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APRIL 2017

IMPORTANT APRIL DATES

- 12th - Gr.7 EFSL - Lula Lounge
- 12th - International Day of Pink
- 13th - Food bank items due
- 14th - Good Friday -NO SCHOOL
- 17th - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL
- 18 -24th -Book Fair
- 25th - Gr. 4&5 CNML Math Competition at F.H.
- 28th - Final day to purchase 2016-17 Yearbook
- 29th - Applebee's Fundraiser Breakfast

...MAY DATES

- 1st - School Council Mtg. 7 PM
- 3rd - Spring Concert 6:30 PM
- 5th - Gr. 7 - Tiffin Conservation Centre
- 11th - Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Bates and
Mrs. Bowman - Mother's Day Tea 2 PM
- 12th - Global Action White Elephant Sale
- 17th - Volunteer Tea - 11:00 - Library
- 25th - Midhurst Mile

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!

Education Week

We are finalizing details for Education Week celebrations at Forest Hill this year, May 1-5.

We will be celebrating "Music Monday" on May 1st in our classes, and we are hosting a Rotary Book Day on May 2nd, to celebrate the donation of the book *Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure* to all grade 2 classes in

Barrie (SCDSB schools). On May 3rd our orchestra will be presenting their Spring Concert at 6:30, and on May 5th some of our students will be attending the 'GO' conference at Lakehead Orillia, while others will explore the great outdoors at the Tiffin Conservation Centre!

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 17th with our Annual Volunteer Tea. More information to follow

We at the office wish you and your family a safe, happy Easter.



PLACEMENT REQUESTS - September '17

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 12th. 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 2017. Thank you!



GREEN TEAM

Saturday April 22nd 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 21st. We will be 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!!

2016/17 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 28th**. 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!

International Day of Pink Wednesday, April 12th

April 12th, 2017 marks the International Day of Pink. It is a day where communities across the country, and across the world, can unite in



celebrating diversity and raising awareness to stop homophobia, transphobia, trans misogyny, and all forms of bullying.

Each year on the second Wednesday of April, millions of people wear pink and take a stand. The Day of Pink is a symbol, a spark that empowers and inspires youth across Canada to create amazing social change!

Please join us in supporting this worthy cause!
WEAR PINK on April 12th!

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 manner!

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Starting school in the fall?
Kindergarten orientation session is on **Thursday June 8th, 2017**.

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 June 8th, 2017** at 4-5:30PM. We look forward to welcoming you! For more information, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, click on 'Programs,' 'Kindergarten' and then 'Kindergarten Orientation.' School start dates for September 2017 are as follows:

- Senior Kindergarten (Year 2) students are to begin school on Tuesday,

September 5th, 2017. They are to attend continuously from this time.

- All Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) students are to begin school on Thursday, September 7th, 2017. They are to attend continuously from this time.

LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Camper Book Fair: S'more Fun with Books!



Pack up your gear and prepare for adventure with exciting new books from Scholastic. The book fair is coming to Forest Hill

Library April 19th to 24th. 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 19, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The Family Event Draw (see entry form in the flyer) will take place on Friday, April 21 at 3pm. You could win \$25 worth of books for your family - and \$25 worth of books for your child's classroom! Volunteers are needed; please contact Mrs. Kerry Morrow at 705-721-8300 or kmorrow@scdsb.on.ca if you can help out.

FOREST HILL FUNDRAISING

Midhurst Mile

Midhurst Mile - May 25th!!!

Calling all runners and bikers!
The annual Midhurst Mile is just around the corner!! A one mile fun run around Midhurst, bike obstacle course, skate park, cycling challenge, bouncy castle, bike tune-ups, demo bikes, great food, loot bags and raffle prizes! Mark your calendars and bring the whole family out to this great community event held at our very own Forest Hill P.S.!



T-shirt and food order forms will be coming out shortly and will be offered online this year via School Cash Online.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the event. If you would be able to help out please contact Jen Morrison at hockey@rezource.net.

