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MAY 2022

Important Dates

May

17th – International Day Against Homophobia,
Transphobia and Biphobia
23rd – Victoria Day – No School

June

3rd – PA Day – No school for students
19th – Father’s Day
23rd – Grade 8 Graduation
24th – Elementary Report Cards sent home
28th – Last day of school

Registration for this event is required. To register, please email the CouncilChairFOR@SCDSB.on.ca. The link to the presentation will be sent to registered participants the evening of the event.

See the attached flyer for details on the presentation.



A Message from Admin



The Forest Hill Parent Council is proud and excited to bring a virtual presentation to our parent and caregiver community

focusing on the realities of systemic racism. Presented by the local organization UPLift Black, this hour and a half presentation will complement the presentations that are being offered by SCDSB. This workshop brings a local perspective and will provide practical tips on how to raise children to be anti-racist. This presentation will be followed by a Q&A session with the presenter specific to the topics discussed during the workshop. Should you have questions specific to Forest Hill Public School, those questions will be forwarded to our Administration to be addressed at our next council meeting.

Character Attribute for the Month of May

Respect -- We treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity.



More information about Character Education can be found here:

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education

Date: May 24, 2022
Time: 7pm EST

Kindergarten registration for September 2022 is open!

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: scdsb.on.ca /kindergarten.

Kindergarten Entrance 2022



Senior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022, and will attend continuously from this time. All Junior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Thursday, September 8th, 2022.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Do you have a child entering kindergarten in September 2022? If so, you and your child are invited to join us in person on Thursday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m. for an engaging introduction to the "World of Kindergarten".



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.

There are still some situations where masks are to be worn. Examples include:

- When traveling outside of Canada masks are to be worn for 14 days upon return.
- After testing positive for COVID-19 masks are to be worn on days 6 through 10 following a five-day isolation period.

For more information visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website at simcoemuskokahealth.ca

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).

Registration is now open for the SCDSB's elementary Virtual Learning Program for the 2022-2023 school year

Planning is underway for September 2022, including the opportunity for families to register their child(ren) for the SCDSB's elementary Virtual Learning Program. The SCDSB's elementary Virtual Learning Program will be available to students in kindergarten to Grade 8 for the 2022-2023

school year. Families who choose to have their child(ren) learn virtually will be provided with 300 minutes per day of synchronous learning, taught by a qualified SCDSB teacher and supported by education support staff, including educational assistants, as appropriate.

Register by May 6, 2022, to secure a space in the elementary Virtual Learning Program for your child(ren) in 2022-2023. Registrations received after May 6 will only be considered based on available space. For more information and to register, visit scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/virtual_learning_program.

Parent/guardian school climate survey

In April 2022, the SCDSB administered the school climate survey for students in Grades 4 to 12. Between May 2 and May 27, the SCDSB invites parents/guardians of elementary and secondary students to participate in the 2021-2022 SCDSB School Climate Survey for parents/guardians. The online survey is completely anonymous and confidential. Participants will not be asked to provide their name or other identifying information.

Similar to previous SCDSB school climate surveys, the questions will cover a range of topics, such as the overall tone of the school, school safety, student well-being and belonging.

Parents/guardians will receive a link to the climate survey via the email on file at their children's school, or can access the survey through the SCDSB website at scdsb.on.ca/about/goals_reporting/school_climate.

Questions can be directed to schoolclimate@scdsb.on.ca.

Register now for summer child care

Child care programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party child care

operators in some SCDSB schools. To support your child care needs, some operators offer child care over the summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found

at scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after

Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to be part of a three-year partnership with Pine River Institute (PRI). The Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) will provide several multi-part learning series focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There is an upcoming webinar in the learning series specifically planned for parents and guardians during this school year.

May 19 Understanding addiction and addictive behaviours

We hope you save this date in your calendar and join us for this learning opportunity. For more information and to register, please visit the mental health and well-being page on the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/3jGaC74>.

Pine River Institute is a live-in treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth aged 13 to 19 struggling with addictive behaviours and often other mental health issues. Combining therapy with a fully accredited education program, PRI reinforces the healthy life skills required for a successful future. CFI@PRI extends PRI's knowledge, experience and evidence-informed treatment approach to families and care providers in the community to support youth mental wellness and prevent the need for more intensive

interventions. Learn more about PRI by visiting their website at www.pineriverinstitute.com.

Family fun with multiplication facts!

Has your child been asked to practice their math facts at home? Math facts are best learned in a purposeful way that helps students make connections between the facts, as opposed to memorizing them individually.

Some tips for supporting fact fluency at home:

1. Practice the facts in a meaningful order.
 - start with foundational facts like 2s, 10s, 5s, 1s and 0s
 - move on to more challenging facts that can be found using combinations of foundational facts, like 3s, 4s, 6s, 8s, 9s and 7s
 - use this Mastering Math Facts link below to learn strategies to support each group of facts: <https://bit.ly/3jZKROQ>
2. Help your child see that the order of the factors does not change the product.
 - example: $2 \times 5 = 10$ and $5 \times 2 = 10$
3. Help your child practice by decomposing more challenging facts into known facts.
 - example one: 7×8 can be thought of as $(7 \times 4) + (7 \times 4)$
 - example two: 5×7 can be thought of as $(5 \times 5) + (5 \times 2)$
4. Help your child visualize the facts by building arrays and drawing pictures to represent them. Follow this link for helpful resources: <https://mathvisuals.wordpress.com/multiplication-division/>.
5. Play games such as:
 - Blockout: <https://mathforlove.com/lesson/blockout/>
 - Math Flips: <https://mathvisuals.wordpress.com/math-flips/>
 - Stick and Split: <https://www.stickandsplit.com/>
6. Allow your child as much time as they need to find an answer for a fact. This will lower the stress and support them with using the strategies they are learning, and they will soon become automatic with practice.