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MAY 2017

### IMPORTANT MAY DATES

- 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> - Mental Health Awareness Week
- 1<sup>st</sup> - School Concert - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Spring Concert - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> - GO Conference
  - Gr. 7 - Tiffin
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 7/8 Gauss Math Competition  
@ Eastview
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day Tea - Browning, Bates,  
& Bowman - 2:00
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Global Action White Elephant Sale
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 6 to 8 - Cyber Safety Presentation  
@ 6:30
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Tea - 11:00 a.m. - Library
- 19<sup>th</sup> - P.A. Day - No School
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Victoria Day - No School
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 2 - Highlands Nordic
- 24<sup>th</sup> - June 5<sup>th</sup> - EQAO Testing
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Midhurst Mile
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Spring Family Picnic - Seeger, McCabe
- 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> - Gr. 7 - Ottawa Trip

### Some June Dates

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Track & Field
- 5<sup>th</sup> - School Council Mtg. - 7 PM - Library
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 6 - Camp Kitchikewana
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 8 - Ottawa
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 5 - Sainte Marie Among the Hurons
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Welcome to Kindergarten - 400 - 5:30 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> - P.A. Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 8 Graduation - Ceremony at Willow  
Creek Baptist Church - 6:30 p.m. (please  
see information in newsletter re change  
of venue)  
Celebration at Georgian College Theatre  
- following ceremony

### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

A quick glance at our monthly calendar will show how busy and fun May is going to be! In

this month we have EQAO provincial testing, track and field, in-school presentations, year-end trips and so much more.

Thank you to all the teacher coaches/volunteers for the many hours of time you give to run activities for our students! The strength of Forest Hill continues to be its people: our students, our staff, our parents, and our volunteers. Each plays a role that is uniquely important. Each makes a positive difference for our students. We thank you and we hope you know how important you are to a school we are all very proud of. We are looking forward to our volunteer appreciation tea on **Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**: if you are unable to make it, please pick up one of our small appreciation gifts from the office.

EQAO dates for grades 3 and 6 are quickly approaching. Please avoid scheduling any appointments for students during the first two instructional blocks of the day (9:10 to 1:10) from May 24<sup>th</sup> until June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and please see further details below.

### HELP PREPARE YOUR CHILD TO WRITE THE EQUAO TESTS

Education Quality and  
Accountability Office



Students in elementary and secondary schools across Ontario write provincial assessments in reading,

writing and mathematics each year. The assessments are developed and scored by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). Each student that completes a provincial assessment receives an Individual Student Report (ISR) which describes the student's achievement. School and board achievement data is used to improve teaching practices and to support student learning.

This year's EQAO testing for Grade 3 and 6 students is from May 24<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. *It would be appreciated if parents could avoid withdrawing students from school (e.g. medical appointments, music etc.) during this time. Thank you for your understanding.*

Further information about the provincial assessments, including resources to help prepare your child for the test, can be found at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

#### **Amazing Speakers come to Forest Hill**

We are happy to announce a number of exciting evening events!! On May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, Forest Hill is pleased to welcome Samantha Ward, Abuse Prevention Coordinator for the Child Advocacy Centre Simcoe/Muskoka ([www.cacsimcoemuskota.ca](http://www.cacsimcoemuskota.ca)) to present "My Online", which touches upon the use of social media and cyber-bullying. The presentation, open to parents and students of grade 6-8, also explores digital citizenship, the sharing of personal information and what/how strangers can learn about you through your social media accounts.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, Dr. Karyn Gordon will be here to address parents in a keynote speech entitled "Building Confidence". Dr. Karyn is the best-selling author of "Dr. Karyn's Guide to the Teen Years" and has written 3 additional resources for parents, teachers and counselors. Dr. Karyn will help parents understand the power of personal attitudes and confidence on their child/teens' behaviour (dating, friendship, motivation, body image) and what they can do to 'bridge

the gap' and increase their power to influence them! Parents will learn:

- how their child/teens' confidence impacts every one of their choices'
- how to inspire them to take responsibility, therefore reducing their anxiety
- 3 simple strategies to 'bridge the gap' and start building their confidence and overall relationship.

This event is open to all of our parents and to our neighbouring schools.

#### **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 12<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.

#### **EARLY PICK-UP AND CHANGE OF END-OF-DAY PLANS!**

In recent weeks, we have had several phone calls from parents, usually mid-afternoon, requesting that we have their child/children in the office at a particular time (usually before end of day), or stating that there has been a change in normal end-of-day routine (student(s) NOT to get on bus, student(s) MUST get on bus, etc.)