Canadian National Math League Competition

Results are now in for the Grade 7 & 8's Canadian National Math League Competition held at Forest Hill in February and March of this year. The contest requires tremendous accuracy, great depth of mathematical knowledge and extremely effective problem-solving skills. Our top three finishers in each grade were:

Gr. 7 - 1st place - Kaecy E.
2nd place - Colby B.
3rd place - Wil F. & Alicia S.

Gr. 8 - 1st place - Jake L.
2nd place - Cal M. & Alexa P.

Congratulations to all our Forest Hill mathletes for a great competition!

Chess Club Update

On Tuesday March 28th, the Forest Hill County Chessletes demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and chess mastery at the County Chess tournament at the education centre. Way to Go!!

Sydney P.	Lucas R.
Mira R.	Torrey B.
Colby B.	Lauren H.

Special congratulations to Sydney P. who placed 2nd in the County in the Grade 4 girls!!!!
Several of our chessletes also competed in the Optimists' Chess Tournament on April 6th.
Congratulations to Nate V. for placing 3rd in the Grade 3 section, and to Tyson B. (Grade 3) and Sydney P. (Grade 4) who were grade champions and now move on to the Provincial Chess Tournament later this month.

INTERMEDIATE MATH OLYMPIAD



On March 6th, four of Forest Hill's phenomenal Intermediate Mathletes ventured to the Education Centre to compete against 23 other schools from around the County in the 2017 Intermediate Math Olympiad. Our spectacular mathematicians demonstrated great collaborative teamwork and problem solving expertise!!

Congratulations to:

Alexa P. Wil F.
Shayla K.-A. Jake L.

GLOBAL ACTION UPDATE

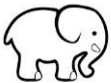
Easter Food Drive

The Global Action team is once again collecting non-perishable food items for the Barrie and Elmvalle Food Bank. Food will be collected in classrooms until Thursday, April 13th 2017.



The two classes with the most items collected will be invited to spectate the at the Intermediate Girls' Volleyballs Team vs. Forest Hill staff volleyball game!

Global Action White Elephant Sale



ATTENTION ALL SPRING CLEANERS!!!!!!

After another resounding success last year, the Forest Hill Global Action Team will be having our fifth annual White Elephant Sale on Friday, May 12th to raise money for our international aid projects with Elephant Thoughts. Families are invited to donate very gently used toys/books/videos/games that will be sold from each classroom at a cost of \$1.00 or \$2.00. We would ask that there be no stuffed animals donated. Please send in any items to your child's classroom between May 1st and 12th. All proceeds will go towards the school we support through Elephant Thoughts, the Angaza Kindergarten School in Tanzania.

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.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION UPDATE

Applebee's Fundraiser Breakfast: Saturday, April 29th 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Stay tuned for a ticket order form and volunteer sign-up letter to be sent home in April. Tickets must be pre-ordered and we ask that each family sell tickets to family and/or friends (\$14/ticket). Each ticket includes 3 pancakes, bacon and beverages. This has been a great event for the graduates and their families over the last few years and all proceeds will go to Graduation. Student volunteers will seat, take orders, serve, clear and reset tables for their families and friends. We thank you in advance for your support.



Baby Pictures

Hopefully by now, you have submitted your baby picture of your Grade 8 Graduate. The pictures are being used in a video for the graduation ceremony. We will be starting with the baby pictures and morphing them into your graduate now to show how much they have grown. Once all of the pictures are submitted, we will be choosing a date for the "now picture" (which will be a current day re-creation of the baby picture). The graduates

will be responsible for bringing their props for the picture - so think about what your child was wearing in the baby picture. If they have a hat on, try to find a similar hat. If they are holding something (teddy bear, spoon, cup, etc.) try to send in something similar for them to hold. It also works best if they are wearing the same or similar coloured clothing.

