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NOVEMBER 2017

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

- 6th - School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 9th - Georgian Theatre - Peter Pan - Grades 1 - 3
- 10th - Progress Reports Go Home!
- 10th - Remembrance Day Services
- 16th - International Day for Tolerance
- 16th - Photo Retakes
- 15th - 17th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 17th - P.A. Day - No school
- 19th - 25th - Bullying Awareness Week
- 20th - WONDER Movie - Grades 4 - 6

... and some important Dec and Jan. Dates

- Dec. 25th - Jan. 5th - Holiday Break
- Jan. 17th - French Immersion Information Night
(6:00 - 8:00 in Library)
- Jan. 23rd - FI Registration Opens 9:00 a.m.
through to 25th at 9:00 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Parent-teacher conferences provide an opportunity to enhance communication between parents and teachers. Children are different at home and in school; parent-teacher conferences enable the opportunity for both to have a better understanding of your child. Preparing for the conference is helpful -- ask your child if he/she has concerns or anything that they would like you to communicate to the teacher. You may wish to prepare a question or two for the conference. If you haven't yet signed up for a conference time, please get in touch with your child's teacher as the conferences are taking place during the period of November 15th to 17th.

Outstanding Volunteerism

Kudos to our very own Forest Hill student, Shayna Borhan, for receiving an Ontario 150 youth award. Shayna received the award from MPP Ann Hogarth for outstanding volunteerism! Way to pay it forward, Shayna!

SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN

As the Christmas season approaches, we are reminded of those communities in Canada who are less fortunate than our own. In addition, we hope to continue to educate our students on the importance of sharing and giving. Therefore, we will be participating this year in the "I Love First Peoples" Shoebox Campaign. This is a great way to teach your children about budgeting for gifts and of course about the joy of giving.



Monsieur Babb and his Grade 7 and 8 Extended French class will be spearheading this initiative along with the support and encouragement of the Forest Hill community! Stay tuned for morning announcements... The deadline for contributions is Thursday November 30th. You may also choose to visit the website at WWW.ILFP.CA

Safe Arrival



Many thanks to all our parents who call into our student safe arrival program. If you've sent a note to the teacher(s), please call the safe arrival line as well. Sometimes

there may be a supply teacher who may not be aware of your child's absence.

With hockey season upon us (whether it be for practices, games, tournaments), many students are either absent for the morning and/or afternoon, or out of town at tournaments. Please be sure to call the Safe Arrival line on these dates. It will save you receiving a call from the automated safe arrival line!

Remember that the school's voice mail can be accessed for safe arrival at any time (705-721-8300, press #1).

KISS 'N RIDE DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Please DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR when dropping your students off/picking up at the end of day, in the Kiss 'n Ride. This practice creates congestion for other cars trying to exit the Kiss 'n Ride area and driveway. Please use caution and be sure to remain in your vehicle while doing either of these before and after-school routines.

EARLY DISMISSAL

We have been experiencing a *very high number of phone calls from parents* requesting that their child/ren be in the office for a specific time, leaving early, asking for messages to be passed on, i.e. don't get on the bus, or get on the bus, someone other than the usual is picking up at the end of the day, etc. These calls into classrooms, made by the office staff to relay messages, are extremely disruptive to *instructional time*. *Please be sure to send a separate note in with your student*, indicating any

changes to regular routine. This will help alleviate some of the unnecessary interruptions to classrooms. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

TERRY FOX UPDATE

Congratulations to the Forest Hill School Community! We raised over \$10,000 this year for our Terry Fox Run. This brings our 25 year total to \$147,000!
Thank You!

New HOLY DAYS and HOLIDAYS CALENDAR

SCDSB's new Holy Days and Holidays Calendar now available

The students and staff of the SCDSB represent a rich diversity of faith traditions. The Holy Days and Holidays calendar helps identify some of the important days of commemoration, however it isn't designed to be a complete listing of religious days. Students and staff from a particular faith background may or may not be absent from school on these special days. If they do attend, certain accommodations may be required.

To view the July 2017 - December 2018 calendar, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, click on 'Schools,' 'School Year Calendars' and then 'Holy Days and Holidays Calendar.' You can also learn more the significant faith dates that the SCDSB recognizes.

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

Treaties Recognition Week

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's **Nov. 5 to 11**. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty 5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty.