These frequent phone calls interrupt classes and students' instructional time. We ask that you PLEASE make note, in your child's agenda, note in book bag, etc. of any requests with

this type of change, so that the teacher can ask the student to be prepared and ready to leave at the desired time.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

### **Kindergarten Entrance 2017**

Senior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and will attend continuously from this time. All Junior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



### **"Welcome to Kindergarten"**

Do you have a child entering kindergarten in September 2017? If so, you and your child are invited to join us on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. for an engaging introduction to the "world of kindergarten".

During the *Welcome to Kindergarten* evening, families will be introduced to the current kindergarten team, administration, and various community supports. Families will also have the opportunity to visit the classrooms, while participating in various learning centers that will set the stage for a smooth transition to school for students and parents alike. All junior kindergartens will receive a bag of fun, interactive learning activities to take home with them. Watch the mail for your "official" invitation. Please RSVP to Lori in the office for an attendance count at [ljankowski@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:ljankowski@scdsb.on.ca) or at 705-721-8300. We look forward to meeting our new families!

### **GRADE 8 TALK**

### **Grad Update**

**Applebee's fundraiser** was a success! Thank you to all who purchased tickets and volunteered at the Applebee's Breakfast Fundraiser on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The student volunteers did a fantastic job serving up some delicious pancakes and bacon to all of our

hungry supporters. We raised \$1176 for the Grade 8 Graduation this year. These funds will be used for things like a DJ, a photobooth, decorations and food so that your Grad is a memorable and fun night!

### **Important Notice: Change of Venue**

The Grad Parent Committee along with the school administration have decided to move the location of the Grad ceremony to Willow Creek Baptist Church in Midhurst because the cost of the Georgian College Theatre became prohibitive. Date and time will remain the same: Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. There will be a 3 ticket/family limit and these tickets will be distributed to families by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a deadline to return any unneeded tickets so that those who require additional tickets may be able to access them on a first-come first-served basis. More information will be made available shortly.

Please look for a Grad information letter that will be sent home in the next couple of weeks that will provide detailed information for the event.

If anyone would like to act as a Chaperone (we are in need of a couple of men), please contact Heather Rissanen by email, at [rissanen@sympatico.ca](mailto:rissanen@sympatico.ca)

### **MIDHURST MILE FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK THURSDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**Midhurst Mile - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Rain or Shine!!**

The big day is almost here! Get your bikes and running shoes ready! Be sure to mark your calendars and keep an eye out for forms and emails going home for food orders (all food orders must be made in advance).

Come out to Forest Hill and show your Midhurst community spirit! This great annual event is a blast for the whole family!! We are

very fortunate to receive outstanding support from local businesses and organizations for our Midhurst Mile. We are looking forward to a great evening of running, biking, boarding, bouncing and so much more!

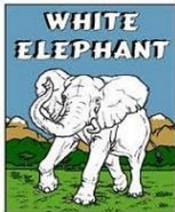
**NEW THIS YEAR:** Do you have bikes in your garage gathering dust? Bring them to the Mile and donate them to the Bike Swap! This swap provides a chance for old bikes to find new owners.

Last but not least, it's not too late to volunteer if you are interested - please contact Jen Morrison at [hockey@resource.net](mailto:hockey@resource.net). Thanks so much to those who have already volunteered!

See you at the Mile!

#### GLOBAL ACTION UPDATE

#### White Elephant Sale



**SALE!**

Doing a little spring cleaning and have no idea where to put all those gently used toys, games, puzzles, books, videos, CDs, ? The Forest Hill Global Action Team will be holding a White Elephant Sale on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> during the

first block of the day. Items will be displayed in the hall outside each class, and students with money will be invited to "shop" throughout the halls of the school! All items will be on sale for \$1.00 or \$2.00 with proceeds going to our Global Action partner organization Elephant Thoughts to support our in support of the school we support in Tanzania.

Items can be sent to your child's teacher any time until Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Any items not sold will be returned to the students who originally donated them. Please do not donate stuffed animals/dolls as we are unable to sell them due to health and safety reasons. Thank you

for your ongoing support of our Global Action initiatives at Forest Hill!

#### CANADIAN NATIONAL MATH LEAGUE COMPETITION

Results are in for Forest Hill's Grade 4 & 5 Canadian National Math League Competition! The contest requires tremendous accuracy, great depth of mathematical knowledge and extremely effective problem-solving skills. Congratulations to the following top finishers:

##### Grade 4

1<sup>st</sup> place Jessica S.

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Abby B.

