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**INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SCHOOL CANCELLATION:
FHPS is "Central" Simcoe County**

BUS CANCELLATION/SCHOOL
CLOSURE: CENTRAL SIMCOE

JANUARY 2018

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES

22nd - French Immersion Application (Registration)
for S.K. students - 9:00 a.m. on 22nd to 9:00 p.m.
on 24th

22nd - Kindergarten 2018 Registration Begins
(Ongoing from this date)

24th - Wendy's Night fundraiser - 4:30 - 7:30

... some future dates

Feb. 5th to 7th - JK/SK, Grs. 2 & 8 - Dental Screening

Feb. 6th - School Competition - Public Speaking
(snow date Feb. 7th)

Feb. 13th - Area Competition - Public Speaking
(snow date Feb. 15th) Feb. 10th - Camp Fair,

Silent Auction & Café
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Feb. 16th - Provincial Report cards go home

Feb. 19th - Family Day - no school

Mar. 6th - SK Grad Photos

Mar. 12th to 16th - March Break

May 31st - Kindergarten Orientation - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

June 4th to 6th - Gr. 6 - Camp Kitchi

Grade 8 Important Dates

February 22nd - Grade 8 Info Night at Eastview:
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

March 6th - Grad Photos

April 28th - Appleby's Fundraiser Breakfast (details to
follow)

June 26th - Grade 8 Graduation - Details to follow

Report cards will be coming home on February 16th this year, and as always, teachers will be using a variety of assessment practices, including tests, projects, conferencing and presentations. Teachers also use the provincial achievement chart categories of Knowledge and Understanding, Thinking, Application, and Communication to evaluate work. Special attention is given to the quality of work at the end of a unit of study or term. As well as looking at formal assessment pieces, teachers talk to and observe each student in the classroom to gather additional input for final grades.

To learn more about the assessment process, please contact your child's teacher or go to <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/success.html>.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Just a reminder that our next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Forest Hill. Everyone is welcome! Come and find out about some of the events planned for 2018! We will be updating everyone on the Midhurst Mile, Grade 8 Graduation plans and several other topics.

We will also be discussing ideas for the ProGrant. Hope to see you there!

Any adults interested in becoming volunteers at Forest Hill should email debra.kapty@gmail.com in order to have an orientation set up.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE!

Happy New Year and welcome back!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the well-deserved break and had an opportunity to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. We know that this will be a wonderful year of learning.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION - BUS
CANCELLATION MESSAGE**



Please be aware that on bus cancellation days, **students who are eligible for transportation** will receive an absence code specific to bus cancellation. If your child/ren is in attendance (dropped off, walked etc.), this code will be removed.

The following message will be received by ALL parents/contacts whose child/ren is absent due to bus cancellations, or if there is an Unexcused Absence (no phone call to Safe Arrival):

"Hello this is an important message from Forest Hill Public School.

*Although the school remains open, school busses have been cancelled due to inclement weather. A student in your household in grade (**student grade**) is absent from Forest Hill, on (**today's date**).*

It is a parental responsibility to contact the school office immediately at 705-721-8300 and press option 1 for the Safe Arrival line, **if you believe that your child should be in attendance.** Otherwise, the school will assume that you are aware of your child's absence."

You do NOT need to call the school if you are aware of your child's absence! Should you wish to be omitted from this phone call, you MUST request that your child/ren is NOT PART OF the Safe Arrival Program.

Sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused.

Forest Hill Camp Fair & Cafe



February 10th, 2018

Forest Hill's Second Annual Camp Fair & Café is offering this opportunity for families to get a jump-start on summer and think about camp for their kids. Registration for most summer programs begins at the end of February or early March. Here is your chance to find out about a number of camps in your community and plan ahead!

Stop by between 10am and 2pm on Saturday, February 10th for more information.

SCDSB INFORMATION

French Immersion Registration

The SCDSB offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, January 22nd, until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24th, 2018 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered in the program. **Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically.**

Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application. Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

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Provide Input on Proposed 2018-19 School Year Calendar

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2018 to June 2019). Starting January 9th, input can be provided by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca, then clicking the link on the 'School Year Calendars' page under the 'Schools' menu. All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. The deadline to submit input is January 31st.

Kindergarten Registration For 2018



Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning Jan. 22, our elementary schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

High School Information Nights coming to a school near you!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights are happening this 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. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: *Eastview S.S., 421 Grove St. E., Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 - 8 p.m.*

Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

Parents Invited to Information Sessions About Special Education

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Jan. 22

Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessments

Feb. 19

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

RVH Film Festival welcomes student submissions

Barrie's Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has partnered with the Simcoe County District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and Unity Christian High School to offer students, classes

and schools the opportunity to participate in RVH's annual Film Festival in two external categories:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6
- Grade 7 and up

This year's theme is "Making mental health matter - how are you making a difference?" Students and classes are invited to make a two-minute video showing how they promote mental health. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 5. Voting will take place from Feb. 16 to 26 and those with the winning entries will be invited to an awards ceremony on March 8. Find out more and submit your video at:
www.rvh.on.ca/SitePages/rvhfilmfestival.aspx.

