

## Woodfield FIPS Newsletter October 2025

### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Thank you for a positive start to the school year. We appreciate your support as we underwent a fall reorganization, saw many families at our Meet Our Families evening, raised \$795 for cancer research with our Terry Fox run, started our Home & School Association (HASA) and School Council parent groups, and began many student sports and clubs. One of our school clubs that started in September is our Community Helpers Club. Community Helpers will continue to collect pop tabs this year. We will also be doing the "Scare Away Hunger" campaign. Students and staff are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items for this campaign. The collection will run from October 6-November 3.

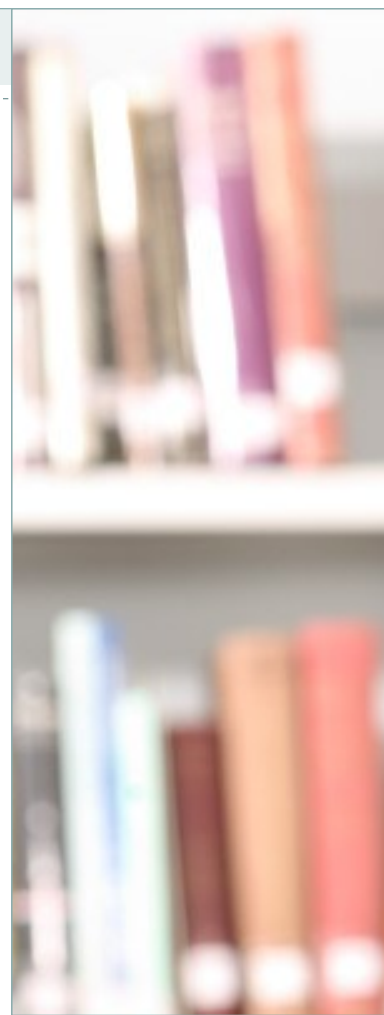
Congratulations to our intermediate soccer team who won the A division at their soccer tournament this week. The team showed great sportsmanship and improvement throughout the tournament. Bravo, les Lions!

Cross country and boys' basketball practices are continuing in October. The cross country regionals will take place on Tuesday, October 7 at Springbank Park with the raindate of October 14. Finals will take place October 21 at Fanshawe Conservation Area. Good luck to our runners!

Other important dates in October include photo day on October 6, a PA Day on October 10 (school is closed to students), Thanksgiving holiday on October 13 (school is closed) and HASA's after school Halloween Dance on Friday, October 24. More details on upcoming events will be shared in future weekly office news updates.

Kind Regards,

Mme A. Parsons, Directrice/Principal



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#### SPECIAL DAYS OF INTEREST

- October 6: Photo Day
- October 7: Cross Country Regionals
- October 10: PA Day
- October 13: Thanksgiving
- October 21: Cross Country Finals



## OCTOBER HASA & SCHOOL COUNCIL

The October Home and School Association (HASA) meeting will take place on Monday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library on the top floor. Babysitting services will be available in a neighbouring classroom for school-aged children, provided by our Grade 6-8 volunteers. You can also join this meeting virtually with the following link: [October HASA](#)

The October School Council elections and meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library on the top floor. Babysitting services will be available in a neighbouring classroom for school-aged children, provided by our Grade 6-8 volunteers. You can also join this meeting virtually with the following link: [October SC](#) One of the items for discussion is the planning of an online wellness event for students and parents.

*School Council nominations for Chair/Co-Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary will be accepted until Friday, September 26 at 4:00 p.m. Please send your nomination to [woodfield@tvdsb.ca](mailto:woodfield@tvdsb.ca).*

### WRITING INSTRUMENT RECYCLING PROGRAM

Last school year, Woodfield FIPS encouraged students to bring their dry pens, markers, and highlighters to the office for recycling. Staples provides a free writing instrument recycling program. Woodfield is happy to participate in this program and remind students of the importance of environmental stewardship. This year, we would also like to invite families to participate by sending in used markers, pens, and highlighters with your child for recycling. Thank you for helping Woodfield make a difference!

## TVDSB STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PLAN

The TVDSB Student Achievement Plan is now available on the TVDSB website! The Student Achievement Plan framework was developed by the Ontario Ministry of Education as part of the Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023. The plan includes 5 goals and 11 indicators that all school boards in Ontario must use to track student achievement in core academic skills, preparation for future success, engagement, and well-being. School boards use the data to create action plans for improving outcomes for students. We are working to bring this plan to life with students at our school through the development and implementation of our School Improvement and Equity Plan and our Safe and Inclusive School Plan. We will continue to provide updates to the school community related to our ongoing efforts to support student achievement, future success, engagement, and well-being. If you have questions about these plans, please contact the school principal.

Click [here](#) to review the district plan and to learn more about the indicators and the work that TVDSB is doing in 2025-2026 to support student achievement and well-being.



