

Woodfield FIPS September Newsletter

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

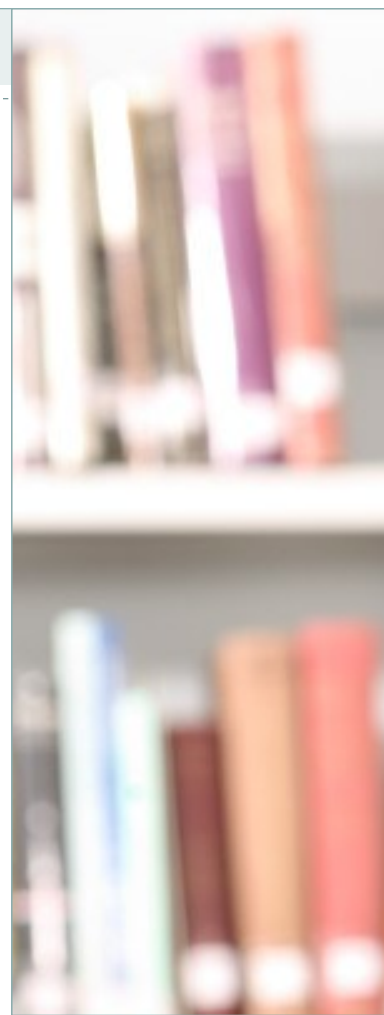
Dear Woodfield Families,

We have several meaningful and fun days ahead this month. Please see the following pages of our newsletter for information about Orange Shirt Day, our school Terry Fox Run, Meet Our Families Night., Purple Shirt Day for concussion awareness, and Journée franco-ontarienne to celebrate French Ontario, where we invite students and staff to wear white and green to represent the Franco-Ontarian flag. We look forward to participating in all of our September learning and activities together.

Each September, schools are required to complete several safety drills. This includes a high winds drill, three fire drills, and one lockdown drill. We will begin next week with our lockdown drill on Monday, September 15. We practise this drill to prepare for the unlikely event that London Police notify us that students and staff should remain inside in their classrooms for safety. It will be clearly communicated to students before we begin the drill that this is a practice. If you have any questions about this drill, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mme A. Parsons, Directrice/Principal



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SPECIAL DAYS

- Monday, September 23: Grade 7-8 Soccer Tournament
- Tuesday, September 24: Purple Shirt/Rowan's Law Day for Concussion Awareness
- Thursday, September 25: Franco-Ontarian Day (wear white and green); Terry Fox Run; Meet Our Families Night, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 30: Orange Shirt Day



GRADES 3-8 CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

We will begin cross country at the end of this week for students who are interested in Grades 3-8. Practices will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at the school. If your child is interested in doing cross country, please return the paperwork as soon as possible to Mme Grick-

en in the office. Students need to be committed to the practices to ensure they are ready for our regional meet in October. If you have any questions, please contact Mme Gates at d.gates@tvdsb.ca. Looking forward to a great season of running!

Grade 7/8 Soccer Tournament: Tuesday, September 23 at Windemere Fields. More details for team members coming soon!

REMINDER: CONSENTS IN PARENT PORTAL

Families are reminded to please complete the contact information and consents in the Parent Portal. We kindly ask that you complete this by Friday, September 12.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Every year, Orange Shirt Day is held on September 30th. Canada has declared September 30th as a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students will learn about the origin of Orange Shirt Day and remember those who attended Residential Schools, as well as how Indigenous identities, languages, and cultures have been negatively impacted by these experiences. Students will be supported in understanding that Indigenous children had to leave their families in order to attend school and that this has been a negative experience for children and families. They will learn about the lasting impact on Indigenous identities, languages, and cultures today. We will acknowledge this on our morning video announcements and students will continue learning in their classrooms in age appropriate ways.

2025-2026 WOODFIELD STAFF

Kindergarten: Mme Thatcher and Mme Joukhaji (long-term assignment for Mme Ballerini)

Grade 1: Mme Adlam; Mme Gates

Grade 1/2: Mme Berg (long-term occasional teacher for Mme Blanchette)

Grade 2: Mme Mete

Grade 3: Mme Swallowell

Grade 3/4: Mme Brant

Grade 4: Mme Langlois

Grade 5: Mme Campos

Grade 5/6: Mme Rivest

Grade 6: Mme Iwanski

Grade 7/8: M. Cadotte; Mme McMurray

Educational Assistant: Mme Fanni

Music & Social Studies: Mme Charbonneau

Music & Health: Mme Riggs

Outdoor Education, Health & Physical Education, Science, & Arts: Mme Rincon

Learning Support & Drama/Dance: Mme Gricken

Pathways Lead, Teacher Librarian, Social Studies/History/Geography: Mme Prince

Administrative Assistant: Mme Penner

Charge Custodian: M. Forbes

Speech & Language Pathologist: Mme Haji

Social Worker & Attendance Counsellor: Mme Merrit

Principal: Mme Parsons



WOODFIELD TERRY FOX RUN

Our Terry Fox run will take place on Thursday, September 25th. Please consider making a donation at the following link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/107209>

Our school goal is to

raise \$500. Please note that while donations are welcome, they are not required for participation in this school event. All staff and students will join our Terry Fox Run on our yard that afternoon.

JOURNÉE FRANCO-ONTARIENNE

September 25th is the anniversary of the first time the Franco-Ontarian flag was raised. French speakers in Ontario show their pride on this day by wearing green and white. Students and staff are welcome to wear these colours on September 25th as we recognize la journée franco-ontarienne at Woodfield.

BONNE FÊTE DES
FRANCO-ONTARIENNES ET
FRANCO-ONTARIENS



MEET OUR FAMILIES NIGHT

We are happy to invite our Woodfield FIPS to our Meet Our Families Night on Thursday, September 25 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Families are welcome to visit classrooms, and introduce themselves to school staff. Our Home and School Association (HASA) will be sending a survey to our families later this week to see if there is interest in selling all-beef and veggie hotdogs this evening. Food purchases for the evening are cash only on site. Please note that given the many families we look forward to welcoming into our student learning spaces, staff will be unable to host formal interviews with parents or guardians this evening. If you would like more information about your child's progress so far in school, please contact your child's teacher via email or calling 519-452-8330.



PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Aligning with the direction of the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB), students must have personal electronic devices from home such as cell phones placed on silent or powered off during the school day. They can be used with advanced permission of the teacher for learning purposes only. Please note that we have enough electronic devices at Woodfield, such as Chromebooks and iPads, for student learning use. Following progressive discipline, the following steps will be taken if students are non-compliant with this expectation:

1. Cellphone will be stored in a secure place in the classroom as determined by the teacher for the rest of the day.
2. Cellphone will be stored in a secure place in the office for the rest of the day.
3. Cellphone will be stored in a secure place in the office for the rest of the day and will need to be retrieved by a parent or caregiver. Please note that our office closes at 3:30 p.m. daily.

School staff will communicate with parents and guardians at each stage if students are non-compliant. Please note that if students have cellphones out without permission in areas other than their classroom, including but not limited to the yard, the gym, and the music room, they may be directed to bring it directly to the office the first time if there is not a suitable storage location in that space. Please see the TVDSB Code of Conduct on the next page for more information about expectations at school for all members of the school community.



Thames Valley
District School Board

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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