



WORSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy February! Our students and staff have been keeping the positive spirit during these cold winter days and embracing winter. You may have heard about our Snowflake Celebration - many students using their math and art skills to create snowflakes to add a winter decor to our school.

Thanks to our teaching staff for capturing all of the student learning and developing their report cards. They come home on Feb. 15th. Please review all aspects of the report card to celebrate growth and to set goals for improvement.

A special thanks to our Breakfast Program volunteers who are there, dedicated, each morning offering up many nutritious food items to our students. They also prepare food for students to eat, as needed, throughout the day from the office. Any food or money donations to our program are greatly appreciated - contact the office for details on what items are appropriate/needed for Worsley.

Keep warm and safe - and hope to see you at our Math Breakout Night on February 19th.

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.

MARCH BREAK

March Break will be Monday March 11 to Friday March 15. Students will return to school on Monday March 18.

KINDERGARTEN



Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2015? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning Jan. 28, 2019, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year. New this year, the registration process begins online! Visit https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten for more information. Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2015? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning Jan. 28, 2019, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year. New this year, the registration process begins online! Visit https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten for more information.

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.

SCHOOL PARKING LOT



A friendly reminder to take extra care in our school parking lot now in the snow. 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 (8:40-9:00 or 3:00-3:30). 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.

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.

TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

As students 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. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under the *Education Act*. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact (Insert Superintendent name), Superintendent of Education, if you would like more information about the transition process at Worsley.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Attention graduating Grade 8 students! Did you know you can earn a high school credit before you start Grade 9? Students entering Grade 9 are eligible to reach ahead and take Civics and Career Studies online during the month of July. Simply download and complete the Summer School registration form from www.thelearningcentres.com, have your principal sign the front and drop it off at your local Learning Centre. Grade 8 grads are also eligible to reach ahead and take part in Civics and Careers or Canadian Geography EduTravel courses. Registration information for these programs can also be found on The Learning Centres website.

INFORMATION SESSIONS INVITATION

Parents/guardians invited to information sessions about special education The Simcoe County District School Board (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. Topics include building a plan for the summer, understanding the Special Equipment Amount (SEA) and applied behaviour analysis (ABA).

Sessions will take place at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. Participants may also access the sessions online via Google Meet.

More information, including dates, times and links to register, are online at https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education.

EARLY ON CHILD & FAMILY CENTRES

Early ON Child and Family Centres and Early Intervention Services for Your Child offer free, drop-in programs for children up to 6 years old and their parents. Early ON centres are places to engage and connect with others in the community and feel a sense of belonging. Early ON centres are where children and their parents can learn, play, laugh, be curious, make friends and engage with others.

In our community:

Early ON Child and Family Centre, Collingwood, 705-446-0816

Satellite Resource Centre (Library), Wasaga Beach, 705-429-7021

Satellite Resource Centre (Jubilee Presbyterian Church), Stayner

Go online to view monthly calendars of activities and events at: Ontario.ca/EarlyON

*Concerned about your child's development? Do you need help transitioning your child to Kindergarten?

Through the Early ON program, you may access Early Intervention Services for your child. These services are free and include an assessment of your child through play. This assessment may include the following:

*Occupational Therapy (how your child plays, explores, learns, interacts with day to day activities, and self-care skills)

*Self-Regulation (the ability to stay calm and alert)

*Speech Language Pathology (how your child interacts, plays, follows directions and communicates)

*Physiotherapy (motor development) Find out more (helpful videos) at: www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ccs/early or call 1-888-399-8394.

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2019 to June 2020). Starting Jan. 21, input can be provided by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca, hovering over 'Elementary,' or 'Secondary,' then 'Planning for School,' and clicking 'School Year Calendar.' All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. The deadline to submit input is Feb. 15.

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 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Georgian College and is jointly organized by the Georgian Bay Chapter of the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter of the Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO), under the banner of NEM Ontario. For more information and to register for this free event, visit <https://nemsimcoe.wixsite.com/nemsimcoe>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wasaga Beach is once again hosting **Snowman Mania**. This fun family event will be from Friday February 15 to Family Day Monday 18th. There are four days planned for family fun with winter activities including music, SuperDogs, Chili Cook-off, Big Brothers & Big Sister Ball Hockey, SLAM! Live Pro Wrestling, Toronto Maple Leafs Pop-up Rink, Motorcycle for Miracles, Great Canadian Lumberjacks, Ganaraska Hiking Club Snowshoe Demo/Hike, Snowmobile Club Silent Auction & Prince of Peace Church bake sale, Hand Racing Remote Control Cars, skating-shinny-swimming, dancing, juggling, Active Arts, yoga, kids' activities such as inflatables, balloon artists, face painters, circus artists, photo booth and fireworks. A \$2.00 Button gets you into most everything for the whole weekend (some activities will require an additional small charge). For full event listing visit www.snowmanmania.com or call 705 429-3844 X 2203.

