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# FOREST HILL P.S.

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JUNE 2018

### IMPORTANT JUNE DATES

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 3 - Simcoe County Museum
- 4<sup>th</sup> - School Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 6 - Camp Kitchikewana
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - School Track & Field
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Area Track & Field Meet - Eastview
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Midhurst Mile - 5 - 7:30 p.m.
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Orchestra performance - 7 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Girlstrong Celebration Run
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Special Gentleman's Day celebration  
- Mrs. Rogers - 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Aboriginal Day Festivities
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Primary Play Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Mrs. Robinson, Ms. Crew - Year-End  
Celebration - 12 p.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Bowman  
- Year-End Celebration - 2 p.m.
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards go home
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School

### Grade 8 Dates

- 25<sup>th</sup> - Grad Rehearsal - morning
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Grade 8 Grad (arrive at church for 5:45 p.m.)  
Ceremony: Willow Creek Baptist Church  
Celebration: Barrie Golf & Country Club

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

An important note for parents/guardians: please remind your children of the very dangerous crosswalk at Doran Rd. & Belmont. We have a significant number of walkers and bikers, and some of them are crossing or riding through without even slowing down. The corner is also slightly hidden. **PLEASE BE SAFE. WALK YOUR BIKE ACROSS AND LOOK BOTH WAYS. MOTORISTS, PLEASE SLOW DOWN!**

Thank you, students, parents, and staff for making this past year productive and successful. Please take some time this summer to relax, rejuvenate, and reflect on all of the great achievements that have occurred this year.

From myself, and all staff at Forest Hill, we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer, and we wish Mme Adair and Mr. Swan all the best in their retirement!!

### THANK YOU, STUDENT HELPERS!



All staff would like to send a big thank you to this year's 'student leaders'. These leaders have had very important jobs within our school and all our students have shown responsibility, reliability, caring and professionalism, so thank you for a job well done!

The staff and students would also like to extend a big "Thank you" to our relentless recyclers, milk monitors, hot dog runners, and pizza lunch helpers, as well as library monitors, kindergarten monitors and bus helpers. These students have contributed to making Forest Hill a wonderful environment in which to learn.

### WELCOME TO SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first Parent Council Meeting of the 2018-19 year is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

All meetings of Council are open and all parents/guardians are invited and encouraged

to attend and participate in these meetings, as members, or on an informal basis. To become a member, simply complete and submit the form that is available in the office, on the website or at any meeting.

Council meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, except in December or March due to the busy nature of those months and holidays. For next year Council meetings are tentatively scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, February 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Should you have any further questions regarding school council you may contact the current School Council Chairs, Debra Kapyt and Marian MacGregor, at [councilchairsfor@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:councilchairsfor@scdsb.on.ca) and/or Linda Blom, Principal.

#### Parent Volunteers

Thank you to all who volunteered at Forest Hill over the year! We will have Volunteer Orientation sessions; you may choose one of the following two dates: the first on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. The second session will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.



All volunteers must attend a volunteer session each school year and complete a form to register. We will introduce you to the staff, programs, emergency plans and special needs students.

Also, in order to volunteer, you must have a Criminal Record Check completed and returned to the office. If you have already done this, you only need to complete an Annual Offence Declaration form each year. These will be available in the school office in September.

#### Are You Moving?



Just a reminder to advise the office if you have any plans on

moving over the summer and will not be returning to Forest Hill P.S. in September.

#### A Note of Thanks to the F.H. Community

You may not know me, but many of you are aware that our son, Joshua, who is a Grade 1 student at Forest Hill, was hit by a vehicle in Midhurst last summer.

This has been an incredibly traumatic ordeal for our entire family and we, as a family, have no words to express the gratitude we feel for the members in this community of Midhurst, as well as surrounding communities, specifically the Forest Hill family. We are grateful to everyone for their support and compassion throughout this nightmare we have endured and continue to endure.

Thank you all for everything you have done to help our son, Joshua, and to help our family. It means the world to us. Have a great summer and hold your children close. You never know when two seconds can be life-changing. Thank you.

Tompsonski and Devenish family

#### Orchestra Concert

The Forest Hill Orchestra is working hard for our concert on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the gym.

#### GIRLSTRONG

Our Girlstrong program is winding down and our 3 km Celebration Run is quickly approaching. The girls have been working hard toward reaching their goals and have been engaging in some great discussions about self-confidence, positive thinking, and healthy lifestyles.



