



WORSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Corner

Dear Worsley Families,
Wow, I can't believe that we are already into October! It has been a busy fall with lots of great things happening here at Worsley. I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our families and staff for an incredible start to the 2017-2018 year and for all your support through all the transitions this fall. Our students have settled in to school routines and our programs are in place to support student learning. We have transformed many learning spaces in our school to provide an environment where student's learning styles and learning preferences are valued and embraced as they learn. Some of our classrooms have choice of seating like exercise balls to help with student learning. Other classrooms have differentiated learning spaces with structures and work areas that meet all of the different types of learners at Worsley. Our library has been currently transformed into our new Grade 6 learning space until the arrival of our new portable next week. Once our Grade 6's move into their new learning space, we will continue to use our Library which was transformed last year into several learning areas. We have our new "STEAM (Science, Technology, Environment, Arts and Math) centre where our students are working with several teachers on inquiry projects. We also have our Learning Commons, our Robotics Centre and our Media Centre where our student teams will be producing our Worsley TV Network broadcasts. There are lots of new and exciting things to talk about with your children.
We have also had a lot of change here this fall with new staff members joining us and some that will be leaving. A list of all our new staff was sent out last week and will be updated shortly on our website. We would like to welcome all our new staff and thank all those that have left us last week for all their work and dedication to Worsley.

As we head into the fall and winter, we will keep you posted about all the great learning here at Worsley through our website, twitter and classroom websites. Please subscribe to our website so you can get the most current news and information from Worsley. All the best for a great fall!
Mr. Kemp

WORSLEY GARDENS

If you have a green thumb and would like to help us keep the front of our school beautiful, please let the office know of your availability, thank you.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The annual elections were held at our meeting last night and the 2017-2018 executive is:

Chair – Cathy Oliver

Vice Chair – Angee Orvis

Secretary – Paul Stokes

Treasurer – Mike Baxter

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our Breakfast Program is off to a great start!! Since starting to serve on Monday September 11th we have served 515 breakfasts, up to 48 per day, and 100 more than this time last year. If you would like to help with this program, we would appreciate any donations of apples, oranges, bananas, bread, English muffins, cereal, oatmeal, raisins, jam, block cheese and cream cheese. Thank you in advance for any contributions your family is able to make at this time.

WEBSITE

Take a moment to check out our website <http://woe.scdsb.on.ca> for all current events and information. We are continuing to strive to be as paperless as possible in sending home communication, and 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. You can also click on the "Worsley Learning Commons" to

access our library blog, including use community links and updates for everything that is happening.

QSP FAMILY READING MAGAZINE

Our QSP Magazine fundraiser is ALMOST OVER! Parents who read, have kids that read. Share the love of reading at home! View the full selection of magazines and more online at QSP.ca. Use Our Group Online ID 3719960. Orders for magazines and bulbs are due Tuesday October 10th. Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with School Cash On-line. If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for School Cash Online. This is our preferred method of payment for all school fundraising including lunch days and field trips. School Cash Online allows you to pay with your debit or credit card. Follow these steps:

1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or from our school website click on "Pay Fees"
 2. Register and add your child to the created account
 3. View & purchase items through echeck or credit card
- The School Cash Parent Helpdesk is available 24/7 to help you with registration, password recoveries or any other payment issues. Call 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We are at the final stages of getting one of our play structures installed in the kindergarten area and are in the process of ordering stage 2 of the playground items. All documentation and permit details were sent into the Board in June and are awaiting final approval. As student safety is our number one priority, we are making sure that all safety steps have been put in place to install as per regulations. We thank you for your patience as we finalize details.

SAFE SCHOOLS AT WORSLEY

When arriving at school, please make sure that you check in at the office through the front doors. To keep our students safe, doors are locked during the school day. Please do not enter the school through secondary entrances and please always pick up your students at the front office. If your child is in a portable, please make sure you check in at the office to meet your child or arrange a meeting with your teacher. On rain days, please drop off students at regular entry doors at 8:40 a.m. Staff will be there to greet you and transition your children into school. Please say your goodbyes at the door and do not accompany your child into the school. Staff will assist students as they enter the school and

ensure that they get to the correct waiting location. Thank you for helping us keep our Worsley students safe!

EARLY PICK UP

If you would like to pick up your child before dismissal time, please ensure that you put a letter in your child's agenda or send a note to your classroom teacher. Please arrange to pick up your child before 3:00 p.m. as end of the day procedures and bus arrivals make it difficult for office staff to coordinate pick-ups between 3:00-3:20 p.m. Thank you for helping us keep students safe as they transition at the end of the day.

PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal gives parents real-time access to attendance, grade information. The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID was provided this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 16 to 20. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, will offer bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation.

Wed., Oct. 18 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely. For more information, visit the SCSTC website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.

NEW PATH WALK-IN CLINICS

In response to the increasing wait times for child and youth mental health services, and the increased need for such services, New Path has undertaken a service redesign that will provide more timely and responsive services to children, youth and families in Simcoe County. New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Bradford, Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and

Orillia. Children, youth and families requesting service from New Path no longer need to call and complete an intake; they can simply attend one of the local Walk-In Clinics and will receive a single session intervention that day. Should children or youth require further service, New Path will continue to offer a wide variety of community and school-based services as well as residential service and women's service. For further information, including the clinic locations, days and hours, visit www.newpath.ca or contact the central intake department at 705-725-7656.

TRANSLATING LEGAL ISSUES

Translating legal issues for frontline workers and members of the trans community. The Gilbert Centre, in partnership with The Community Legal Clinic, The Law Foundation of Ontario, and The Mediation Centre, is offering training on navigating human rights and the law for transgender people in Simcoe County. Topics will include trans inclusivity training, human rights, housing, employment, income support and family law. Register at www.gilbertcentre.ca/translating-legal-issues/. The training is offered in Collingwood Oct. 12 to 13.

LGBTQI2S

Junior Youth Connection for kids aged 12 to 15

The Gilbert Centre is offering a new drop-in and social program for LGBTQI2S identified youth to connect, explore and learn. Meetings take place on the first and third Friday of every month from 5-7 p.m. at 80 Bradford Street in Barrie. For more information, please call Ve Tao, Youth Support Worker at 705-722-6778 x109, visit lgbtyouth.ca or email vet@gilbertcentre.ca.

LGBTQ YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

The Gilbert Centre in Barrie is offering a program for LGBTQI2S identified youth ages 16 to 29 who are seeking support with employment. The program, supported by the United Way, will develop life and employment skills, increase participants' chances of finding employment and connect participants with community resources. Interested youth can contact Ve Tao, Youth Support Worker, vet@gilbertcentre.ca or at 705-722-6778 x109.

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Did you know that October is International Walk to School month? It's a great way for children to get their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day and also gives parents and staff a chance to be part of a worldwide event that celebrates the many benefits of walking. Here are some ideas: Encourage your child to walk or cycle to and from school if you live close by and team up with others to make the trip more fun; If you

usually drive your child to school, try getting them to walk part of the way; If your child takes the bus, walking to and from the bus stop is a great way to add physical activity minutes into the day.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT 8-14

Fire Prevention Week runs from Oct. 8 to 14. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts" Plan 2 Ways Out!" Smoke and fire spread fast. There's no time to figure out how to escape AFTER a fire starts. All households should have working smoke alarms and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in the family BEFORE there's a fire. Find out more at www.nfpa.org/pw.

HEALTHY CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS

Classroom and school celebrations are great opportunities for children to practice the healthy eating messages they learn in the classroom. Help teach the importance of healthy eating by choosing healthy foods to send in the next time your child's class is celebrating. Here are some ideas: Send a tray of watermelon slices, orange slices, apples or fruit kabobs; Make homemade mini muffins with whole wheat flour and grated carrots or apple; Send a tray of whole grain crackers, cubes of lower fat cheese and grapes; Send a veggie platter - get creative by arranging it in fun shapes; Prepare chocolate dipped strawberries for a sweet treat; Looking for more information to help keep you and your family healthy? Call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-5720 to speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

TIPS FOR A HEALTHY HALLOWEEN

The month of October is upon us and that means Halloween is just around the corner! For many children, this can be an exciting time of year as they get their costumes ready and their buckets out to fill with candy! Halloween can also be a tough time for parents to keep their kids' diets healthy and balanced. Here are some helpful 'tricks' to help you and your family have a healthy Halloween this year! Walk door to door when trick or treating. It will burn calories and also tire the kids out – potentially limiting the amount of houses you will hit before the end of the night. Try making a competition out of who can walk the most steps; Plan a party. Make the focus of your party fun activities instead of sugary treats. Include Halloween games such as a costume or dance contest, or pumpkin carving; Trade the candy collected for non-edible treats like books, small toys or arts and crafts materials. You can also consider offering to buy back some of the candy, providing your kids with some extra spending money as a reward.

