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# FOREST HILL P.S.

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CLOSURE: CENTRAL SIMCOE

APRIL 2018

## IMPORTANT APRIL DATES

- 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> - Paws for Books Scholastic Book Fair
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Understanding Alternative/ Non-Academic IEP Goals (@ SCDSB Education Centre)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - SK and Gr. 8 Picture Retakes/ Spring Studio (Individual and/or Sibling) Photo Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> - P.A. Day - No School
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Deadline to order 17/18 Yearbook

## ... and some future Important Dates

- May 7<sup>th</sup> - Girlstrong Program begins
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> - Mental Health Awareness Week
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> - Education Week
  - May 10<sup>th</sup> - Mme Shier & Mme Cooper - Springwater Park
  - May 11<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. Stones, Mrs. Wilson & Ms. Ironside to Springwater Park
  - May 11<sup>th</sup> - Beehive Mother's Day Tea - 2 p.m.
  - May 16<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Tea
  - May 18<sup>th</sup> - P.A. Day - No School
  - May 21<sup>st</sup> - Victoria Day
  - May 23<sup>rd</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup> (incl) - EQAO Testing
  - May 31<sup>st</sup> - Kindergarten Orientation - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
  - June 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 6 Camp Kitchi
  - June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - School Track & Field
  - June 12<sup>th</sup> - Midhurst Mile - 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
  - June 14<sup>th</sup> - Girlstrong Celebration Run - details to follow
  - June 25<sup>th</sup> - Beehive Year-End Graduation - 2 p.m.
  - June 28<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School
- Grade 8 Dates
- Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> - Applebee's Fundraiser Breakfast
  - June 26<sup>th</sup> - Graduation:  
Ceremony at Willow Creek Baptist Celebration following at Barrie Golf & Country Club

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings, fellow Thunderbirds! Spring is in the air, and with it, some wet weather. Please ensure that your child comes to school ready to be outside, with boots and rain gear if it is raining, or even if it might rain....splash pants are always a good idea too!

## Thank you, School Council and Volunteers

We could not provide such a varied and full program without our School Council, which subsidizes many field trips, and our amazing volunteers. Please take the time to thank these dedicated community members if you see them working hard to manage our Kiss 'n Ride or to facilitate hot lunch or milk programs. We are going to celebrate our Volunteers on May 16<sup>th</sup> with our Annual Volunteer Tea. More information to follow.

## PLACEMENT REQUESTS - September '18

Please be aware that a great deal of time and effort is spent in organizing class placements for the following year. There are many variables that are considered in the process. If there are unusual circumstances for which you wish to make a request for class placement, please put your request and reasons in writing and give them to the Principal, Ms. Blom, by Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. These will be considered but **we cannot promise that such requests can be granted.** Class organization is finalized after the second week of school in September. Forest Hill P.S. remains closed to Out of Attendance Area students.

### Are You Moving?

Please advise the school office if you plan to move out of the Forest Hill attendance area over the summer and your children **will not** be returning in September 2018. Thank you!



### Green Team



Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day and the staff and students at Forest Hill will be doing their part to take care of the environment on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>. We are asking students to bring a litterless lunch, walk or bike to school and we will be working together to clean up garbage in our community. Let's do our part and celebrate Earth Day!

### 2017/18 Forest Hill Yearbook

**NEW this year, all yearbooks must be ordered through School Cash online.**

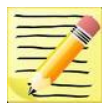
Yearbooks are now available for order online and will be available until April 30<sup>th</sup>.



Yearbook cost is \$18.00 per book. Books are in full colour and include photos and memories from all grades. Books will be distributed to students in June. Don't miss out!

### Signing Out Students

In keeping with our Safe Schools policy, please remember to sign your child/ren out at the office if they are leaving early for appointments or lessons.



It would be greatly appreciated if a note in your child's agenda or mailbag could be sent in on days when there will be a change to end-of-the-day routine. This will help cut down on the **numerous interruptions** to classrooms toward the end of the day. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

### Welcome To Kindergarten

**Starting school in the fall? Kindergarten orientation session is on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. 2018.**

This spring, we are hosting an orientation session to welcome new Kindergarten students and their parents to our school. Come experience what life is like in Kindergarten! Explore areas of the program, meet Kindergarten educators and have the chance to ask questions. Our school's session takes place on *Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 to 5:00 PM.* We look forward to welcoming you! For more information, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca), click on 'Programs,' 'Kindergarten' and then 'Kindergarten Orientation.'

School start dates for September 2018 are as follows:

- Senior Kindergarten (Year 2) students are to begin school on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They are to attend continuously from this time.
- All Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) students are to begin school on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They are to attend continuously from this time.