Our **Celebration Run** will take place (rain or shine) on **Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018** - **Tudhope Park (Orillia) @ 6:00 pm.**

### ***Class Lists for September***

On the first day of school in September, staff will be on the yard in grade groupings, by division. Primary grades, from grade 1 to 3, will be on the primary yard tarmac near the Kindergarten rooms. Junior grades, from grade 4 to 6, will be inside the track, and Intermediate grades 7 and 8 will be on the baseball diamond. English classes will be indicated with a letter E after them (for example 1E), French Immersion by an FI (for example 2FI) and Extended French by EFSL (for example 5 EFSL). Grade numbers will be posted on the respective yards: students should gather near that number, where a teacher will be waiting with their class list. After the bell rings, the teacher will read off their class list and will bring their class into the classroom as a group. In case of rain, primary students will be brought into the library, junior students will be brought into the gym, and intermediate students will be brought into the intermediate hallway. Class lists will be read out loud in those locations. Our administrators, Mme Blom and Mrs. McNeice, teacher librarian, planning time teachers and Special Education Resource Teachers and Education Assistants will all have master lists for any student who may need assistance. Parents are reminded that they are to drop their children off on the boundary of the yard and are not to be on the yard after 8:55.

At the end of the first day, your child will bring home a letter with contact information for their teacher. Having worked through this process at previous schools, we are confident that it will go well here. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding with regards to this change in procedure.

### ***September Start-up***

***Please note: Our Elementary Turn-Around Day (reorganization) is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.***

### ***Kindergarten Entry Procedures 2018***



Senior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They are to attend continuously from this time.

All Junior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They are to attend continuously from this time.

### ***GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS***

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.

Parents/guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in the next school year, who wish the school to consider their child for gifted screening are asked to contact Mrs. Clements, Special Education Resource Teacher, before Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

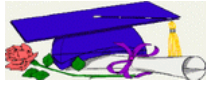
Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent.

A letter examining the gifted screening process in greater detail will be sent to parents of students in Grade 3 in September. Parents will still have the opportunity for nominating their child in September and October.

If you require further information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school.

## GRADUATION UPDATE

### Grade 8 Graduation



**Graduates:** The big day is quickly approaching!

Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Willow Creek Baptist

Church. The ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m., followed by a celebration at Barrie Golf & Country Club. We look forward to seeing you in your Sunday best!

## CALLING ALL UNIFORMS!

We want you back! If you find a Forest Hill Public School team uniform "hanging" around your house, please return it to the office. No questions asked, no hassles given ... promise!



## MRS. MORROW'S LIBRARY NEWS

It takes a group effort to make sure our library is the best it can be. Mrs. Morrow would like to thank the amazing volunteers who put away, straighten, catalogue and label books on a weekly basis. The students of Forest Hill love coming to the library and your help is invaluable! Thanks to Krista Shaw, Lyn Young and Melanie Dolan.



Happy reading this summer. Hopefully you find some great books to curl up with during July and August! Spending some time reading is not only enjoyable, but a great way to keep your brain sharp during the long, hot, lazy, hazy days of summer!

And last, but not least, please **return ALL LIBRARY BOOKS** to the library by Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Morrow  
Librarian

## End of Year Medication/Epi-Pen Pick-up



If your child currently has an epi-pen or any other medication at the school, please be sure to pick it up in the office by Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. It is also important to have your doctor complete a new Student Medical Health Data form over the summer for the 2018/19 school year, if your child continues to require medication at school. A copy of this form is available in the office, which you can obtain upon pick-up of medication.

## Upcoming Programs at the Springwater Library - Midhurst Branch

1. Sign-ups start in person for our popular Summer Reading Camps on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> for ages 5-12. Camp in Midhurst is August 7<sup>th</sup> - August 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 or 2-4. The camp is FREE!! However there is a \$10 refundable deposit in order to reserve your space. You can expect games, outdoor activities, crafts, snacks and stories. The Summer Reading Club is for all kids ages 3-11 with weekly awesome prizes when you bring in your reading log. Some of our COOL prizes are ice cream from Midhurst Pharmacy and The Ice Cream Hut, a Frosty from Wendy's, pizza, frozen yogurt, and mini golf.
2. Back for the second year is our new Teen Summer Bingo for ages 12 and up starting July 2<sup>nd</sup> - August 17<sup>th</sup>. Read and win gift cards, ice cream, Frosters, chocolate bars, etc. when you bring in a completed BINGO card. It's Fun, It's Free and you can also enter to win BIG prizes so prepare to read and WIN!

3. Thursday, June 21st from 6:30-8:30 - FREE 3D Modelling Workshop for kids 10 and up. Digital Sketching - 6:30-7:30/3D Model & Animation - 7:30-8:30 Hosted by Animation Art & Design Academy. Registration required for all workshops. Their Summer Camp held at the Midhurst Library happens from July 30th - August 3rd.
4. Saturday, June 23rd - Home Alone and Babysitter Course by St. John Ambulance. Costs and details are on our website.