FROM THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Is bedtime stressing you out? Elementary aged kids need 10-12 hours of sleep every night, but sometimes getting them to bed can be frustrating. You can help create a regular sleep schedule for your child by setting a clear bedtime and sticking to the same time every night. Start getting ready an hour before bed; turn off the TV, computers and phones. Spend quality time talking or reading stories to help them unwind. Agree on how many you'll read before you start! Keep their room dark, cool and quiet - a nightlight is fine. Remember, making sure your child gets enough rest will help improve their mood, behaviour and ability to learn. For more bedtime tips, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

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 and pertussis
- * Measles, mumps and rubella
- * Meningococcal
- * 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).

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES

Canadian Blood Services needs your help! During the winter months, hectic schedules and snowy weather often result in a decrease in the number of blood donations. Canadian Blood Services (and all those in need of donations) want to remind you to be part of Canada's lifeline this winter and give the gift of life.

You can book online at www.blood.ca. Look for a clinic in your area! *Information provided by Canadian Blood Services
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FROM THE YMCA OF SIMCOE/MUSKOKA

Exercising together can make your family stronger and healthier. Families that exercise together get stronger in more ways than one. Getting your daily dose of exercise not only helps to prevent health risks, it builds strong muscles and bones, develops positive body image, supports mental health and strengthens the family bond.

With so many great reasons to get moving, why aren't Canadians doing it more often? One of the most common barriers reported is time. This is also one of the biggest roadblocks to spending quality time together as a family. With Family Day just around the corner, why not plan a weekend of activities that gets the whole family outside and moving! Here are some tips to help make family fitness fun for everyone.

* **Put family first:** Make the focus of family fitness about family time. Use this time to connect with one another, share stories, discuss interests, check in on the day or just make each other laugh.

* **Take classes together:** Ask your local health and fitness centre about yoga or aerobics classes offered to parents and kids. If your little one is too young to participate, look for child-minding or parent and tot programs.

* **Plan outdoor activities:** Set aside one day every weekend to do something active as a family such as sledding, skating or hiking. Don't forget to splurge on some healthy snacks after a good workout!

* **Surround your family with active people:** Healthy habits can be contagious! Surround your family with active people who enjoy healthy lifestyles and you'll be more likely to make those same choices!

The YMCA is a great place to meet families who support healthy lifestyles. Start a new family tradition by celebrating Family Day weekend at YMCA Geneva Park's FamWide weekend. A wide range of outdoor and indoor activities are offered to family members of all ages, such as cross-country skiing, skating, snowshoeing, family games and more. For more information about YMCA Geneva Park's FamWide weekend please call 705-325-2253 or email Geneva.park@sm.ymca.ca. (www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca)

WASAGA BEACH SOCCER CLUB

Hello Families,

The WBSC would like to announce the Registration Dates for this summer's 2019 Season. All dates will be held in the Community Room of the Real Canadian Superstore located at 25-45th Street Wasaga Beach.

Registration Dates:

Sunday February 10th 2:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday February 24th 12:00pm-4:00pm

Sunday March 10th 12:00-4:00pm

This Years Fees:

U4/U5: \$130

U6-U10: \$180

U11+: \$200

Playing nights:

Monday: U4/U5, U9/U10

Tuesday: U6

Wednesday: U7, U11/12

Thursday: U8, U13+

New This Year!

The WBSC would like to announce that for this upcoming season we are hoping to return to "House League" programs for U9-U16 division (NO TRAVEL). To do this, we most likely will have to combine ages and genders together. However, this will all depend on the number of registrations we receive to determine whether we can field enough players for four teams in each age group.

For coaches and players who wish to participate in the HDSL Developmental travel league please indicate your interest on your registration form.

Looking forward to seeing many new and returning families this upcoming season!

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REMEMBER SAFE ARRIVAL

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FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4 DAY 1	5 SUB DAY DAY 2	6 PASTA DAY DAY 3	7 DAY 4	8 PIZZA DAY DAY 5	9
	School Council 6:30		Wye Marsh inschool session – Grade 4 Girls Int Volleyball game vs St Noel	Popcorn Day	Final Jnr & Int speeches in the gym	
10	11 DAY 1	12 SUB DAY DAY 2	13 PASTA DAY DAY 3	14 DAY 4 Valentine's Day Red white and pink day!	15 PIZZA DAY DAY 5	16
Candy gram sales all week	Rocky Mountain apples arrive	Grade 4 to Wye Marsh Girls Int Volleyball game at St Noel		Grade 4-8 Dance \$2.00	Blue Mountain Gr.7&8 Report cards go home	
17	18	19 SUB DAY DAY 1	20 PASTA DAY DAY 2	21 DAY 3 Grade 8 CPR Popcorn Day Girls Int Volleyball game vs BVD	22 PIZZA DAY DAY 4	23
Legion Public Speaking Contest Grades 4-8	FAMILY DAY 	Math Breakout Night 5:30 – 7:00	Wye Marsh inschool session – Grade 4		Blue Mountain Gr.7&8	
24	25 DAY 5	26 SUB DAY DAY 1	27 PASTA DAY DAY 2	28 PIZZA DAY DAY 3	March 1 PD DAY	2
		Area Int Tournaments Boys Basketball @ Jean Vanier Girls Volleyball @ SCI/Clearview	Flag Day Lions Club – Grade 1 presentation PINK SHIRT DAY	Area Tournaments Snow Date		