



WORSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DECEMBER 1, 2017 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Dear Worsley Families, it is amazing how fast the year is going and how many wonderful learning opportunities have already been experienced by our students here at Worsley. We have had an incredible start to the year and it's hard to believe that we are already into the month of December. We have had lots of great things happening at Worsley over the last few weeks and into November. Students participated in many incredible events and discussions during Bully Prevention week to work as a team to stamp out Bullying. We have so many students participating in sports and physical activity. Our Intermediates are preparing for our trade fair and are working hard to roll out their products. Our Grade 6's are enjoying their new learning space in the portable and are all settled in and learning. A big thank you to all our coaches, staff and volunteers for supporting our students learning and providing many wonderful opportunities for growth and improvement. Please join us for our holiday celebration on December 14th from 6:00 to 7:30 to participate in some great holiday events (cookbook launch, book fair, band, crafts etc.). Stay tuned for details to follow. At this time, we wanted to say thank you to all Worsley families for all the support in 2017 and we wish you all the best of the Holiday season and a happy and prosperous 2018. Enjoy a safe and happy holiday with your families! We will see you January 8th, 2018.

LATE ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL

Any students arriving at school past 9:00 am must sign in at the office and take a late slip with them to class to ensure that they are safe and accounted for, as your student will be marked absence unknown if the attendance has already been done.

BOOK DRIVE

Congratulations Worsley for collecting over 600 books for BookWorm, a organization that gathers books for

less fortunate youth. A huge thank you from BookWorm to everyone who donated; it is great to see so many people willing to help others!

LETTER WRITING



In our hope to encourage literacy and community, we want everyone to start writing letters! Students will be encouraged to write supportive letters to their friends, siblings and learning buddies. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to send in a letter for their child to receive by our Christmas postal service. There will be a mailbox in the front foyer from December 4th to 22nd with deliveries being every Wednesday and Friday at second break. Just put your child's name and teacher on the envelope, and it will be delivered right to their class.

CANDY CANES



Student Parliament will be selling Candy Canes for \$1.00 during the second last week of school and maybe the final week, during lunch breaks and our Holiday activities. Students can buy them for themselves and take them home OR they can write the name of a friend and teacher and we will deliver the candy canes before the end of every day.

TRADE FAIR

On Wednesday, December 20, grade 7 and 8 students will be hosting their annual Trade Fair. Students will be making and selling seasonal crafts, decorative ornaments and baked goods/candy to students and parents. Prices will range from \$1.00 to \$5.00. All classes will tour the sale to buy items. Snow date will be Thursday, December 21st.

BOOK FAIR

The Library is having a Book Fair on Wednesday the 13th until 3:30, Thursday the 14th until 7:30, Friday the 15th until 3:30 and Monday the 18th until 1:00. Come and see what we have!! Classes will have a chance to visit the Book Fair.

WORSLEY'S INTERMEDIATE BAND

Congratulations to the Worsley Intermediate band for winning 1st place for their float in the Santa Claus Parade! The students worked hard and sounded great!

WORSLEY'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Please plan to join us on Thursday, December 14th for an enjoyable evening of holiday festivities. We will be hosting our Cookbook Launch, serving hot chocolate in the foyer, playing children's movies, Book Fair, Junior and Intermediate Bands will make a short performance, plus running other fun activities. Watch for your flyer!!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We are still working with Ontario Playgrounds to secure an install date for our playground structure. As well, we have already placed an order with SCDSB for phase 2 addition for our playground (Bongo Drums, tire hill and slides). We have been working tirelessly to align schedules and equipment and have been met with a few barriers. There are many steps involved in the process and please know that we will continue to move forward to ensure our new equipment is installed and safe for student use when it arrives. Please contact school council if you have any questions. Thank You

FOOD DRIVE

Birchview has issued the 12 Days of Christmas Giving Challenge from December 1st to 18th. We have a list of 12 items the Food Bank is in dire need of and will be collecting one each day during the Challenge. Watch for the flyer from Birchview that is being sent home.