### **SCHOOL BOARD NEWS**

#### ***2018-19 School Year Calendars now Approved***

The Ministry of Education has approved the elementary and secondary school year calendars for the Simcoe County District School Board's 2018-19 school year.

#### **2018-19 Highlights:**

- First day of school: Tuesday, September 4, 2018
- First day of school for Junior Kindergarten students: Thursday, September 6, 2018
- Winter Break: December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019
- March Break: March 11 to 15, 2019
- Last day for elementary students: Thursday, June 27, 2019
- Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 26, 2019

You can view the 2018-19 calendars on the SCDSB website ([www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca)) by clicking on 'Schools' and then 'School Year Calendars.'

#### ***Updated Criminal Record Checks Required for Volunteers***

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, and in accordance with the

Education Act, the SCDSB requires a complete and up-to-date Criminal Record Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CRC-VSS) for all volunteers across the system. If you are a current, approved volunteer and your CRC-VSS is more than five years old, you will be receiving a notification this month indicating that you are required to submit a new CRC-VSS. If you wish to continue as a SCDSB volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. Contact the school principal to obtain a CRC-VSS request letter.
2. Bring your CRC-VSS request letter to your local police detachment.
3. Submit your original and complete CRC-VSS to the school office for review by Oct. 31, 2018.

If you are a current SCDSB employee volunteering in the system, you are required to submit an updated CRC-VSS to the school where you will be volunteering. If you have completed a CRC-VSS within the past six months of the start of the school year for another organization, you may submit that original CRC-VSS for review. If you have questions, please contact the school.

#### ***Register Now for Fall International Language***

The SCDSB offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enrol your children in this program to learn a new language, understand a new culture or to extend their knowledge of their first or second language, every student can benefit from this program. The Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) offers Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 15

(classes are dependent on student enrollment). There is no charge for this program. Most classes fill quickly on a first come, first served basis. Register your child by visiting [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com) and clicking on 'Elementary Student.'

***Eye See...Eye Learn program offers free glasses for Junior Kindergarten students***

The Eye See...Eye Learn program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit [www.Eyeseeeylearn.ca](http://www.Eyeseeeylearn.ca). The program is available for current JK students until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

***Canada Education Savings programs are available to help fund your child's education***

The Government of Canada encourages Canadians to use Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP) to save for a child's post-secondary education, which includes full- or part-time studies at a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university or in an apprenticeship program. Employment and Social Development Canada administers two education savings incentives linked to RESPs:

- **Canada Education Savings Grant** - a basic grant of 20% on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a RESP (this grant is available to all eligible Canadians regardless of their family income), as well as the additional amount of Canada Education Savings Grant.

- **Canada Learning Bond** - available for eligible Canadian children from low-income families born in 2004 or later and provides an initial payment of \$500 plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000. Personal contributions are not required.

For more information, visit:  
[www.canada.ca/education-savings](http://www.canada.ca/education-savings).

***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 are on the Learning Centres 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!

***Safe Kids Week is June 4 to 8***

This year's theme focuses on concussions at home, at play and on the road:

- Help reduce the likelihood of head injury, like concussions, during sports, recreation and unstructured play by encouraging your child to use correctly fitting protective equipment and to follow safety rules.
- Teach children about wearing the right helmet for the activity. For example: bike helmets can be used for cycling, in-line skating and scootering,

but skateboarding helmets should be used for skateboarding as they cover the back of the head better.

- Recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion, which can happen even without a direct hit to the head and without losing consciousness. If your child does have signs of concussion, remove them from the activity and seek medical care.
- Be sure to inform your school principal if your child sustains a concussion, either on or off school property.

***Keep your kids healthy, active  
and engaged this summer***

Summer is the time for kids to get outside and grow. But for some kids, exposure to activities that stimulate the body and mind ends with the school year. Studies show 90 per cent of children ages five to 11 years old in Canada do not meet their minimal physical activity requirements. We know that having an active lifestyle in the early years is essential to healthy child development and has a positive impact on mental health. Here are a few tips on how to keep your child's mind and body active this summer:

- Learn a new skill! Over the summer months, there is a wide variety of programs to keep children and youth active. Whether outdoors or in a facility like the YMCA, swimming is a summer time favourite. Consider signing your child up for swimming lessons, giving them the confidence they need to be safe in and around the water.
- Unplug and enjoy the outdoors! Did you know that the average Canadian child spends almost eight hours a day in front of a screen? Research tells us that when children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Look for opportunities for your child to get connected with nature.

With some creativity and advanced planning, parents can keep their children's minds and bodies active this summer! To learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, visit [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca).

*Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka*

