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BUS CANCELLATION/SCHOOL

Closure: **Central Simcoe**

April 2022

Important April & May Dates

- 13th – International Day of Pink
- 15th – Good Friday – No school
- 18th – Easter Monday
- 22nd – Earth Day
- 27th – Administrative Professionals Day
- 28th – National Day of Mourning (World Day for Safety and Health at Work)
- May 11/12 – Caribou Contest
- May 15th – Last Day of Yearbook Sales

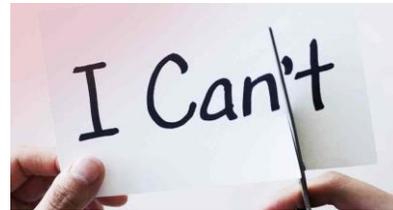
Principal message

It has been wonderful to see students engaged in active outdoor play and engaging academic activities! Our March Break Wellness Bingo was very well received, and we appreciate the school community's support with our healthy schools initiatives!

We ask for your support to ensure that classroom time is a focused time for learning. If you need to pick up your child(ren) before the end of the day for an appointment, please notify the classroom teacher and the office ahead of time. An email is often the best way to communicate this information. We have noticed lots of families asking for children to be paged to the office towards the end of the day, and this is interrupting precious learning time for other students. Please note that it can take some time to track down students if their class is outside. Your understanding and patience are appreciated.

We are looking forward to an exciting Spring with Welcome to Kindergarten and Graduation events coming up!

Character Attribute for the month of April



Optimism: - We maintain a positive attitude and have hope for the future.

More information about Character Education can be found here:

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education

Kindergarten Orientation



Kindergarten is the beginning of a wonderful journey of learning, and we want your child to begin their journey in a SCDSB school! Do you have a child who is turning four in 2022? If so, we invite you to register your child for kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit:

www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

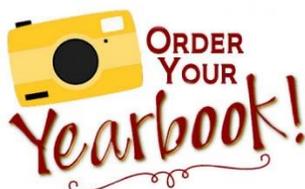
Caribou Math Contest

The Caribou Math Contest is a global online math contest that is held 6 times in the school year. Contests are offered for Grades 2, 3/4, 5/6, and 7/8. Contests have already been completed in October, November, January, February, and April.

The Caribou Cup is the series of ALL the Caribou Contests in one school year. Each student's ranking in the Caribou Cup is determined by their performance in their best 5 out of 6 contests through the school year. After the April contest, the top 3 Caribou Cup finishers for each group are: Grade 2: Colton M., Julian Q., & Johnny M. Grade 3/4: Julia K., Marcus N., & Johnny Q. Grade 5/6: Zalan G., Alora L., & Lily P. Grade 7/8: Loghan M., Lewis E., & Nathan M. The next Caribou Contest is May 11 & 12. Good luck, Thunderbirds!

Yearbook

It is YEARBOOK sales time again! This year the goal is to have the yearbook completed and delivered to the school BEFORE the last day of school. As last year, the yearbook costs \$22. It is available on School Cash Online but will disappear after May 15th. Get your order in now!



The International Dyslexia Association of Ontario

The International Dyslexia Association of Ontario has numerous resources to support your learners. While their focus is dyslexia, a lot of their supports and resources can be applicable to a variety of different learners, and they offer webinars that discuss various topics. We highly recommend that you check out the recommendations in the Right to Read Inquiry.

Bradford Greenhouses

Forest Hill has been accepted in the Bradford Greenhouses fundraising program for the current year.

Five percent of the value of sales will be issued as a gift card for the purchase of Bradford Greenhouses products for school improvements and is available at the Barrie and Bradford locations.

When you make your purchase you must advise the cashier, **prior** to inputting the sale that you support your organization.

Chicken on the Run Fundraiser

We are pleased to continue our partnership with Chicken on the Run, a locally owned and operated small business, to offer fresh and frozen high-quality meats and prepared foods! They offer fresh chicken products, AAA steaks, chicken fingers, bacon, burgers, salmon, lasagna, and more! Forest Hill PS orders receive **FREE CONTACTLESS DELIVERY** to our families and friends with no minimum orders!



