



# WORSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

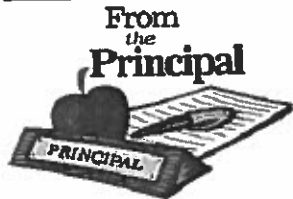
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## MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



From  
the  
Principal

Dear Worsley Families,

The beautiful weather is now upon us and we are all enjoying the outdoor time to stretch our legs and enjoy our outdoor learning spaces. We are hopeful that we will soon see the install of the first stage of our playground. Plans are in place and we are waiting for delivery of the soil for our berms and slides. Thank you to all our families for their patience in this very long process. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff for organizing our wonderful Health and Wellness night and book fair for our community and students. What a wonderful night to celebrate health and wellness! Our community gardens are starting to sprout and our tower gardens are green and plentiful. We want to thank Mrs. Cotton and her team and all the community partners and staff for all their dedication and hard work. Please stay tuned for more information on the gardens. Our planning for the grade 8 trip is well on his way and we have a few more fundraisers happening over the next few weeks. Thank you for all your support. We are so proud of all of Worsley students and staff and all that they do to represent Worsley at these events and in our community. Music Mania is almost here. Come join us and celebrate Music Mania on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the evening. Thank you to Mrs. Girdwood, the staff and students for all their hard work in preparing and organizing this great celebration of the Arts. Way to go Brigades! Please enjoy the beautiful weather!

### WORSLEY'S WELLNESS EVENING

What a beautiful evening we had at Worsley on Tuesday, April 24!!!!

22 community partners were here and provided interactive and informative wellness sessions. Activities were "kid friendly" and engaging! Our community partners were very excited to be a part of our building partnerships through wellness initiative. The student health projects and our "very own" Environment Club and Smoothie making station helped to ground the event in student learning and voice. School Council was able

to continue to fundraise with the cookbook sales. An Earth Day connection to wellness was made through the Environment Club and Tower Garden smoothies in addition to the Earth Day Break-out run by Cathy Oliver to challenge us cognitively.

And, of course, we had our book fair!!!

All components of well-being were supported: physical, cognitive, emotional and social!

Thank you to all of the families that came out to support this worthwhile, hands-on wellness event and to help celebrate all of the amazing things we do here at Worsley to help support student well-being and achievement.

### YARD SUPERVISION

With the warm weather approaching, please remember not to send or drop off your child before 8:40 as there is no supervision until that time. The YMCA is operating a paid day care service and they do play outside before that time, but no other students should be in the yard until the teachers are out and on duty. Thank you.

### THE GREAT CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The Great Clothing Exchange will be returning to Worsley on Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Further information will be coming home in early June.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Wow! Our numbers are fantastic this year; we have been serving some 60-70 kids every day! We are attempting to obtain more funding, however, any donations would be greatly appreciated: cereal, oranges, apples, cream cheese, frozen juice and applesauce are some suggestions. Alternatively, we have a small jar on the office counter for breakfast club donations. Thank you.

### WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

All students newly enrolled in Kindergarten for this fall have been invited to our Welcome to Kindergarten. On Wednesday, May 9th, these students, with their parents, will take part in an orientation at Worsley from 4:15-5:30 pm and will receive valuable information necessary for a successful transition to Worsley. Students will even be offered a short bus ride.

## MILK & FOOD DAYS

Order forms are going home this week for milk and subs for June. Pizza will continue to be sold until the last Friday in June, the 22nd. Thank you for your support.

## EQAO

Gr.3&6 students will be participating in the EQAO assessment over a two-week period from May 23-June 1. If you are interested in scribing, please contact the school for further information.

## GRADE 8 / KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION



Grade 8 Graduation will be in our gym on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Year 2 Kindergarten Graduation will be on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent home closer to these dates.

## FUN FAIR

Mark your calendars!! Our annual Fun Fair will be on Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup>!! There are lots of plans in store for this year, including some great old fashioned family fun activities. Stay tuned for more information!! If you, or any business you know, might have some prizes to donate for our games and prize table, we would appreciate all donations given.

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2018 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2018**. Please contact the Wasaga Beach YMCA to register your child(ren).

## 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 old. 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](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – click on 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Simcoe County District School Board is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education and how to support students with special education needs. The last session takes place this month on May 16 from 6 to 7 pm at the SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst.

**Topic:** Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic Individual Education Plan (IEP) Goals

No registration is required. You can also join this session from home via Google Meet using this link:

[meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp](https://meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp). Those joining via Google Meet will need to 'mute' while watching the session to avoid audio feedback. Parents are welcome to type in questions using the chat option in Google Meet during the event.

## EDUCATION WEEK MAY 7 to 11

Each year during the first week of May, schools across Ontario celebrate Education Week. It's a great way to recognize the amazing things happening in our schools. This year's theme is *Equity in Action*. Promote the great strides made in valuing equity, diversity and inclusiveness. Follow and share Education Week *Equity in Action* activities on Twitter using #EdWeekON2018.

## MENTAL HEALTH WEEK MAY 7-11

In celebration of Mental Health Awareness Week, our school celebrated on April 24th with our Wellness Evening, and many interactive and interesting activities to help us achieve balance and health in our school.

