reconciliation. We encourage all students and staff to wear orange on September 30 to show support and solidarity.

We invite families to continue these conversations at home and explore [resources](#) that help deepen understanding of Canada's history and the ongoing journey toward reconciliation. Thank you for your support in helping our students grow into compassionate and informed citizens.

Office Notes

The Ontario Student Record (O.S.R.) contains copies of the report cards, any testing results, a record of the number of hours of French instruction, and a copy of any educational reports that parents/guardians have given permission for the school to have on file. The O.S.R. is available to the student's parent/guardian and the student. This can be done by setting an appointment with the Principal. **Individual Plans of Care (IPOC)** can be created in the Parent Portal for students with severe allergies or medical concerns so that all staff are aware of the condition, and any precautions or procedures that must be followed. Please complete an IPOC yearly for prevalent medical conditions. New this year, parents can request a meeting to discuss a plan for meeting these needs during emergency situations. Please see the letter on the next page for more details. Before **prescription medication** may be administered by the school office, a form with doctor's signature is required. The form is available at the office. Staff are not permitted to administer non-prescription medication.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS DURING EMERGENCIES

If your child has a permanent or temporary disability or medical condition that may impact their ability to respond safely during emergency situations (such as lockdowns or evacuations), please inform your school principal. An individualized emergency response plan will be developed in collaboration with you to ensure appropriate support.

Relevant conditions may include, but are not limited to:

Epilepsy

Diabetes

Severe allergies requiring epinephrine auto-injectors (e.g., EpiPens)

Sensory processing needs

Physical disabilities

Mental health conditions

Where applicable, this plan may align with or complement your child's Individual Plan of Care (IPOC).

An emergency response plan should be created or updated under the following circumstances:

New needs have emerged

The student has changed school locations
No current plan is in place

Please note that disclosure of a specific medical diagnosis is not required—only the type of support or assistance needed. All information will be kept confidential and shared only with your consent.

For questions on how to initiate or update a plan, please contact the school principal or main office.

My Big Yellow Bus

If you are eligible for bus transportation, please be sure to go to <https://www.mybigyellowbus.ca/> to register for the bus this year and to see pick up and drop off times and location. You can sign up for alerts for your bus route in case of service disruptions. Bus students in Grades 6-8 will have the opportunity to join the bus patrol this year. Please listen to next week's announcements for more information.



SchoolMessenger

SchoolMessenger will be used this year as one form of communication between school and home. Emails will be sent to parents and guardians using SchoolMessenger, including weekly office news on Fridays, beginning September 5, 2024.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

7:55-8:10 a.m.: Arrival

8:10-9:50 a.m.: Learning Block A

9:50-10:30 a.m.: Lunch/Recess

10:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m.: Learning Block B

12:10 p.m.-1:00 p.m.: Lunch/Recess

1:00 p.m.-2:40 p.m.: Learning Block C

Lunch/Recess Times

9:50-10:10: K-3 Recess; 4-8 Lunch

10:10-10:30: K-3 Lunch; 4-8 Recess

12:10-12:35: K-3 Recess; 4-8 Lunch

12:35-1:00: K-3 Lunch; 4-8 Recess

On hot lunch days, the food is provided to those who ordered during second lunch.

For the 2025-26 school year TVDSB is pleased to offer families the option of two student accident insurance providers to choose from if they wish to purchase insurance for their children. Please use the links below for more information.

[https://
www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/](https://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/)

<https://insuremykids.com>

Footwear & Extra Clothes

It is helpful for students to bring an extra pair of shoes to school for indoor use. Running shoes are preferred, as they provide safety to students when in the gym. A change of clothing is also recommended for students in case they are needed.

Personal Electronic Devices

Students are able to bring personal electronic devices to school. During the school day these devices, such as cell phones, may only be used with advance permission of an educator for learning purposes. Our Grade 7/8 classes have hanging pockets in their rooms where cell phones must be placed upon entering the classroom. Similar arrangements will be made for other classes if students are bringing personal electronic devices to school. Please note that we have technological devices, such as iPads and Chrome-books that students will use at school and cell phones are not needed for successful learning. We recognize that some families may choose to communicate with their children through these devices on the way to and from school for safety. During the school day, if you need to send a message to or speak with your child, please call the office at 519-452-8330 and press 2 to reach the front desk.



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CODE OF CONDUCT

Members of the school community will:

- **treat each other with kindness and respect**
- **support learning and keep distractions out of class**
- **help others when they are in need**

Members of the school community will NOT:

- **bully, cyberbully, or encourage others to do so**
- **harm others, including harm with the motivation of hate or discrimination**
- **use a personal mobile device during class unless permitted by an educator**
- **use, share or sell vape, nicotine and/or tobacco products on school property**

**Speak with a staff member if
you or someone else needs help.**

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Woodfield Home and School Association (HASA)

Please consider joining the Woodfield Home and School Association this year! This year's meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., and we would love to see you there. HASA is responsible for hosting fun community events and raising funds for the school, such as covering costs for grade 8 graduation and trip, supplementing classroom supplies budgets and purchasing needed items needed for our choir, sports teams, classrooms, etc. The best part is meeting up once a month with some fun parents who have children at Woodfield!

Woodfield School Council

School Council is another committee which parents can join at Woodfield FIPS. School Council is an advisory to the school and board with the goal of improving student achievement. School Council meetings will normally take place the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Please see the next page for more information and links to join the first HASA & School Council meetings electronically.

September HASA & School Council

Our two parent groups, the Home and School Association (HASA) and School Council, will have meetings the second week of September. HASA will meet on Monday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the library and School Council will meet on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Parents and caregivers can also join virtually through the following links:

[September HASA \(Monday\)](#)

[September School Council \(Wednesday\)](#)

All are welcome! Free babysitting services may be available from students in grades 6-8 and will be confirmed in next Friday's weekly update.

Attention Grade 6 Students!

Our school has been selected to send our Grade 6 students to the London Airshow at the airport on Friday, September 5. This is a unique field trip opportunity for Grade 6 students to align with the science curriculum. The field trip is free of charge. Students will receive a field trip permission form on the first day of school and must return the completed form by Friday morning. Parents or caregivers who would like to volunteer for this field trip should have a current police check on file (see page 2 of this newsletter) and contact the office at woodfield@tvdsb.ca or 519-452-8330 and press 2 to reach the front desk. We hope you enjoy this wonderful experience!