



WORSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

will be replacing Mme Somborac until Mme LeSaux is able to return. Ms. Leimgardt will be replacing Mrs.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! It is nice to see everyone back for the start of a new and exciting year here. We are going to have the best year yet in 2019!

Our December season was very successful in our school community. Our staff and school council put together an amazing Holiday Open House for many of our students. The music, activities, crafts, food, movies, and more were festive and family fun for all. We were also able to collect a lot of food items for the 12 Days of Christmas Food Drive - thanks to the organizing of Ms. Cloutier and many of our leadership students. We also had our Intermediate Trade Fair where students worked hard to develop and market items to sell for the holiday season. This great event rewarded both younger students who were able to grab some season gifts and the proceeds supported intermediate field trips.

We want to remind our students to bundle up for the winter weather in January and embrace our winter season with fun seasonal play outside. Recesses are important opportunities for positive and healthy outdoor play. Some of our students are either not prepared for the weather or not implementing positive choices and their recess does not end up being positive. please review this with them.

With the New Year brings some new faces. We would like to welcome John Freebody who is here from Australia on an exchange program with Mr. Evans along with his wife Karen Freebody Honeysett and their 5 children who are now enrolled at Worsley. Mme Meder

Evans afternoons in Mme Taylor's room. As Mrs. Nowicki has now left on her maternity leave, Mr. Beattie is temporarily teaching in her class until a long term occasional teacher has been hired.

PIZZA

As Friday January 25th is a PA Day and there is no school, pizza day will be on the Thursday for that week.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



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 SCDSBI 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/planningforschool/kindergarten>.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our Breakfast Program is continuing with great success but our funding is not. We access Eat Well to Excel funding, however, in order to sustain the program and feed the anticipated 50-70 students each morning, we are asking for contributions from parents who would like to help. We are looking for non/less perishable items to assist with this program such as apples, oranges, bananas, bread, English muffins, cereal, oatmeal, raisins, jam, block cheese and cream cheese. We also have a jar in the office for any monetary donations, even change as everything helps! Thank you in advance for any contributions your family is able to make at this time.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE

When signing students in late or out early, all parents need to come to the office to drop off their child or ask for their child to be called down to the office. Please do not venture down to the classrooms. At the end of the day, please pick up your student outside after the bell.

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 P.M.).

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Graduation photos will be taken for grade 8 students and Senior Kindergarten on Wed March 20. Further information will be sent home closer to that date.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

With the start of the new year we would like to remind all families that most school items can be purchased online through school cash online. It's easy to get set up and a great way to purchase lunches, field trip and many other items or events to do with the school. It limits the amount of cash coming into the school and is a great way to be able to track payments and refunds as well. encourage you to get set up today at <https://www.schoolcashonline.com>.

FRENCH IMMERSION

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, empowering them to function with ease in both French and English. An Information session will take place at Worsley on January 14th at 6:00 pm for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details. The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Elementary, 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.

2018-19 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) aims to provide a safe, supportive learning environment that encourages student success. Between January 7 and January 25, 2019, all students in Grades 4 to 8 will be asked to complete a confidential on-line survey exploring how they feel about their school. Teachers will supervise the class during the survey's completion and can answer any questions or concerns your child may have. This year, parents/guardians of students in Grades 4 to 8 will also be asked to complete an anonymous online survey outlining how they feel about their child's school.

The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff related to our SCDSB Strategic Priorities and will help schools develop and refine their School Action Plans.

Students, parents/guardians and staff will not be asked to provide their names and all responses will be combined to ensure confidentiality.

Similar to prior SCDSB school climate surveys, the questions cover a range of topics, such as:

- the overall tone of the school, often referred to as school climate;
- mental health and well-being;
- equity, diversity and inclusion;
- experiences of school safety and bullying or harassment; and,
- questions to assist the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in its Healthy Schools Initiative.

A sample version of the student survey is available at www.scdsb.on.ca. A paper copy of the student survey is also available in your school's office. Please call your school if you have questions about how the student survey will be administered.

To complete the SCDSB 2018-2019 school climate survey for parents/guardians, please go to www.scdsb.on.ca and click on the link to the survey. If you do not have access to the internet and/or prefer to complete a paper version of the survey, copies of the parent/guardian survey are available in your school's office. Questions about the parent/guardian survey can

be directed to SCDSB's Research and Decision Support Services team at research@scdsb.on.ca.

The information collected will be used to help guide our school in creating and maintaining safe and supportive learning environments for all students. Thank you for your support!

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. 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, https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education

INFO NIGHTS FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event provides an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered at CCI on Wednesday January 9 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. See more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/secondary/planning_for_high_school.

