

February Update

It is February already SWO! We have had a great start to 2019. In 2019, please look out for a monthly update to help keep you in the loop with events and important school information. Here are a few key items that are occurring in the next few weeks:

- Gr. 7/8 Quebec City Trip (100 students). They have just returned and had a great trip!
- School Council Meeting - Feb. 20th @ 6:30pm

Kindergarten Registration is open! Tell your friends and neighbours with school age children that they can [register online](#) or in person (school office) for Jr. Kindergarten for the 2019/20 school year.

Hold and Secure Practice. Before the end of the month, our school will practice our *Hold and Secure* procedure. This emergency procedure is in place to support student safety if there is an occurrence outside of the school building. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact school administration.

We need your feedback! We have a parent/guardian survey about Mathematics that will help us with future planning regard the Ministry of Education direction - **Math Fundamentals in school**. Please take 10 minutes to complete this Google Form as we look to hear from parents. Embedded in this Google Form is a link to give parents a quick overview of the Ministry's perspective for Math Fundamentals in schools. Your support is greatly appreciated. Click on link below:

[Survey for Parents - Math Fundamentals](#)

Other related information via Ms. Rivlin (School Council member)

SWO Cookbook

Got a recipe to share? Be a part of the first ever SWO Elementary School Cookbook!

Recipe For Good Memories

1 family favorite recipe

1 short message about why you love it

* Optional: 1 drawing or image of this favorite dish

Combine with English or French, and enjoy!

The cookbook will be available for sale in spring 2019 and proceeds will support the SWO library collection. Send your recipe (and corresponding artwork) along with any questions or comments **toSWO.cookbook@gmail.com**

Venez-nous joindre pour le tout premier livre de recettes de l'école élémentaire de SWO!

Recette pour de bons souvenirs

1 recette préférée de votre famille
1 petit message sur pourquoi vous l'aimez
* Facultatif: 1 dessin ou image de ce plat préféré
Mélangez avec l'anglais ou le français et profitez-en!

Le livre de recettes sera en vente dès le printemps 2019 et soutiendront la collection de la bibliothèque de SWO. Envoyez votre recette (et l'art correspondant) avec vos questions ou commentaires au SWO.cookbook@gmail.com

Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

For info on what's happening in French education in Ontario and throughout Canada, including details about funding by school board, this annual report published by CPF (a non-profit) is helpful:

- The State of French as a Second Language Education in 2018 in Canada
<https://cpf.ca/en/research-advocacy/research/the-state-of-fsl-education-in-canada/>

Here are 3 Ministry of Education documents helpful to advocate for our children learning French:

(1) Supporting Your Child's Success in French Immersion and Extended French
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideFrench.pdf>

(2) Including Students with Special Education Needs in French as a Second Language Programs
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/amenagement/includingfls2015.pdf>

(3) Welcoming English Language Learners into French as a Second Language Programs
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/amenagement/welcoming.pdf>