BUS INFORMATION

If you have concerns about the weather and want to see if the buses are cancelled, please go to scdsb.on.ca and click on the yellow bus picture. This will take you to the site that shows any cancellations and/or delays for that day. Worsley is in the West Simcoe County Weather Zone. When buses are cancelled, please remember that schools are still open (unless otherwise noted) for student learning. The Consortium, in conjunction with bus operators, will make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 A.M. and as such, will post announcements between 6 and 7 A.M. Parents should also note that inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the



day. If you bring your child to school when buses are cancelled, you must be available to pick them up from the front foyer at the end of the day (3:20 pm).

SUB DAYS

If there is a snow day on a Tuesday, the sub delivery will be cancelled for that day and held again on the Thursday of the same week.

FRENCH IMMERSION and EXTENDED FRENCH

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations. Information sessions take place in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details. An Information session dates will be held at Worsley on Thursday January 11th at 6:00 pm. The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Mon. Jan. 22, until 9 p.m. on Wed. Jan. 24, 2018 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered. Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically. Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application. Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend CCI's information night to find out what's offered at 6:30 pm on Tuesday January 16, 2018 For more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the

SCDSB! Beginning January 22, 2018 Simcoe County's

public schools will register 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.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Every winter, school playground structures are closed. Students are made aware of this during school hours through announcements and staff reminders during breaks. This may not be well known throughout the community despite signs indicating that playground structures are a winter hazard and are closed. The Canadian Standards Association Regulations make recommendations for the depth of ground cover required to minimize injuries (eg. sand, pea gravel or wood chips). These surfaces cannot be maintained when the ground freezes. Injuries from falling would be more significant on frozen ground. We strongly recommend that you do not allow your children to play on any structures while the ground is frozen.

SPECIAL EDUCATION INFO SESSIONS

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents and guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Dec. 18 Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Information for Families

Jan. 22 Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessments

Feb. 19 Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19 Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16 Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

EYE SEE EYE LEARN PROGRAM

The *Eye See...Eye Learn* program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeyelearn.ca.

PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrolment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus.

DENTAL SCREENING PROGRAM

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Oral Health team will be at our school on **January 15th-17th, 2018** to conduct dental screenings. A dental screening is a quick look in the mouth using a sterilized tooth mirror. Don't forget to look for the information letter from the health unit, which will be coming home with your child.

GRADE 8 MONTREAL TRIP



If you should be disposing of any scrap metal, batteries, appliances, barbecues, microwaves, lawn mowers, vehicles, etc over the winter, please consider taking them to Midwest Metals in Creemore. Mention that you are from Worsley and they will credit any money raised to our Grade 8 trip fundraiser. Check out <http://midwestmetals.ca> for more

information. Thank you for your continued support of our programs.

FROM THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Update your child's immunization record - The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later. It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).

Three healthy lifestyle changes you and your family can make today - More and more research is showing that the key to lifelong good health is lifestyle choices starting at a young age. Making simple changes in diet, exercise and stress management is key to achieving good mental and physical health for adults and children. Here are some easy tips to start making those changes today.

- **Drink more water** – Your body is made up of about 60% water. A mere 5% drop in water levels in the body causes 25 to 30% loss of energy and can cause your metabolism to slow down. Some effects of dehydration include hunger, poor digestion, bloating, joint pain and high blood pressure. Make sure to drink a minimum of eight glasses of water each day. Kids should be drinking five to seven glasses of water each day.
- **Exercise daily** – Did you know that Health Canada recommends adults get 150 minutes of exercise per week and kids should accumulate at least 60 minutes of exercise each day? If you want to live well and live longer, you must exercise. Studies show that even 10 minutes of exercise will make a difference!
- **Practice relaxation** – The relationship between the mind and the body is strong. Providing yourself and your kids with a small amount of relaxation or "time-out" every day – even just 15 minutes – can improve your health dramatically. Try taking a yoga class to reduce stress and clear the mind and make sure to sleep at least seven hours per night (kids and teens should get more than that).
The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers many opportunities to get healthy as a family, For more information, please visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Consider healthy food donations this holiday season - Did you know that in Simcoe County one in eight people struggle to put food on the table? Not having enough money for food can have a serious impact on the physical, mental and emotional health of families in our community. If your family is making a donation to a food drive this holiday season, here are healthy non-perishable items to consider:


