



WORSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of February. The weather this year has been very unpredictable but children are still enjoying outdoor activities. Please remember to have your child(ren) dress for the weather. It is sometimes helpful to have an extra pair of socks or mittens packed for those wet days. There are many learning opportunities planned for the next month, so please check the calendar carefully. First term report will be going home with your child on Friday February 16th. Be sure to check backpacks so that you are able to discuss your child's learning and progress with them. If you have concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher. Finally, thank you to our parent volunteers and school community for their ongoing support.

It has been a pleasure getting to know the Worsley Elementary School community throughout the month of January but unfortunately I am unable to continue. We welcome Mr. Wayne Wallace, a retired Principal who will be principal while Mr. Kemp continues to recover.

Mrs. Petras

SNOW DAYS

Bus cancellations and snow days are inevitable in Simcoe County. Each time buses are (or aren't!) cancelled, the SCDSB and the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) receive many questions from students, parents and community members. Check out the Sharing Simcoe blog for the top eight questions and answers - visit www.sharingsimcoe.com and search for 'snow'. Remember to follow the SCSTC on Twitter @SCSTC SchoolBus for bus updates and cancellations.



SCHOOL SAFETY

Please remember that all guests are to check in at the office upon arrival. For safety reasons, guests are not permitted to be in the halls or classrooms during school hours. Parents/guardians, if there is something that needs to be delivered to your child, please bring the item to the office. We will ensure that the item is either

delivered or your child is called down to the office to retrieve it. Similarly, if you are looking for something that you believe may be in your child's class, please either write a note in the agenda or come to the office. Thank you for helping to foster a safe, distraction-free learning environment.

KINDERGARTEN



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

Elementary schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information. Worsley Registration Evening is from 3:30 to 7:30 on Monday February 5th.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

School bus safety tip from the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) Winter weather is here, so please be sure your child's clothing provides the appropriate protection against the weather while waiting for the bus. Students are requested to be at their bus stop at least five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time. School vehicle delays of 15 minutes or more are posted under 'View Bus Delays' at the SCSTC website: <http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca>.



INDOOR SHOES



A gentle reminder to please make sure your child has indoor shoes in school at all times, and that they still fit. If we had to evacuate for a fire drill, it would not take very long for a child to have serious complications being out in cold weather in socks.

MARCH BREAK

March Break will be Monday March 12 to Friday March 16. Students will return to school on Monday March 19.

DENTAL SCREENING

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Oral Health team will be at our school on **February 27-March 1** 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.

WINTER LOST AND FOUND



We would like to remind parents and students of the importance of having labeled hats and mitts and other winter apparel at school. Lost and found items will be removed from the front foyer at the end of each month.

STUDENT INFORMATION NOTICE FOR GR.8'S

As student's progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. Select student information will be shared at different times as appropriate. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII of the Education Act. All information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact Jackie Kavanagh, Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at Worsley Elementary School.

INFORMATION SESSIONS INVITATION

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

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.

SCHOOL PARKING LOT



A friendly reminder to take extra care in our school parking lot now that snow has finally arrived! Drivers: please be

mindful of pulling out of parking spaces as large piles of snow can decrease visibility. As well, remember our Kiss and Ride procedures for the safety of all of our students, please drop off your child at the 39th St gates or the west side of 40th St. Please do not leave your car running if you exit the vehicle and are entering the school and please do not drive into the parking lot on 40th Street during bus times (8:40-9:15 or 3:00-3:40). School board property is private property, and in some cases (eg. after hours) vehicles could be towed from parking lots to facilitate snow removal. Unauthorized parking in school lots overnight and/or weekends is at the sole risk of the vehicle owner.

NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH

Students in Grades 5 to 8 are invited to submit a model bridge, catapult or grabber for the National Engineering Month (NEM) event. Models will be tested for design, strength, quality of construction and functionality. Students of any age are invited to attend to check out 3D printers and robots, Raspberry Pi computer coding demos, crystal radio construction and CNC machine coding. The event takes place on March 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastview Secondary School (421 Grove St. E. in Barrie). Lunch will be provided. This event is jointly organized by the Georgian Bay Chapter of OACETT and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter of PEO, under the banner of NEM Ontario. For more info and to register for this free event, visit <https://nemsimcoe.wixsite.com/nemsimcoe>.

