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NOVEMBER 1, 2018 NEWSLETTER



*From
Our
Library*

Happy November everyone. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their Halloween adventures. Our student leadership team ran some fun activities and through a donation each child got to bring home a light stick. Just a reminder about student's bringing any snacks to school to adhere to our 'no nut product' guidelines.

Our school is so wonderful. Our students are doing amazing activities each day, and our first assessment is coming soon - the Progress Report Card. Our teaching staff use a "Triangulation of Data" to assess student learning. The three parts of the triangle are products, conversations and observations. The 'products' category may be the most obvious form - results from projects, tests, assignments, etc. We value the other categories as well - listening to explanations, watching students do a task, collaboration, demonstrations of skills, and so on help create assessment data. Please also review and celebrate the Learning Skills marks and comments, and talk about positive next steps and goal setting for your child.

Our intermediate students will be doing more 'hands-on' learning soon with our new Shop Tech Ed equipment. Our staff are getting their certification on the scroll saws, drill presses and soldering irons - as well as other basic hand tools - for our students to start implementing design and technology into our program here. If you can contribute any start up wood/metal material for our school - please contact us - we would appreciate it!

We would like to thank our Youth Centre volunteers for running our Thursday, 2nd recess physical activity program for students in grades 4-6.

Enjoy the fall weather!

Yours in Education, Mr. Bax

Another amazing month has come and gone in our library. Two main highlights of October stand out to me... when Maya Dunlop and her family donated some amazing books to the library and when a young student in the hall exclaimed that 'he loves all my books'. THANK YOU! With escape rooms, reading cafes, STEAM building and learning about digital citizenship, we are clearly having an amazing time! Please consider donating your slightly used books and lego to us, it is very much appreciated. There will be a Scholastic Book Fair November 21st-23rd open during the day Wednesday, Thursday until 7:30 and Friday 8:30-noon. Can't wait to see you all there!

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to everyone who participated in, bought t-shirts, and/or collected donations for our annual Terry Fox Run! With your help, we surpassed our goal and raised an incredible \$5686.96! Terry Fox would be so proud! A big THANKS goes out to our parent helpers, Ms. Braid, Ms. Battista, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Beleskey, and our Grade 5 Terry Fox team! We will celebrate our success with a 'Crazy Hair / Pajama Day' on November 19th. Way to go Worsley!

PHOTO RETAKES DAY

Edge Imaging will be taking photo retakes, photos of all the students from cross country who missed the first day, as well as the grades 4-8 class pictures on November 13.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be Monday November 5th 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 9th 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.

PIZZA

Please note that because of the P.A. Day on Friday 23rd we will be changing our pizza day to Thursday 22nd for that week only and will return to our usual Friday the following week.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

We will be having a new cross country skiing club at Worsley this year for students in grades 4-8. The club will begin in January and run for approximately 8-10 weeks on Wednesday's after school at Blueberry Trails. The cost for a trail pass and rental will be \$7.50 for each ski visit. We are looking for a minimum of 10 skiers for the club and parent volunteers to help out. There will be an information meeting for interested students at the end of November and a permission form will be sent home at this time. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Brooks at the school.

MILK AND SUBS

In an effort to keep conserving paper, we are only sending 10 milk and sub order forms per class from grades 2-8 and asking students to only take one if they might want to order. When you order milk online you do not need to send in an order form as well. We will also send the forms electronically, and always have more in the office if your child did not bring one home and you need it. Thank you.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

If your child is not in the school yard ready to go into class by the time the bell rings in the morning at 8:58, please bring them to the office to be signed in. If you are picking your child up before 3:20 dismissal, please come to the office to sign them out. Students are not to be dropped off or picked up at the portables. As well, if you need to get something to your child's teacher or your child, please do so through the office. At no time can we have parents enter the school through any doors other than the front. Nor can we have parents in the halls. Thank you for respecting this safe school's policy. Please also send notes in your child's agenda if your child's regular dismissal schedule needs to change that day. We field more than 50 calls daily with regards to dismissal changes for that day. Consequently, we are consistently disrupting the learning of our students with phone messages. Please make arrangements with your child in the morning.

Thank you for respecting the learning time of our students.

QSP

Our QSP and frozen cookie dough orders will be arriving at the school on Wednesday November 7th and will have to be picked up in the gym by 5:30 that day as we do not have freezers to store the orders. We will send further information home as soon as the trucking company lets us know the time of arrival. Thank you for your support.

EAT WELL TO EXCEL

Support Our School Breakfast and Snack Programs – Eat Well to Excel Day is Tuesday November 20, 2018!! Eat Well to Excel, the Simcoe County Nutrition Program for School-Age Children is the name of the local Student Nutrition Program in Simcoe County. EWTE is a non-profit community partnership that supports volunteer run Student Nutrition Programs in over 185 schools/programs (including elementary and secondary schools, learning centres and alternative programs) in Simcoe County. Research shows that students with access to a breakfast program have reduced risk for disease, are more likely to come to school and participate in class, have better test scores, and are more likely to graduate. Here's how you can support your school's Eat Well to Excel program:

- Donate money via www.eatwelltoexcel.ca click on Donate now (a printable tax receipts will be issued). Include the school's name in the comment box. Otherwise the money will be used to support the purchase of equipment and food for schools with high needs.
- Donate money directly to the school
- Volunteer – schools are often looking for help to purchase, prepare and serve food.
- Join the EWTE partnership committee. To find out more complete the form at www.eatwelltoexcel.ca, under Volunteers. <http://eatwelltoexcel.ca/contact-us/>

BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'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 at twitter.com/WorsleyES or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

DENTAL SCREENING PROGRAM

The Oral Health team will be at our school on Monday December 17 to Wednesday December 19 to conduct dental screenings for JK, SK, Grades 2, 4 and 7. 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.