## 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. 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/](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/).

## SKILLED TRADES EXPO

The Simcoe County District School Board's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition on May 17. There are two parts to the event – a day session for Grade 8 students only and an evening portion open to the public. From 5 to 7 p.m., the public is welcome to attend to speak to employers and industry experts. The Expo takes place at the Elmvale Community Arena, located at 14 George St. in Elmvale. For more information, email [edo@simcoe.ca](mailto:edo@simcoe.ca).

## STAY SAFE IN THE SUN

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. As the weather gets warmer, follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe

- use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm
- apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the instructions
- apply sunscreen to any exposed areas of skin – nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc.
- reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours and after sweating or swimming

- wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses
  - if possible, avoid being in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
  - when you're outside, look for shade
- For more tips, visit [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call 705-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### Summer camp can be a life-changing experience

According to a recent study from the University of Waterloo, the positive development that children and youth experience at summer camp results in sustained behavioural changes at home, school and in the community. Friendships blossom, self-confidence emerges and independence grows – helping children and teens build resilience to help them face new challenges throughout their lives. Here are four life skills fostered at summer camp:

- **Increased independence and self-confidence** – Camp is the perfect place for kids to practice making decisions for themselves without parents and teachers guiding their every move.
- **Making new friends and being part of a positive group** – Free from the social expectations pressuring them at school, camp encourages kids to relax and make friends easily.
- **Increased environmental awareness** – When children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to “unplug” from technology and enrich their perception of the world, while enjoying the great outdoors.
- **Improved attitudes towards physical activity** – Children spend so much time indoors these days and mostly sitting down. A recent Statistics Canada study found that only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 got the recommended hour a day of exercise they need. Summer camp is a great way for kids to get outside and move.
- The benefits of camp are plenty – from life lessons beyond the classroom to appreciating nature and building confidence and leadership skills.

*Learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka camps at [YMCASummerCamp.Ca](http://YMCASummerCamp.Ca).*

*Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka*

## Primary Spring Concert –Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

### JK-2 plus Choir at 1:20pm and Grade 1-2 plus Choir at 6:30pm

The first week of May is for Music Mania! Music Mania is an annual celebration and sharing of music between local schools, and it is always hosted at Worsley Elementary School. This event is for participants only and runs in the mornings of Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> (K-2) and Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (Choir and Bands). Please be sure that your children are in attendance and on time (9:00am) those mornings 😊

We would love to share our collection of songs with parents, on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in both the afternoon and the evening. I know you have very busy schedules, but please postpone other activities that evening, and bring your children to sing their hearts out for you. We would love for everyone to share and shine together! (Kindergarten parents in the four kinder classrooms please note that these children are only presenting their songs in the afternoon.) I sincerely hope that you are able to juggle work commitments and come and hear them. They start off the sharing at 1:20pm. They are so excited to sing for you! The evening presentation (6:30pm) will include ALL students in the following classrooms: McEachern, Cockerill, Cameron, Richter, Liotta, Fuller, Steeves, and the Choir Members (which are mainly grade 3's). Children are to meet in their classrooms at 6:10pm wearing their brightest colours and smiles!

The theme of our song collection is...

... Let these Colours Shine out to make a difference in the world!

# REMEMBER SAFE ARRIVAL

May 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 SUB DAY DAY 3 Jr Boys Volleyball <i>Music Mania</i> Primary Day	2 DAY 4 Jr. Girls Volleyball at Clearview 3:45 <i>Music Mania</i> Jr./Int. Day Gr.4 Wye Marsh	3 DAY 5 <i>Music Mania</i> Worsley Concert 1:20 and 6:30 Rugby @ Nottawa	4 PIZZA DAY DAY 1	5
6	7 DAY 2	8 SUB DAY DAY 3 Jr. Girls Volleyball @Clearview Rugby@Mountainview Dental Clinic	9 DAY 4 Jr. Boys Volleyball at Clearview Kindergarten Orientation 4:15-5:30 Dental Clinic	10 DAY 5 Area Rugby at Klondike Park Comic Book Workshop - Gym	11 PIZZA DAY DAY 1 Grade 4 Swimming YMCA 12:30-2:30 CRR Gr.8's	12
13	14 DAY 2	15 SUB DAY DAY 3 Jr & Int Bands at Waterside Resort	16 PIZZA DAY DAY 4	17 DAY 5 FANCY DAY Character Ed Assembly County Rugby at Andrew Hunter	18	19
20	21 Victoria Day (no school)	22 SUB DAY DAY 1	23 DAY 2 EQAO	24 DAY 3 EQAO	25 PIZZA DAY DAY 4 EQAO	26
27	28 DAY 5 Grade 1 Duntroon Highlands Accessibility Workshop – gym	29 SUB DAY DAY 1 EQAO Immunization Grade 7	30 PIZZA DAY DAY 2 EQAO Grade 4 Duntroon Highlands	31 DAY 3 EQAO	June 1 PA DAY	

*What would you wear to the  
Royal Wedding?*

*Grade 8 Montreal Trip*