This process is a very time consuming task so if you have not yet submitted your picture - please do so as soon as possible to Mary-jane Ulens via email mjebel@matrixpost.com

Graduation: Ceremony and Dance

Grade 8 Graduation is June 26th, 2017, at the Georgian College Theatre at 6:30 PM. The dance after the ceremony will be at The Last Class at Georgian college. The theme for Graduation is "Starry Night". The Class representatives and the Parent Grad Committee are working together to plan a star-filled memorable night for all. There will be an information letter sent out at the beginning of May with all of the particulars that you will need to know about the big day. If anyone would like to act as a Chaperone or help with decorations, please contact Heather Rissanen by email at rissanen@sympatico.ca.

ARTSHINE

Artshine is returning to Forest Hill PS! This 8 week Art Program begins on Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 and takes place after school! Register online before April 11th: www.artshine.ca.

Barrie Taekwondo Club

BTC is offering several different programs for PA Days, after school care and summer camps. For more information contact them at: Barrie Taekwondo Club
1027 Bayfield Street North,
Midhurst ON
(705) 730-0006
info@barrietaekwondo.com

Heart to Heart Haiti

A fair and ethical trade, multi-vendor event. All proceeds will go to support Heart to Heart Haiti.

Come shop unique, handcrafted items which support working families in Haiti and Ghana.



Iron work, pottery, hand woven baskets, jewelry, totes and purses, fair trade coffee and more. Choose some Mother's Day, Father's Day and end of year gifts that make a positive impact.

Edgar Community Hall
1167 Old Barrie Road West
Oro-Medonte.
Saturday April 29th, 2017
10-3PM. Cash and Carry.

SCDSB NEWS

Parents Workshops to Help Understand Individual Education Plans

The Simcoe County District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee and Special Education Department are offering informational workshops for parents/guardians to enhance collaboration between parents and schools in the development of a student Individual Education Plan (IEP). These workshops are free to attend and open to all interested parents/guardians.

Workshops take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m.:

April 11: Lions Oval PS - 25 Brant Street West, Orillia

April 12: Bear Creek SS - 100 Red Oak Drive, Barrie

April 13: Mundy's Bay PS - 340 Sixth St., Midland

April 18: Chris Hadfield PS - 211 West Park, Bradford

April 19: Alliston Union PS - 211 Church St. North, Alliston

April 20: Admiral Collingwood ES - 15 Dey Drive, Collingwood

**Events at Eastview Secondary School in April:
Open to All Parents**

On April 10 at 7 p.m., Eastview Secondary School will host a screening of the film *Screenagers*, a study of growing up in the digital age. Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston created *Screenagers* to probe into the vulnerable corners of family life to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. This presentation will help parents learn how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

On April 12 at 7 p.m., the school welcomes financial literacy expert Robin Taub, the author of the best-seller, *A Parent's Guide to Raising Money-Smart Kids*. Her presentation will cover why it's important to teach kids about money, as well as the challenge of being a good financial role model. She will explain how to address money-related topics with young kids, pre-teens, teenagers and emerging adults.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend the above events. For more information, please

contact Eastview Secondary School at 705-728-1321. The school is located at 421 Grove St. E. in Barrie.

**Vaccination Reminder
for Parents of Grade 1 Students**

All students must have an up-to-date immunization

record on file at the health unit. Since starting Kindergarten, your child may have received new immunizations. If so, you must send their updated immunization records to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit for:

- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Polio
- Meningococcal disease
- Two-doses of a Chickenpox (Varicella) containing vaccine

If your child will not be getting these vaccines, you will need to give the health unit a valid medical exemption or affidavit. To complete either of these forms, you can call the health unit. Your child could be temporarily suspended from school if the health unit does not have an up-to-date record on file.

Follow these steps to help protect everyone in your school community:

- Check your child's yellow immunization card
- Contact your health care provider to get a record or to get missing vaccines
- Share the complete record with the health unit at www.smdhu.org/immsonline or fax the record to the health unit at 705-726-3962

For more information, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website at: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

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