Another FREE KIDZ YOGA SESSION is being offered here at Worsley on Wednesday, January 23 from 3:30-4:30 in the gym. If you are interested in having your child participate, please complete the attached waiver and send into the main office prior to the start of the free session.

FROM THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Is homework stressing you out?

Throughout the year, your child may have homework or need to spend time studying at home. You can help make homework time less stressful. First, let your child relax with a healthy snack when they get home from school. Ask if they have homework, what kind, and how long they think it will take to finish. It's a good idea to set a regular time each day and decide on a specific place to do homework. Your child might need help for a couple minutes to get started. Looking for more parenting support? Speak with a public health nurse by calling 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Questions about your child's health?

Health Connection offers free, confidential health information from nurses and health inspectors on:

- How your child is growing, parenting tips, fast and healthy meals, safe food and water, common illnesses, keeping kids safe, fun family activities
- Health unit programs such as vaccinations and dental care
- Community resources for parenting, mental health, addictions, quitting smoking or financial help

Contact Health Connection at 1-705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/>. If English is not your first language, we have a telephone interpretation service.

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).

FROM THE 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 holiday season and give the gift of life. You can book online at www.blood.ca. Look for a clinic in your area!

FROM THE YMCA OF SIMCOE/MUSKOKA

Five ways families can improve health and fitness in the new year

It's that time of year again - time to focus on New Year's resolutions. Making your family better, stronger and healthier may require just a few simple tweaks. It's been proven that the key to success is setting small, attainable goals. Here are some New Year's resolutions that families can work on together to get healthy and fit in the New Year:

- **Play together.** Spend time outside playing together as often as possible, regardless of the weather. Go skating, build a snow fort or go tobogganing – fun for the whole family!
- **Join a family-friendly gym.** Find a place that provides opportunities for the entire family to be physically active together or offers child care and after-school programs.
- **Pencil it in.** Add physical activity or play time to the calendar, with the same commitment as other important meetings. Schedule an evening walk or a fitness class – seeing it on the calendar will help motivate your family to stay on track.
- **Set goals.** Pick a fun run/walk or 5K to do as a family, like [YMCA Move to Give](#). Sign up, train as a family and participate in it together.
- **Make healthy meals together.** Allowing kids to participate in cooking healthy meals and snacks can make them more adventurous to try foods they may not usually eat. It's more satisfying to eat something you helped chop, stir or season!

For more information about programs offered at the Y for the whole family, please visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoa.ca.

YOGA - CLASS WAIVER FORM



REGISTRANT DETAILS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

Have you practiced yoga before? YES/NO (Please circle) If YES, for how long? _____

Limitations/Injuries:

Do you have numbness/pain in (circle all that apply): neck shoulders elbows hands wrists hips lower back upper back knees feet other (please note): _____

Waiver

If at any time during the class, you feel discomfort or strain, gently come out of the posture. You may rest at any time during the class. It is important in yoga that you listen to your body, and respect its limits on any given day.


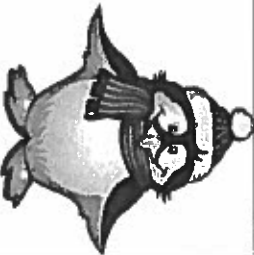
I, the undersigned, understand that yoga is not a substitute for medical attention, examination, diagnosis, or treatment. I should consult a physician prior to beginning any activity program, including yoga. I recognize that it is my responsibility to notify my teacher of any serious illness or injury before every yoga class. I will not perform any postures to the extent of strain or pain. I accept that neither the instructor, nor the hosting facility, is liable for any injury, or damages, to person or property, resulting from the taking of the class. **Those under 18 years of age must have this form signed by a parent or guardian.**

Name (Print) Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

*****Please note, all of the information on this form is kept confidential.1***

JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 	7 DAY 2 Springwater Outdoor Education Breitbach, Lesaux	8 SUB DAY DAY 3 Springwater Outdoor Education Ahlfeld, Nowicki	9 DAY 4 Springwater Outdoor Education Venus, McCartney	10 DAY 5	11 PIZZA DAY DAY 1 Grade 8 Swimming Program	12
13	14 DAY 2 Grade 8 Swimming Program 6:00 pm French Immersion Info Night	15 SUB DAY DAY 3	16 PASTA DAY DAY 4 Hockey Team Tournament Grade 8 Swimming Program	17 DAY 5	18 PIZZA DAY DAY 1 Grade 8 Swimming Program	19
20	21 DAY 2 Martin Luther King Day	22 SUB DAY DAY 3	23 PASTA DAY DAY 4	24 PIZZA DAY DAY 5	25 PA DAY	26 
27	28 DAY 1	29 SUB DAY DAY 2	30 PASTA DAY DAY 3	31 DAY 4 Feb 1 PIZZA DAY		