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dallin W.

##### Grade 5

1<sup>st</sup> place - Kennedy B.

2<sup>nd</sup> place Megan H. & Kierdan M

#### INTERMEDIATE GAUSS MATH COMPETITION

Congratulations to Forest Hill's Intermediate Gauss Math Team for a spectacular effort at the Eastview Competition on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Our marvellous mathematicians faced off against intermediate teams from six other Eastview feeder schools to determine the strongest problem solvers in the land. After a gruelling hour of computational wizardry, the Forest Hill Thundering Mathletes finished their incredible season by winning the Top Grade 7 Team Award and the Top Grade 8 Team Award. In addition to our amazing team success, Shayla K.A. problem-solved her way to winning the highly coveted Top Grade 8 Individual Award amongst all Grade 8 competitors. A special congratulations to this year's team for making this the third consecutive year in which F.H.P.S. has swept both team awards and Top Individual Grade 8 Award!!

Congratulations to all our magnificent mathletes:

Shayla K.-A.	Jake L.	Alexa P.
Cal M.	Claire A.	Emma C.
Wil F.	Alexa P.	Sydney M.
Alicia S.	Jalen S.	Kaecy E.
Josh V.	Colby B.	Sophie K.

## SIMCOE COUNTY HERITAGE FAIR



Three of Forest Hill's brilliant historians created projects on topics in Canadian history and headed to the Simcoe County Museum on April 26<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. McColm to compete against other elementary schools from across the Board. Congratulations to Hilary L. for her project on RCMP Musical Ride, Jake L. for an in-depth look at Early Canadian Cartography, which won the award for Grade 8 Excellence, and to Blythe W. for her study of the Canadian Immigrant Experience entitled "Pier 21" which won the Provincial Fair Delegate Award and now moves on to the Provincial Heritage Fair in June.

## PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council meeting will be Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## SPRINGWATER LIBRARY

Do you love your Springwater Library? Join them for FUNdraising and a Ladies Night Out!

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-8:30 PM. For more information, email [Kathy.cook@springwater.ca](mailto:Kathy.cook@springwater.ca)

## Midhurst Community Hall Canada Day Celebrations

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Saturday, June 17, 2017 - 11am to 4pm - Rain or Shine

Featured Event:



The  
Midhurst 150 Soap Box Derby  
Doran and Finlay Mill Road  
Open to Friends and Family of Springwater  
Township  
Racers must be between 8-13 years old.

Rules and Regulations coming soon. Check [www.springwater.ca](http://www.springwater.ca) for details as they become available.

Classic Car Show and additional events at Lion's Park

## NEWS FROM SCDSB!

### Are You Looking for Work?

The Simcoe County District School Board's Career Centre is ready to help at no cost to you.

The Career Centre has experienced, professional employment consultants available to help job searchers prepare for and find work. Visit the Career Centre for resources, including the use of computers, internet, printer, fax, information sessions, job board and online postings. No appointment necessary and the Centre is open Monday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information on the services available, visit [barriecareercentre.com](http://barriecareercentre.com) or call 705-725-8990. This Employment Ontario service is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

### Register Now for Summer School

A new selection of summer school credit courses is available this July through in-person classes and eLearning. New this year are full credit grade 9 and 10 courses at Bear Creek Secondary School in Barrie. The in-person courses at Bear Creek will run July 4 to 28 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Limited school bus transportation is provided from all areas of Simcoe County. Details can be found on the Learning Centres website:

[www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com). Students can also get information from the school or from any of the SCDSB's Learning Centres. Online registration for current SCDSB students is available through the student portal. eLearning registration is supported through high school Guidance Offices. Non-SCDSB

students can register using the forms on the website.

### ***Stay Safe in the Sun***

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. As the weather gets warmer, follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm
- apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the label instructions
- apply sunscreen to any exposed areas of skin - nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc.
- reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours and after sweating or swimming
- wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses
- if possible, avoid being in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- when you're outside, look for shade

For more sun safety tips, visit [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.

### ***Immunization Reminder***

By law, all students need to have an up-to-date immunization record on file at the health

unit. Since starting Kindergarten, your child may have received new immunizations. A reminder - you must send your child's updated immunization records to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit for:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio, and Pertussis
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
- 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 exemption (medical or affidavit). If the health unit does not have an updated record, students could be temporarily suspended from school. Follow these steps to help us:

1. Check your child's yellow immunization card
2. Contact your health care provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations
3. Share the complete record with us at [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) or fax the record to the health unit at 705-726-3962

Questions? Contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*