



WORSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NOVEMBER 1, 2017 NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

Dear Worsley Families:

It is hard to believe that we are already into the Month of November. We hope that everyone had a happy and safe Halloween! As we begin the 9th week of school, we want to keep you informed on all the wonderful things happening at Worsley Elementary.

The students were all excited these last few weeks watching the delivery of our 2 new portables and the placement of them into their new home location. An amazing Feat! Over the next few weeks, facility services will be setting up the portables and preparing them to welcome Ms. McCartney's grade 6 students. It is exciting to watch as our new learning environments take shape and to begin to plan to re-open our Library space. Thank you to all the families, students and staff for being so patient while we are in transition.

Our grade 4-6 students have had a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some physical activity and peer programming with the youth center volunteers on Thursdays in the gym. Some of our grade 7 and 8 leaders have been trained and have taken on leadership opportunities to support this wonderful program.

In our classrooms, the students have been working on inquiry projects and assignments following their learning goals and are learning to use the success criteria to achieve success. We are seeing our students developing new understandings of information and are showing their learning in unique and creative ways. Technology integration in student learning is one of the many goals at Worsley and with the recent purchase of our new chrome books, we are seeing technology embedded in the work they are doing. Thank you to our school council for supporting our technology roll out.

We wanted to thank our Student leadership team and our Spirit Committee for being leaders in character education, planning our assemblies, our colour teams, spirit events and making Worsley a fun and safe place to learn in.

We are waiting patiently for Ontario Playgrounds to install our new playground. They have indicated that they are just finishing up another project and then we will be next for install. We are so looking forward to getting the play structures installed.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our wonderful parents, guardians and community volunteers for supporting Worsley and all the great things that happening here. We look forward to greeting you at the upcoming interviews on November 16th and 17th.

Have a wonderful month of November!

We hope to see you at our Math Night on Tuesday, November 28. Please stay tuned for details about a FUN, INTERACTIVE night of math activities for students AND parents to enjoy together. 5:30-7:30 – drop in for some fun math learning and snacks on NOVEMBER 28.

PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND VISITORS

Parents, guardians and visitors – please enter the school through the *front doors*, wait to be *buzzed in*, and *check in* at the office upon arrival to the school. Please do not use the back doors and/or side doors to enter the school; these are locked. Having unknown people wandering in the halls not only presents safety concerns, it is also potentially distracting to our learning environment.

As well, please do not venture down to classrooms; please check in at the office and we will call your son/daughter down. Similarly, if you are dropping off your child after the 9:00 bell, please come to the office and sign in; we will make arrangements to get him/her to class. *Thank you for helping to keep our learning community safe!*

TERRY FOX RUN

Worsley, you've done it again! We not only met our goal but surpassed it, raising a whopping \$6, 227.45 for the Terry Fox Foundation and Cancer Research. We would

like to thank everyone who participated in our School Terry Fox Run and thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause. Stay tuned for our 'Hair Raising' event on November 9th, when several students and staff will be cutting their hair and donating it to an organization that make wigs for kids going through cancer treatment. Terry Fox would be so proud.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be Monday November 7th at 6:30 pm in the Library. Please feel free to join us.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

A Remembrance Day assembly will be held in our gym on Friday November 11th at 11:30 for all students and staff. All students will receive a poppy before the assembly, and donations will be forwarded to the Royal Canadian Legion. Parents are welcome to attend.

MORNING DROP OFF

For the safety of all of our students, please drop off your child at the 39th Street gates or the west side of 40th Street. Please do not drive into the parking lot on 40th Street during bus times of 8:40-9:05 or 3:00-3:30.

CHOIR

Worsley has started a Junior Choir (Grade 3-6) and Drumming Club (Grades 5&6) on Day 4.

VOLUNTEERS

We want to take this opportunity to thank our community for all the support they provide the students and staff at Worsley. We are so appreciative of the number of people who are volunteering in various capacities to enrich the lives and education of the students at Worsley.

PIZZA

We will be using a new supplier for our pizza Fridays. Starting this Friday, November 1, 2017 we will be using Little Caesars. The ordering and distribution systems in place at Little Caesars will assist us with the management of our pizza program.

Please note that because of the P.A. Day on November 17 we will be changing our pizza day to Wednesday, November 15 for that week only and will return to our usual Friday the following week.

BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the west zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. The

Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>. For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, follow our school's Twitter account @WorsleyES or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information. Our school has moved to an automated safe arrival system. The first parent/guardian listed in the student file will receive an automated call on days when buses are cancelled if their child isn't at school. The recording will tell you that you do not need to call the school back unless your child should be at school.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

All volunteers are required to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC), which includes Vulnerable Sector Screening, before having contact with students. If you submitted a CRC last year, please contact the office for an "Offence Declaration" to complete and return by December 31st or you will have to obtain a new CRC to volunteer in the new year.

DENTAL SCREENING PROGRAM

The Oral Health team will be at our school on Monday January 9 - Wednesday January 11, 2017 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 information from the health unit, which will be coming home with your child prior to the visit.

NEWSLETTER

As we are striving to be as paperless as possible in sending home communication, our newsletters will be uploaded to our website. We ask all of our families who have internet to please subscribe to the website (just click on the subscribe button at the top of the webpage) so that the newsletters will automatically be sent to you electronically. If you wish to still receive a hard copy, we ask that you please send a note to the school office.

ONLINE TOOL FOR REPORTING BULLYING

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool for reporting bullying, drug use or vandalism, which is available on our school website homepage <http://worsley.scdsb.on.ca> as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult

at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is our top priority. For more information, visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS CALENDAR

The students and staff of the SCDSB represent a rich diversity of faith traditions. The Holy Days and Holidays calendar helps identify some of the important days of commemoration, however it isn't designed to be a complete listing of religious days. Students and staff from a particular faith background may or may not be absent from school on these special days. If they do attend, certain accommodations may be required. The July 2017-December 2018 calendar visit www.scdsb.on.ca click on 'Schools,' 'School Year Calendars' and then 'Holy Days and Holidays Calendar.' You can also learn more the significant faith dates that the SCDSB recognizes.

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's Nov. 5 to 11. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty 5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty. Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties and www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/gdoo-sastamoo-kii-mi/.

FIRST NATION, METIS OR INUIT ANCESTRY

Self-identification is a personal choice to disclose First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry. The choice to self-identify is up to you and does not require proof of documentation (i.e. no status card), regardless of where you live. Self-identification is confidential, securely stored and used only to support First Nation, Métis and Inuit student success. Self-identification helps schools support the needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and their achievement. Student achievement data is collected and protected with other confidential data used to help improve student achievement.

To self-identify your child as First Nation, Métis or Inuit, check off the First Nation, Métis or Inuit box on the school registration form and write in details if applicable. The SCDSB is committed to meeting the learning needs

of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students through responsive programming and services. Past activities have included: the inclusion of First Nation, Métis and Inuit focused resources in schools; school based pow wows; dedicated First Nation, Métis and Inuit student advisors and cultural awareness training for school staff. To learn more about First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education, visit www.scdsb.on.ca > Programs > First Nation, Métis & Inuit Education.

NATIONAL ADDICTION AWARENESS WEEK

November 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week. The SCDSB will be marking this week by providing schools with a variety of resources to increase awareness and education among staff and students. We hope that your child will share some of what they are learning this week and we have included some helpful resources to support you in conversations you might be having with your kids:

www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/unplus-and-play

- <http://parentactionondrugs.org>
- www.drugfreekidscanada.org
- www.camh.ca

EYE SEE PROGRAM – FREE GLASSES FOR JK'S

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.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS & OUR SCHOOLS

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Barrie & District is proud to partner with the SCDSB to run three mentoring programs for students. Volunteers are welcome to apply to mentor students for as little as one hour per week. Call 705-728-0515 or www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie to find out more. The Orillia (705-325-3151), Georgian Triangle (705-445-2330) and North Simcoe (705-526-5051) BBBS locations also welcome volunteers for their in-school mentoring programs.

FREE DRUG COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN

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. Enrollment 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.

NUTRI-Estep

Are you a parent of a Kindergarten student? Do you sometimes worry about your child's healthy eating? Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP. You answer 17 questions to find out what's going well and what to work on to keep your child healthy. Nutri-eSTEP is a questionnaire for parents with children aged 18 months to five years of age. When you help your children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. For more information, call Health Connection weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or toll free 1-877-721-7520. *Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.*

UPDATING 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. It's easier than ever 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. *Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.*

PEACE WEEK – NOVEMBER 18 TO 25

November is a month of reflection and gratitude. The sight of poppies and wreaths serve as a reminder of the brave men and women who have fought for peace and freedom.