WALKING TO SCHOOL IS GREAT!!

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers mean less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning. Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

OPERATIONS APPRECIATION DAY

February 7th is Operations Appreciation Day in the Simcoe County District School Board. We celebrate and recognize our custodians and operations maintenance employees for the great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean. We'd like to say a big THANK YOU to Mr. Belesky, Mr. Salazar & Mrs. Edwards.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wasaga Beach is once again hosting **Snowman Mania**. This fun family event will occur this year Feb. 16-19th. There are four days planned for family fun with winter activities including music, SuperDogs, Chili Cook-off, Polar Plunge, Laser Tag, Ball Hockey, Rock-Solid Wrestling and Fireworks. A \$2.00 button is required to swim, ride Town transit, skate, toboggan, see magic acts and many other activities. These buttons can be purchased at a number of locations before the event. Some activities will require an additional small charge. For full event listing visit www.snowmanmania.com or call 705 429-3844 X 2203.

BENEFITS OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children and youth often learn lessons through life experience that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- * Encourage team activities
- * Enroll in camps
- * Find volunteer and community service opportunities

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit <http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca>

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).

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

WASAGA BEACH SOCCER CLUB

The Wasaga Beach Soccer Club (WBC) will be holding their registrations for the Spring/Summer 2018 season at the Real Canadian Super Store in Wasaga Beach between 12:00pm-3:00pm on:

1. Sunday February 4, 2018
2. Sunday February 25, 2018
3. Sunday March 11, 2018
4. Sunday March 25, 2018

This fun outdoor sport is open to all children between the ages of 4-18. Please bring your child's health card with you to registration. For more information about registration fees for your child's age group please visit us at www.wasagasoccer.com or check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WasagaBeachSoccerClub/>

YOGA FOR KIDS


Smart Kidz Yoga will be offering a free yoga session for students in Kindergarten to grade 5 on Wednesday, March 21 from 3:30 – 4:30pm in Worsley's Gymnasium. What a great way to support mindfulness and physical activity in our youth!



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REMEMBER SAFE ARRIVAL

FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 DAY 4	2 PIZZA DAY DAY 5 Blue Mountain Gr. 7&8 Gr. 4's Highlands Nordic	3
4	5 DAY 1 School Council 6:30 Gr. 5's Highlands Nordic 3:30-7:30 Kindergarten Registration Night	6 DAY 2 SUB DAY <i>Elephant Thoughts</i>	7 DAY 3 Operations Appreciation Day Go Girls	8 DAY 4 100 th Day of School	9 PIZZA DAY DAY 5 Winter Olympic DPA	10
11	12 DAY 1 Rocky Mountain apples arrive	13 DAY 2 SUB DAY Primary Movie trip Peter Rabbit <i>Elephant Thoughts</i>	14 DAY 3 Valentine's Day Red white and pink day! Go Girls	15 DAY 4 Movie trip snow day Flag Day	16 PIZZA DAY DAY 5 Blue Mountain Gr. 7&8 Report cards go home	17
18	19 FAMILY DAY 	20 DAY 1 SUB DAY <i>Elephant Thoughts</i>	21 DAY 2 Math Breakout Night 5:30 - 7:00 Go Girls	22 DAY 3 Gr. 6 Highland Nordic	23 PIZZA DAY DAY 4 <i>PLAID DAY</i> Gr. 4's Highlands Nordic	24
25	26 Day 5	27 DAY 1 SUB DAY Area Int. Tournaments Girls Volleyball Boys Basketball <i>Elephant Thoughts</i>	28 PINK SHIRT DAY Day 2 February 27-March 1 Dental Screening JK, SK, 2,4,6,8 Go Girls			