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.

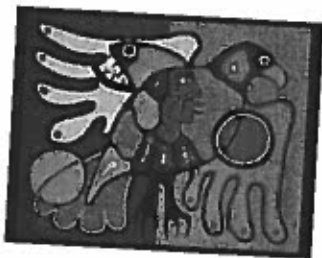
GREAT CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Ms. Dunbar's class, along with the Environment Club, are hosting our 4th clothing exchange on Thursday, November 22nd. Once again 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 Wednesday, November 14th. Students will be able to select "new to them" items on the day of the swap. We will have the remaining clothing set up at night time during 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 for our planet and our Worsley families! If you have any further questions please contact Ms. Holroyd or Ms. Dunbar at the school GO GREEN WORSLEY!

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 9. 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.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT



Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.



This box sits on our Community Connection Desk outside the office by the Buddy Bench. Please keep it in mind next time you go to throw out a pair of glasses, as the Lions depend on our help for their program. Thank you.

PRIMARY FUN RUN

Worsley Elementary School, along with other Simcoe County District School Board schools, introduced a Primary Fun Run this year - a new cross country event for primary students. Since students aren't usually eligible to participate in these events until Grade 4, this gives younger students a chance to test their running skills, train and take part in a special athletic event.

Worsley's Primary Run took place on October 19 and invited all Grade 1 to 3 students to practice and prepare to take part. Runners received a ribbon upon completion of the race and there were also snacks, sponsored by the Simcoe County Elementary Athletic Council. "It was an amazing event for our students and community," says Darrell Bax, Principal of Worsley.

The coaches of the Primary Cross-Country Team at Worsley said "A HUGE shout out to our Primary Cross-Country Team for their enthusiasm, determination and amazing team spirit that they demonstrated. We are SO proud of all the runners, and their teammates and classmates who cheered them on! We would also like to say a GIANT thank you to the staff and students who helped set up, hand out ribbons and snacks, and act as rabbits and turtles for the runners. It was an amazing event, and proves once again that Worsley Rocks!"



Primary Fun Run participant heads to the finish line. Peace and good luck to all the runners!

FROM THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, along with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, works with local school boards in their efforts to ensure children are protected from unnecessary exposure to lead from drinking water. All schools are required to flush their plumbing regularly and sample their water to test for lead. Samples must be collected at every tap that provides drinking water or that is used to prepare food or drink for children under the age of 18. Schools are required to test both standing (water that has been sitting in the distribution lines) and flushed water (water which has run through the lines) for lead on a regular basis (e.g. annually). Flushing has been shown to reduce lead levels in water and is a recognized lead reduction strategy. If a school's drinking water test result is above the provincial drinking water standard for lead, the schools communicate these results to the local Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks to ensure corrective actions are carried out and the problem is resolved.

Did you know that teenagers rank their parents as having the most influence over what risks they choose to take? And that those who believe their parents strongly disapprove of drug and alcohol use are less likely than their peers to use them! Here are some helpful tips:

- spend time with your kids and talk openly about alcohol and other drugs
- set clear and consistent messages
- know that you are a role model

For useful tips and other helpful info on how you can best communicate with your child about drugs and alcohol, <http://www.smartrisknoregrets.ca/index/parent.html> or <http://simcoemuskokahealth.org>.

REMEMBER SAFE ARRIVAL

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 DAY 1 Popcorn Day	2 PIZZA DAY DAY 2	3
4 Town Remembrance Day Service	5 DAY 3 Jr Boys & Girls Basketball Tournaments School Council Library 6:30 pm	6 DAY 4 SUB DAY	7 DAY 5 QSP/cookie dough products arrive	8 DAY 1	9 PIZZA DAY DAY 2 School Remembrance Day Ceremony	10
11 Remembrance Day	12 DAY 3	13 DAY 4 SUB DAY Photo Retakes & 4-8 Class Photos	14 DAY 5 Picture yourself in Grade 9 Day	15 DAY 1 BBQ	16 PIZZA DAY DAY 2 Reports go home	17
18 Bullying Awareness Week	19 DAY 3 International Play Monopoly Day PJ & Crazy Hair Day	20 DAY 4 SUB DAY Gr:7 Immunization	21 DAY 5	22 PIZZA DAY DAY 1 Clothing Exchange	23 Morning Conferences PA DAY	24
25	26 DAY 2	27 DAY 3 SUB DAY Int. Area Tournaments Girls Basketball Boys Volleyball	28 DAY 4	29 DAY 5 Evening Conferences Popcorn Day	30 PIZZA DAY DAY 1	