## To get to know what your child is watching and playing, ask and participate!

- Enjoy media like music, movies, and video games together
- Ask your child questions about the messages they see and hear

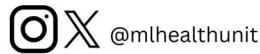
*Why do we see ads?*

*Where do we see ads?*

*How is this ad trying to make money?*

- Encourage your child to talk to someone if they come across something that makes them feel uncomfortable online
- Make time to be active and social without screens

Be a role-model by paying attention to your own media use



Information sources can be found on our website at: <https://www.healthunit.com/school-health-newsletter-inserts>

# Looking for Volunteers for Reading Program

Strong Start Letters, Sounds and Words™ is a 10-week program that targets children in Kindergarten Year 2 and up with literacy support. They are paired with trained community volunteers who go into schools to work one-on-one with them, playing carefully designed games and activities. Woodfield FIPS is happy to announce that we will be offering Strong Start again this year and we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in completing the online training and volunteering with the Strong Start program, please register for the online training sessions here: [Strong Start](#). Please also contact our site coordinator Mme Gricken ([j.gricken@tvdsb.ca](mailto:j.gricken@tvdsb.ca)) who will develop volunteer times with you that fit your schedule. Those who received training last year do not need to be retrained and are welcome to connect with Mme Gricken to get started this year.

## SEEKING STUDENT BABYSITTER

Hello, I am a TVDSB supply teacher living within a few blocks of school looking for a responsible senior student to watch my daughters after school for no more than an hour a couple of days a week. This would be a great opportunity for an aspiring babysitter to get some casual experience. It is a low commitment, paid, casual position. Get in touch by phone at 519-477-8666, or email, [hugh.finlay42@gmail.com](mailto:hugh.finlay42@gmail.com).



## ROAD SAFETY FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

### TVDSB urges road safety for drivers, pedestrians

With students back in school, and increased vehicle traffic around all its schools, the Thames Valley District School Board would like to remind students, parents, and drivers about the ABCs.

**Always Be Careful** when it comes to driving, walking, or crossing near schools.

Here are some ways to keep yourself, and others, safe when near one of the many schools in our area.

#### For drivers and cyclists

- Slow down when you are in a school zone or any area where children can be seen walking.
- Avoid distractions, such as cellphones or loud music.
- Be extra careful if it's raining, snowing or if the road is wet or snow covered.
- Obey all road signs, including speed limits, stop signs and no parking areas.
- Follow directions from crossing guards.
- Provide enough space for cyclists.
- If you are driving children to school:
  - Do not park in no parking zones
  - Have children exit from the passenger side of the vehicle
- Pay attention to your surroundings and be prepared to stop for people looking to cross

the road.

- You are legally required to stop for pedestrians at a pedestrian crosswalk.
- Stop for school buses and be aware of children running in front of or behind buses. There are serious consequences for not stopping for a school bus.

#### For families walking to school

- Use the sidewalk; avoid walking on the road if possible.
- Always cross at an intersection or crosswalk.
- Look both ways when crossing any street.
- Avoid distractions while crossing.
- Don't assume someone in a vehicle can see you, or that it will stop for you while crossing the road.
- When at a pedestrian crosswalk, make sure you stand next to the designated crossing sign to show drivers you want to cross.
  - Cross only when traffic has come to a complete stop or the road is clear.
  - If there are flashing beacons, press the button to activate.



# »»»» SESSION D'AUTOMNE 2025 ««««

## LIONS SAS CLUB

OCTOBER 9 - DECEMBER 12 2025

To encourage you to join us, we are offering you an exclusive 12% promo code for our fall sessions! Book quickly, spots are filling up fast!



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# BABYSITTING

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## **BECOME A CONFIDENT BABYSITTER! 1-DAY COURSE FOR FOR YOUTH AGED 11-15**

*Learn about: becoming a babysitter, handling emergencies, safe play, bedtime routines, and more!*



**London:** Fri Oct 10 (PA Day), Sat Nov 8, Mon Dec 22

**Time:** 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Cost:** \$75.00

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# HOME ALONE

## **PREPARE FOR INDEPENDENCE! 1-DAY COURSE FOR YOUTH AGED 10+**



*Learn about: phone calls and visitors, recognizing hazards, fire safety, calling 911 and more!*



**London:** Fri Oct 10 (PA Day), Sat Nov 8, Mon Dec 22

**St. Thomas:** Fri Nov 14 (PA Day)

**Time:** 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$70

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**To register call 519-432-1352 or visit [sja.ca](http://sja.ca)**



**London:** 741 King St  
**St. Thomas:** 30 Burwell Rd



**Seats fill quickly - register today!**

**St. John Ambulance**

# YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

October 6, 2025



## Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



### DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



### GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at [edgeimaging.ca/photoday](https://edgeimaging.ca/photoday) to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.