



WORSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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April 2018 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Worsley Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already into the month of April and well into spring. I want to thank Worsley students, staff and the community for the incredible support they have provided to the school in my absence and for being so welcoming as I transition back to Worsley. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Ottewell, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Petras for working as a wonderful team through all the transitions to keep Worsley running so smoothly.

There are many great programs happening here at Worsley that are broadening our students learning about the community we live in, health and wellness and global perspectives. We were so excited to have run our second year of Elephant Thoughts afterschool science program in February and March. This aligns well with our STEAM (Science, technology, Environment, Arts and Math) focus and inquiry based learning. We are so grateful for all the community support, partnerships in learning and thank each and every one of you for talking about all the great learning that your children are engaged in at Worsley. Thank you for supporting all the health and wellness and curricular programs at our school and for volunteering your time to facilitate these learning opportunities. Thank you to all of our coaches and students for representing Worsley on our sports teams and for showing good character and resilience. Please keep an eye out for our first stage of our early primary playground. We are supposed to be breaking ground in the spring with a few of our new structures. We look forward to the last few months of school and all the great things planned at Worsley. We wish you a safe and happy Easter with your families and a wonderful April!

Register now for summer child care

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County. Twenty schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years of age. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information can be found on our website at www.scdsb.on.ca – click on 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

STRESS: OUR KIDS GET IT TOO!

Kids have stress, just like us. Stress is a normal part of life, but our bodies are only made to handle it for short amounts of time. Continued stress can cause feelings of pressure, anxiety and tiredness. It can make it hard for kids to focus in school and can cause them to become sick, get lower grades or make unhealthy choices. It's easy to mistake signs of stress for bad behaviour in your child. You can help them learn to manage stress by staying calm, showing love and talking openly about their feelings. Encourage them to try calming activities like deep breathing or doing something active. If the stress continues, be sure talk to your child's family doctor or health care provider. To speak with a public health nurse, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit website for more information at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CAR WHILE YOU WAIT

A reminder to please turn your engine off when dropping off or picking up your child from school. Idling cars release exhaust that is harmful to the environment, our health and the health of our students. It's good to get into the habit of turning your car off any time you're stopped and in park for more than 60 seconds. Thank you for doing your part to keep our kids and our environment healthy! For more information to keep you and your family healthy, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520. *Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions
The SCDSB is hosting an information session for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs. The last session takes place this month:

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

The event takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2018-19 PARENTS REACHING OUT (PRO) GRANTS

Parents/guardians play a vital role in public education, and Ontario's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants are designed to encourage parents'/guardians' involvement in their children's education to support student achievement and well-being. The 2018-19 PRO grant process has been announced and an online application is now available. PRO grants are provided to select applicants who develop projects, events or training in support of parent/guardian engagement. Applications are due by June 5. Find out more: www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/.

PAYMENT FOR ORDERS, FIELD TRIP

When sending in payment with order forms and permission forms, or cash for pizza on Friday, please send in the requested amount as we are unable to make change and send it home. Please consider paying for your children's events using our online paying system School Cash Online. Thank you for helping to support all the great student programs at Worsley!



SCHOOL BUS EVACUATION TRAINING TAKES PLACE APRIL 3 TO 6

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, is offering school bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students the week of April 3 to 6. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency. The SCSTC would like to remind all drivers to be extra cautious near school buses and in school bus loading and unloading zones. For more information or if you have questions, visit main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Is your child turning four this year? It's time to register for Kindergarten

Our school is now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required

registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.



YOUTH LOOKING FOR A JOB OR WORK EXPERIENCE

Do you know a youth, aged 15-29, who is looking for a job or to gain work experience? The Career Centre can help. Services include paid employment training, support with job searches and more, at no cost. Meet with an Employment Consultant today, or visit the Career Centre website at www.barriecareercentre.com for more information, including hours of operation. The Career Centre is operated by the Simcoe County District School Board. This Employment Ontario service is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

IDENTIFYING SCHOOL-SPONSORED

All field trip information will be sent home on school and/or Simcoe County District School Board letterhead. This is the best way for parents/guardians to identify supervised and approved trips. There may have been times when community or external groups have organized trips that have been mistaken for school-sponsored field trips. Parents would be notified of individual circumstances if the school is aware that an external trip is being planned. When in doubt about any trip ask questions of the organizers, including "Who is sponsoring or in charge of this trip?", "Who will be supervising?" and "What are their qualifications?" You can also contact the school if you have any questions about a trip you see advertised that you think may not be school-sanctioned.

TRAUMA & LOSS: CREATING SCHOOL COMMUNITIES OF WELL-BEING ON APRIL 14TH IN BARRIE

Parents and/or community members are invited to attend *Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being* on Sat. April 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bear Creek Secondary School, located at 110 Red Oak Dr. in Barrie. This conference is being funded through a Regional PRO grant from the Ontario Ministry of Education and is being presented by the Adoption Council of Ontario. This event is free to attend and lunch is provided. Limited child care is available for children aged three to 12 years. Register at www.adoption.on.ca/events. Questions? Contact pact@adoptontario.ca.



YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY TAKING PLACE ON APRIL 29TH

YMCAs across Canada are celebrating Healthy Kids Day on Sun. April 29. It's a national day dedicated to improving the health and well-being of kids. The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka is happy to host this FREE event for everyone in the community, offering fun and healthy activities for the entire family to enjoy. Across Canada, most children do not meet the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Rising rates of obesity and related chronic disease tell us that getting kids active should be a top priority for parents, schools, and all Canadians. With summer just around the corner, here are some practical tips on how to keep your kids active and healthy:

- Rather than heading out on a walk or jog solo, invite your kids to hop on their bicycles, skateboards and scooters and head out with you. You will come back energized and connected knowing that you've set a great example and spent quality time together. Everyone wins!
- Many communities have free or low-cost youth activities or programs at facilities such as pools, playgrounds, parks, sporting fields, community centres and the YMCA! Ask your child's teacher, contact your local municipality, search online or contact your local YMCA for upcoming events.
- Depending on the distance and safety factor, consider letting your children walk to school, the library, their friend's house or any other place you would normally drive them to. Some kids may be inspired by tracking their steps with a pedometer. Pedometers are relatively inexpensive and many libraries have them available on loan!

Join the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka on Healthy Kids Day and learn about healthy habits, connect with other parents and get the whole family active together under one roof. For schedules of activities and more information, please contact the YMCA in your community: www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

REMEMBER SAFE ARRIVAL

April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 SUB DAY DAY 4	4 DAY 5	5 DAY 1	6 PIZZA DAY DAY 2	7
8	9 DAY 3	10 SUB DAY DAY 4	11 DAY 5 Gr.5 Swimming YMCA 12:30-2:30pm PINK SHIRT DAY	12 DAY 1 BBQ DAY	13 DAY 2 PIZZA DAY Gr.4 Swimming YMCA 12:30-2:30pm	14
15	16 DAY 3 SCHOOL COUNCIL	17 SUB DAY DAY 4	18 DAY 5 Gr.5 Swimming YMCA 12:30-2:30pm	19 DAY 1	20 DAY 2 PIZZA DAY Gr.4 Swimming YMCA 12:30-2:30pm	21
22	23 DAY 3	24 SUB DAY DAY 4 Health & Wellness Night 6-8:30pm	25 DAY 5 PIZZA DAY Gr.5 Swimming YMCA 12:30-2:30pm	26 DAY 1	27 PA DAY	28
29	30 DAY 2 Grades 1-5 FI Gregg LeRock Concert					