- canned tuna or salmon in water
- brown rice or whole grain pasta
- breakfast cereals – whole grain, hot or cold
- beans - canned, baked, kidney
- canned vegetables and fruit
- canned chicken or ham
- whole grain crackers
- iron fortified infant cereal
- personal hygiene products

For more information about how to make your donations count, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

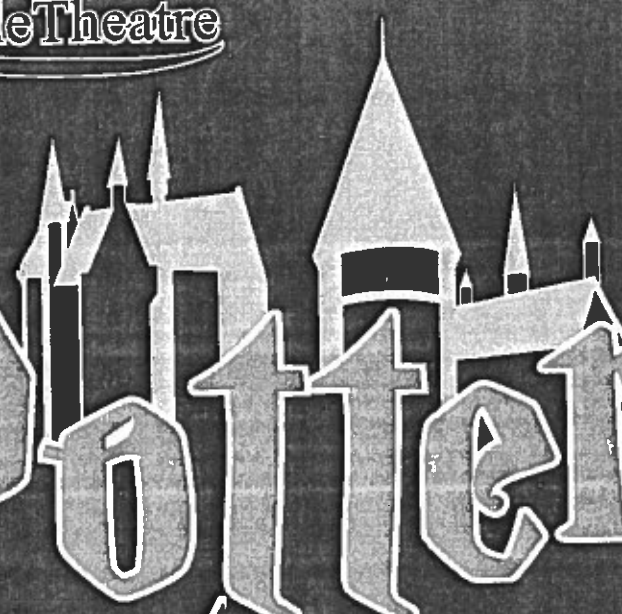
FROM OUR COMMUNITY

The Signature Sold Team are proud sponsors of Free Skates held for the public at the Wasaga Stars Arena in Wasaga Beach. On December 29th, from 2pm - 4pm, they invite you to join them, their families & team at the Winter Wonderland Free Skate! Enjoy free ice time, hot chocolate, snacks and draws - all are welcome! Another Free Skate will be held on Family Day Weekend, on February 19th from 12- 2pm. Bring your friends and family, the more the merrier!

A few students in our school are working very hard and rehearsing twice a week for a few hours (singing, dancing, and acting) for a play being performed in Collingwood. See the attached poster for more information.



Sandcastle Theatre
presents



potter

the Panto

A hilarious parody full of magic,
laughter and fun for all ages


New Life Church, Collingwood

Friday December 15 at 7 pm
Saturday December 16 at 2 pm & 7 pm

\$25 adult | \$20 senior | \$15 student

Tickets available at www.sandcastletheatre.com and U-Pick Parties

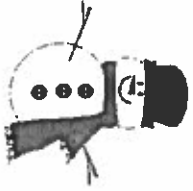

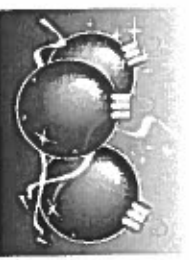
AVENUE A — www.sandcastletheatre.com —



REMEMBER SAFE ARRIVAL

429-2552
available 24 hours

DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 PIZZA DAY DAY 1 Grade 6-8 to Galaxy Cinema	2
	Letter Writing Mailbox in the front foyer Deliveries made Wednesdays & Fridays to classrooms December 4th to 22nd					9 12 Days of Christmas Giving Challenge for our Food Bank December 1 - 18
3 	4 DAY 2 School Council 6:30pm in library	5 SUB DAY DAY 3 CCI Jazz Band Performance	6 DAY 4	7 DAY 5 Grade 5s to Town Hall	8 PIZZA DAY DAY 1	
10 Candy Cane sales during nutrition breaks this week \$1.00	11 DAY 2	12 DAY 3 Book Fair open 13 & 15 until 3:30, 14 until 8:00, 18 until 1:00	13 DAY 4	14 DAY 5 Worsley Holiday Celebration	15 PIZZA DAY DAY 1	16 
17 	18 DAY 2	19 SUB DAY DAY 3	20 DAY 4 Trade Fair	22 DAY 5 Trade Fair snow date	22 PIZZA DAY DAY 1 Last day of school Green, White & Red Day Character Ed Assembly Caroling	

Please pick up lost & found items before the break

**Please enjoy your Holidays and Happy New Year
Students return to school Monday January 8, 2018**