Five healthy New Year's resolutions for your family

Some of the top New Year's resolutions across all age groups for 2017 were eating healthy, getting in shape and reducing stress. So, how do you set and achieve a resolution to be healthier? It's been proven that the key to success is setting small goals which require steps towards a larger goal. Here are some New Year's resolutions that families can work on together in 2018:

- spend 30 minutes outside playing together as often as possible, regardless of the weather
- find a place that provides opportunities for the entire family to be physically active together or offers child care and after-school programs
- add physical activity or play time to the calendar, such as scheduling an evening walk or fitness class, with the same commitment as other important meetings
- pick a fun run/walk or 5K to do as a family - sign up, train and participate together
- have more family dinners together and involve children in preparing meals as much as possible

For more information about programs offered at the Y for the whole family, please visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka (www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca)

FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY



family!

Please note that the Family Day holiday is on Monday, February 19th. Students do not attend school on that day. It's a great day to spend quality time with your

MARCH BREAK

March Break takes place from Monday, March 12th to Friday, March 16th. They will return to school on Monday, March 19th. Enjoy the break!



SNOWBALLS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY



Students have been reminded through the daily announcements that snowballing is not permitted at school. We are asking parents to discuss this potentially dangerous act with their children. It would be a shame to have a student suspended for causing injury to another student, but our Code of Conduct is clear about "causing physical injury to others". Please help us to keep Forest Hill Public School a safe environment for our students.

SAFE ARRIVAL AND BUS CANCELLATION DAYS

The decision to keep a student home on a bus cancellation/snow days rests with the parent. Our school is open, even when buses are not running on snow days,



unless a school closing has been announced on the radio (**Central Simcoe County weather zone**). **Please be sure to check our school website for bus cancellation information.** We provide a full program for students. Sometimes that program may vary from a typical day, depending upon how many students/teachers are in attendance. Students are welcome and encouraged to attend school on these days. If your student(s) is a walker and there is a bus cancellation day, please be sure to call the safe arrival line if you intend on keeping him/her home.

There will not be any Kiss 'n Ride program on bus cancellation days.

The YMCA leases their space from the Simcoe County District School Board. Please contact them directly on bus cancellation/snow days with any enquiries regarding the operation of the program. **However, when schools are deemed closed, this program is also cancelled.**

INTERRUPTIONS TO CLASSROOMS

It is well documented that classroom interruptions negatively impact student achievement. To this end, we are requesting that interruptions to classrooms do not take place during instructional time unless it's an emergency. If you need your child to be at the office at a particular time before dismissal, please send a note and the classroom teacher will ensure that your son/daughter is in the office at that time.

If you arrive earlier than expected, please be patient and wait until your child arrives, rather than having us call him/her out of class early. As well, we have had many phone calls with changes to end-of-day routines. These calls are also interruptive to classrooms and instructional time. If you need to make a change to the end-of-day routine, please also send a note to the classroom teacher. We appreciate your cooperation. Please keep in mind that teachers do not necessarily check their personal mobiles regularly throughout the school day; therefore, the best method of

communicating these situations is by a note/agenda.

FOREST HILL FUNDRAISING

Wendy's Night



Wendy's Fundraising Night is Wednesday, January 24th, 2018 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Come in and meet your celebrity teachers and other staff members! Get your friends together for a great night of fun, food and fundraising! 393 Bayfield Street location only.

10% of all in-store dining and drive-thru sales, sold between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. go back to Forest Hill!

Winter Reminder and Lost & Found



We would like to remind parents and students of the importance of bringing labeled hats and mitts and other winter apparel to school. Lost and found items will be removed from the box at the end of each month. Items not collected will be sent to a charitable organization.

The number of items in last month's Lost & Found was unbelievable! There were numerous pieces of clothing and shoes that were brand-name labels, in almost brand new condition!

Students and parents are encouraged to make note of this and check for lost items regularly.

GLOBAL ACTION UPDATE

Forest Hill Chess Club

The Primary, Junior and Intermediate Chess Clubs are having a phenomenally successful year! The turnout has been great and the enthusiasm is contagious! We will begin our playoffs after the holidays, and our school team will be competing in

the Area tournament on February 26th at the Education Centre.

Junior Math Road Rally

On December 12th, four of Forest Hill's finest junior mathematical minds went to the Education Centre to compete against twenty-eight other junior teams from across Simcoe County in the Junior Math Road Rally competition. After a day of grueling problem-solving tasks,



Forest Hill's team of Josh V., Mira R., Sophie K. and Jake L. enjoyed tremendous success! Way to go, Junior Mathletes!

HEALTH UNIT NEWS Dental Screening Program



The Oral Health team will be at our school on February 5th to 7th to conduct dental screenings. A dental screening is a quick look in the mouth using a sterilized tooth mirror. Don't forget to look for the information letter from the health unit, which will be coming home with your child just prior to their visit.