

SOUTH OAKS NEWSLINES



November, 2016

Safety

There is a crossing guard stationed at the Main Street Petro Canada corner before and after school, from 8:30–9:00 a.m. and 3:30–4:00 p.m., respectively. If your children are walking to school and are required to cross Main Street, please have them cross at that corner.



Transportation Note



All bus routes are posted on the HSD website with times and maps. Any bus that will be late due to weather or mechanical issues is listed on the HSD website in the bus delay area. The website is at hsd.ca. Go to the drop down menu of Schools and Departments and find Transportation, where you can choose School Bus Delay Bulletins. There any bus that is late is posted with the approximate delay. Thank you for checking these options before calling the Hanover School Division Transportation Department with your questions regarding bus delays.

World Book Online

This is just a reminder that Hanover School Division has an agreement that allows all staff and students of the school division to access World Book Online from home. Simply go to <http://www.worldbookonline.com/> and log in with the following information:

Username: Hanover1

Password: worldbook



Also, Worldbook Kids is a link off of the <http://www.worldbookonline.com> site. It provides an easier to read version of World Book which is great for younger students as well as EAL students.

- **Newslines**

Many schools in Hanover School Division are moving away from newsletters. The reason is that we have introduced many new tools to communicate with parents. These tools include new websites, blogs, Google calendars and tools to email or phone all of our parents at once. With the implementation of such technologies, the newsletter is becoming somewhat redundant. So, we will discuss the possibility of moving away from our traditional format with the South Oaks PAC, to get their feedback. We would still plan to provide the necessary information to those who do not have a computer in their home.

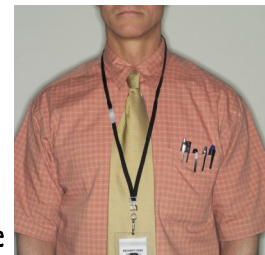
Parent Teacher Conferences



This year, in order to facilitate greater parental attendance, Parent/Teacher conferences will once again take place from 4:15-8:00 p.m. on Thursday and Tuesday, November 24 & 29. As in the past, staff members are available for the Parent/Teacher conferences to translate questions and comments for parents into Low German, for those who request this service. Those parents who need this service, or who are only able to attend in very specific time slots during these evenings, should call the school at 204-434-6165 as soon as possible to see if arrangements can be made. There will only be a few Kindergarten Parent/Teacher conferences scheduled during the day on Monday, November 14, as the large majority of the Kindergarten conferences will again be held at the time of the Winter progress reports.

Visiting the School

At South Oaks we value the presence of parents in our school, and want people to feel comfortable when they volunteer, or meet with a teacher. It is important, though, that **adults report to the office when arriving at school**. Visitors and Volunteers will be given their respective badges to wear around their necks. **If picking up a child for an appointment, please again report to the office**, and the secretary will inform the classroom teacher via the intercom. We want to keep our school safe for everyone, and reporting to the office both reduces classroom interruptions as well as enables staff members to be confident that an adult they may not recognize does, in fact, belong in the school. Similarly, please don't take offence if you are asked if we can be of help when meeting you in the hall – we just want to ensure everyone's safety.



Student Lunches

After Halloween, many students want to take some of their candy to school in their lunches. We ask that parents please exercise moderation with sugary snacks in lunches at this time, and review the following comments from the Parent Handbook:



Children are reminded at lunch time to first have their sandwiches or whatever main course item that has been packed, **before** eating the chips or cookies that they might have for dessert. Filling up on sugary foods tends to make children overactive and then tired when the sugar high wears off. If good eating practices are reinforced at home it ensures that the students get the nourishment and balanced diets that their parents intend when they make their lunches."



From the Health Nurse

Head Lice – As mentioned in the Parent Handbook, it is requested that children's heads be checked periodically for lice. If at all suspicious, call the school immediately, so we can take the necessary precautions to prevent the lice from spreading. If live lice are found, children must be kept out of school until treated and are gone. *Remember that lice are not a cleanliness issue. Anyone can be in contact with lice, either at school, at a sports complex, or even trying on headgear in a store.* **Please also note that lice combs should be used in addition to the recommended shampoo to deal with lice.** Once the lice shampoo has been used, a lice comb, such as the Licemeister or the Nit Free Terminator, will help get rid of the rest of the head lice that may remain. If you have any questions or concerns, call the Public Health Nurse at 204-346-7013. Her name is Jocelyn Kingshott.



Community Notes

The Loft Community Outreach works to meet the basic needs of individuals or families that experience low-income in the Southeastern region. They provide ready-made (frozen) meals, lunch bags for school children, toiletries, laundry detergent, clothing, baby items/supplies, bedding, outerwear, and more. Visitors can also stay for some coffee/snack and a talk if they'd like. If you feel your family or someone you know could benefit from any of these services, please check The Loft out! This program is carried out at the Grunthal Bergthaler Church, 101 Southwood Street, in Grunthal. It is open every other Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information call 204-392-8143.

South Oaks Christmas Concert 2016 and Spring Concert 2017



In the September school newsletter the format for concerts this year was outlined, and we want to once again let everyone know the sequence of events. After reviewing last year's Christmas concert and Spring concert arrangement with the South Oaks staff and the South Oaks Parent Teacher Association, the decision was made to continue with the same format as in 2016-17. That is, the Christmas concert in December 2016 will again involve all the Kindergarten to Grade Two students, and the Spring Concert, which will be held in May 2017 will involve all the Grade Three and Four students. However, the South Oaks Voluntary Choir, which is comprised of grade three and four students who choose to be involved in the extracurricular activity, will also again sing at the 2016 Christmas concert. We are glad that in this manner we are able to highlight the students and the various South Oaks classes to a greater extent than we could previously, when there was only a single concert held during the school year.