The month of November also celebrates a nationwide YMCA initiative called Peace Week, from November 18 to 25. This is a time when we can celebrate the presence of peace in our local and global communities. Peace Week offers activities and opportunities for people of all ages to explore peace from personal, community and global perspectives. Simple actions like sharing, being patient or smiling and saying hello can have a far greater impact than we think.

As an advocate for peace, the YMCA invites everyone to be part of the conversation. Share something you do to foster peace in your home, school, workplace or community. Join in spreading kindness throughout our community with "Be Kind Bells." These bells will be

hidden in locations throughout our community. If you find one, perform one kind act, then hide the bell for someone else to find. Share on social media using #YMCAPeaceWeek with the location where you found the bell, your kind act and encourage someone else to do the same! Visit <http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/ymca-international/peace-week/> for more information.

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 our local high school information night to find out what's offered at Stayner Collegiate and Collingwood Collegiate.

Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

GREAT CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Last spring the Environment Club held a very successful clothing swap. We are holding one again this fall, on Thursday, November 16th. We are looking for donations of gently used and clean clothing for our swap, including winter coats/snow-pants, boots and shoes. We will accept donations starting Monday, November 13th. Students will be able to select "new to them" items of clothing on the day of the swap. We will have the remaining clothing set up at night time during student led conferences for families to "shop" together. Thank you for your support with this initiative. The textile industry is one of the biggest polluters of our precious planet. Together we can help make a difference. If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Cockerill at the school. Go Green Worsley!

BOOK DRIVE

Reading is a very important part of our everyday lives, and can also give you entertainment when you are having a rough time. Starting next week, we will be collecting used old children's books if you have any lying around not being and gently used books to be donated to less fortunate people in this area so that more people can learn to read and have a source of entertainment for no cost.



**Collingwood
Collegiate Institute**

SAVE THIS DATE:

Wednesday November 15, 2017 (7:00 – 9:00 PM)

Collingwood Collegiate Institute School Council is extending an invitation to parents & guardians to attend an information session in the Drama Room of CCI on

“Substance Use, Abuse & Addiction in our Youth”



Our Guest Speaker is

Dr. Marcia Benjamin, MD, FRCPC (Psych), FRCPC (C&A Psych)

At this event, parents/guardians will learn the difference between substance use and abuse, discover the link between mental health and substance use, identify the signs of a problem, and understand the role parents/guardians play in teaching responsible choices and keeping our kids safe.

Dr. Benjamin attended medical school at Dalhousie University, focused her residency training in Psychiatry at Queen’s University where she added the fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry subspecialty. She is a University of Toronto faculty lecturer for the Dept. of Psychiatry, and a consultant to the Catholic and Public School Boards in Simcoe County. She currently has a private practice (Child & Adolescent Psychiatry) in Barrie and is the mother of 4.

Dr. Benjamin is a vibrant speaker, one who captivates her audience and has a passion for youth mental health and wellbeing.

RSVP via email: councilchaircci@scdsb.on.ca

REMEMBER SAFE ARRIVAL

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NOVEMBER 2017

NOVEMBER 2017	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 DAY 5 Picture yourself in Grade 9 Day	2 DAY 1	3 PIZZA DAY DAY 2	4
5 Town Remembrance Day Service	6 DAY 3 WB Lions Club JK Vision Screening School Council Library 6:30 pm	7 DAY 4 SUB DAY	8 DAY 5	9 DAY 1 Hair for Angels	10 PIZZA DAY DAY 2 Remembrance Day Ceremony Progress Reports	11 Remembrance Day
12	13 DAY 3	14 DAY 4 SUB DAY	15 PIZZA DAY DAY 5	16 DAY 1 Evening Conferences	17 Morning Conferences PA DAY	18
	Conference Week (November 13 - 17)					
19 Bullying Awareness Week	20 DAY 2	21 DAY 3 SUB DAY	22 DAY 4	23 DAY 5	24 PIZZA DAY DAY 1	25
26	27 DAY 2	28 DAY 3 SUB DAY Gr.7 Hep B & HPV Gr.8 Girls HPV Math Night	29 DAY 4	30 DAY 5		

Mini Jr Basketball Tournaments after school Tuesday November 1st - Boys at Birchview/Girls at Worsley
All Day Tournaments – Girls Monday November 6th/Boys Wednesday November 8th