Click on www.chickenontherun.ca and use coupon code FOR2022 at checkout.

NEWS FROM SCDSB

SCDSB Schools continue to be mask-friendly environments

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, staff and visitors are no longer required to wear masks in schools, school board offices and on student transportation. SCDSB schools continue to be mask-friendly environments. Masks remain available to students and staff who choose to continue to wear them while in schools. Please encourage your child(ren) to be respectful and understanding of everyone's choice with respect to masking so that SCDSB schools remain the safe, inclusive and welcoming teaching and learning environments they are meant to be for all.

Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). Here are some ways to do that:

- Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://for.scdsb.on.ca>.

You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.

- Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca. Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb).

School Climate Survey

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) aims to provide a safe, supportive learning environment that supports all students in being successful. During the month of April, all students in Grades 4 to 12 will be asked to complete an anonymous and confidential online SCDSB School Climate Survey about how they feel about their school. Any participant of a SCDSB School Climate Survey will not be asked to provide their name or other identifying information because all surveys are anonymous.

The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff related to the [SCDSB Strategic Priorities](#) and will help schools to develop and refine their School Action Plans.

Similar to prior SCDSB school climate surveys, the questions cover a range of topics, such as:

- excellence in teaching and learning;
- mental health and well-being;
- equity, diversity and inclusion;
- community; and,
- experiences of school safety and bullying.

Student Survey

A sample version of the student survey will be available on the [SCDSB website](#). Please call your child(ren)'s school if you have questions about how the student survey will be administered.

Questions?

School staff will be available to answer any questions or concerns a student may have. Questions about the 2021-2022 SCDSB School Climate Survey can also be directed to schoolclimate@scdsb.on.ca.

The information that is collected will be used to help guide our schools in creating and maintaining safe and supportive learning environments for all students. Thank you for your support!

Interested in learning more about the ways that the SCDSB supports students with special education needs and their families? Join us for a virtual special education outreach series

In 2022, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/caregivers in learning more about programs, supports and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs.

Supporting students as they transition into school, from one school to another, and from school upon graduation – information for parents/caregivers

April 12th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma – information for parents/caregivers

May 10th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to register in advance. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. Learn more about each session and how to

register on the SCDSB website at <https://bit.ly/3s8OBm8>.

School council members invited to learn more about skilled trades in the SCDSB at virtual event

School council members from Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) schools are invited to attend Connections 2.0 on April 19. This virtual event, hosted by the SCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), will feature conversations about skilled trades and apprenticeship opportunities and engage

participants in discussions and idea-sharing sessions.

Join guest speaker Elaine McLachlin, the SCDSB's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) Coordinator, for a skilled trades and apprenticeship presentation followed by virtual school tours, a panel discussion on redefining school councils and a breakout session with your PIC representative.

To learn more and register visit www.scdsb.on.ca/connections. Registration closes on April 15.

Students with ASD invited to participate in virtual after-school programs this spring

Social and recreational programs will be offered from April to June for Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB)

students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The programs will be offered virtually, and will focus on using recreation, problem solving, coding and play skills to support social skills development.

Children's Friendship Training

A nine-week, evidence-based social skills intervention for motivated children diagnosed with ASD, who are interested in learning ways to help them make and keep friends.

Play Ball Kidz Recreation Program

A nine-week, multi-component recreation program designed to improve the gross motor skills and social skills of children diagnosed with ASD.

Escape Room Social Skills Program

A nine-week, escape room themed program designed to improve problem solving skills of children diagnosed with ASD by focusing on cooperation and teamwork to support social skills development.

Music Social Skills Program

A nine-week, music-based program designed to improve emotional regulation and social skills of children diagnosed with ASD by focusing on singing, dancing, and playing instruments in a virtual group setting.