### LIBRARY NEWS



**Paws for Books Scholastic Book Fair**  
*Follow your furriest friend to the Paws for Books Book Fair: Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale!*

*Find purr-fect books and a dog-gone good time as staff, students and their parents sniff out books from Scholastic that will make their tails wag. The book fair is coming to Forest Hill Library April 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be open on school days from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There will also be a Family Shopping Night on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 PM*



### ***Intermediate Girls Volleyball***

Congratulations to our intermediate girls' volleyball team on an outstanding season! The team won the Zone and Regional championships, earning them a spot at the County Tournament at Eastview. Despite two significant injuries, the team played extremely well throughout the day, and fought their way to the finals. The Thunder rolled to a convincing 2-0 victory in that final game to win the title as Simcoe County Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Champions! Congratulations to Alexa, Sydney, Ana, Ava, Victoria, Abby, Jaime, Avery, Jordyn, Sophie, Rhys and Alicia. It has been a pleasure coaching such a talented group of athletes. M. Schreck and Mme Stainton

### ***ARTSHINE Club***

Every TUESDAY after school  
(3:40pm - 4:40pm)  
Every Session is a BRAND NEW curriculum!  
Grades 1 - 4  
8 WEEKS \$132.00\*  
Apr 17, 26, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5

### ***Spring Fling Food Drive***

A new tradition is coming to Forest Hill! At Christmas, Ms. Watson found out that the summer months are the hardest for our area food banks. There are usually a LOT of donations around Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, but when we are enjoying sunny days at the beach or by the pool, the food banks are struggling to keep their shelves stocked. To help them start out summer with full shelves, we are going to hold a food drive during the month of June. Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items and sorely needed personal hygiene items from Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Items will be tallied and the class with the most items per student will be the winners of the "Spring Fling Cup". Good luck!



Our food banks have let us know that pasta in boxes are preferred to pasta in bags as the

bags often rip open. Also, please check best before or expiry dates to ensure that we are sending them usable food.

### ***Spring Is Here!***

SPRING is here and our schoolyard can get very wet and muddy. Please ensure that your child/ren come to school appropriately dressed for spring conditions.

### ***School Website***

Please be sure to check our school website often at <http://for.scdsb.on.ca>. Our 'Local Events' section is updated on a regular basis, with upcoming field trips, fundraisers, team sports and club dates, hot lunch dates, etc.

### ***SCDSB NEWS***

#### ***Register now for 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 of age. 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.'

#### ***School's in for Summer at the SCDSB***

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program. Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centre's website at



[www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com). Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

#### **Identifying school-sponsored trips**

All field trip information will be sent home on school and/or Simcoe County District School Board letterhead. This is the best way for parents/guardians to identify supervised and approved trips. There may have been times when community or external groups have organized trips that have been mistaken for school-sponsored field trips. Parents would be notified of individual circumstances if the school is aware that an external trip is being planned. When in doubt about any trip ask questions of the organizers, including "Who is sponsoring or in charge of this trip?", "Who will be supervising?" and "What are their qualifications?" You can also contact the school if you have any questions about a trip you see advertised that you think may not be school-sanctioned.

#### **Please turn off your car while you wait**

A reminder to please turn your engine off when dropping off or picking up your child from school. Idling cars release exhaust that is harmful to the environment, our health and the health of our students. It's good to get into the habit of turning your car off any time you're stopped and in park for more than 60 seconds. Thank you for doing your part to keep our kids and our environment healthy! For more information to keep you and your family healthy, visit [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

#### **Stress: Our kids get it too!**

Kids have stress, just like us. Stress is a normal part of life, but our bodies are only made to handle it for short amounts of time. Continued stress can cause feelings of pressure, anxiety and tiredness. It can make it hard for kids to focus in school and can

cause them to become sick, get lower grades or make unhealthy choices. It's easy to mistake signs of stress for bad behaviour in your child. You can help them learn to manage stress by staying calm, showing love and talking openly about their feelings. Encourage them to try calming activities like deep breathing or doing something active. If the stress continues, be sure talk to your child's family doctor or health care provider. To speak with a public health nurse, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit website for more information at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).

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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Midhurst Soap Box Derby And Classic Car Show**



Date: Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Doran & Finlay Mill Rd., Midhurst  
Race Begins: 10:00 a.m.

Maximum number of entries is 30. Pre-registration with \$10.00 cash entry fee is required.

Deadline to pre-register: May 19<sup>th</sup>

Rules - Regulations - Construction and Safety Guidelines

Questions can be emailed to

[fcmacdonald1@hotmail.com](mailto:fcmacdonald1@hotmail.com)

Classic Car Show & Shine in the Park

Registration at 11:00 a.m.

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[nadiasellsbarrie@rogers.com](mailto:nadiasellsbarrie@rogers.com)