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties

and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties and www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/qdoo-sastamoo-kii-mi/

November 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week

Nov 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week. The SCDSB will be marking this week by providing schools with a variety of resources to increase awareness and education among staff and students. We hope that your child will share some of what they are learning this week and we have included some helpful resources to support you in conversations you might be having with your kids:

- www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/unplug-and-play
- <http://parentactionondrugs.org>
- www.drugfreekidscanada.org
- www.camh.ca

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country team had another great season this year. The coaches weren't at all surprised at the 130 eager students that showed up the first week of school to join the team. Ms. Blue did an excellent job training the grade 6,7 and 8 students. The runners trained both on school property and throughout the Midhurst community. Mme Stainton and Mrs. Wilson happily took on the large group of grade 4 and 5 students, many very excited to be on their first school team. The juniors practiced on school property and became hill and sprint masters. Our first meet was at Sunnidale Park. Huge thanks goes out to Deb Kapy and the amazing group of volunteers for their help at the finish in the pouring rain all day! Forest Hill was pleased at our performance at the Sunnidale Regional Meet. The Grade 4 Boys and Grade 8 Girls

teams brought home first place banners. We also had numerous second place team finishes by the grade 4 Girls, Grade 5 Boys Grade 5 Girls, Grade 6 girls, grade 6 Boys and Grade 7 Girls teams. This allowed those teams to move on to the County Championships. The Counties were held at Moonstone and it was a perfect day to run a race. All runners did an amazing job running and representing our school. The Grade 4 Boys brought home a first place banner and special individual recognition for placing in the top ten goes to Noah L., Kam H., Ben R., Regan G., Patrick L., Keenan H. and Chris H. Well done everyone. See you all next year.

LIBRARY NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Scholastic Book Fair and helped to make it our most successful one yet! This would not have been possible without the help of the awesome Book Fair volunteers, thank you!



TREATS BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL

If you are sending/bringing treats into your child's class for birthdays or special occasions, please contact the teacher ahead of time to make sure there are no food allergies in the classroom. We have several anaphylactic children at Forest Hill, and these allergies can be life-threatening! Also, please stop at the office first with your treats/cupcakes, etc. so we can ensure that they are nut-free. We appreciate your cooperation, and know that you will understand our concern.



GLOBAL ACTION UPDATE

The Barrie and Elmvale Food Banks have once again requested our support for their annual Christmas Food Drive programs. Non-perishable food items will be collected at the school. It is amazing to



see that students in many of our classes have already started to bring in items for our food drive!! Forest Hill will once again be challenging all the schools in Simcoe County to take part in our annual friendly competition to see which school in the county can collect the most items for the Christmas Food drives. Let's go, Forest Hill!!!

We will be starting to sell our "From Farm to Table Canada" popcorn for \$1.50 per bag on Thursday afternoons at second nutritional break in the front foyer. Our first date of sales will be Thursday, November 2nd. The popcorn is nut free and pesticide free. Our four flavours are: White Cheddar, Kettle Corn, Butter & Salt, and Dill Pickle.

Money raised will be used to support our partner fundraising group, Elephant Thoughts, and will be put towards the cost of a teacher, school supplies and a lunch program for our supported school in Angaza, Tanzania.

Forest Hill Chess Club

The Forest Hill Chess Club will continue this year, with the Rookie Chess Coach, Ms Watson stepping into the very big shoes left by Mrs. McColm. Please listen to the announcements to make sure you do not miss a Chess Club meeting!

Bus Cancellation Information



Bus cancellation information reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the *CENTRAL* zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here:

<https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>

For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, follow our school's Twitter account at @ForestHillPS or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.



Our school has moved to an automated safe arrival system. The first parent/guardian listed in the student file will receive an automated call on days when buses are cancelled if their child isn't at school. The recording will tell you that you do not need to call the school back unless your child should be at school.



As well, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the winter weather to come! Warm hats, boots, snow pants and jackets will allow the students to play outside comfortably!

Visitors and Volunteers

Please ensure that if you are coming in to volunteer or visit a classroom, you stop by the office to sign in and pick up one of the 'volunteer' or 'visitor' passes, hanging underneath the counter. Volunteers must submit their Annual Offence Declaration Form on or before December 31st, 2017 or they will be deleted from the volunteer database January 1, 2018 and will have to submit a new Criminal Records Check and Vulnerable Sector Screen.



SAFE SCHOOLS TOOL

SCDSB online tool for reporting bullying, drug use or vandalism

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://for.scdsb.on.ca>, as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is our top priority. For more information, visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

STAY HEALTHY THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person.

These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.



The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty you can use alcohol based hand rub "hand sanitizer" for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family

healthy this school year, contact *Health Connection* at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

OHIP UPDATE

OHIP+ PROVIDES FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrollment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus.

Updating your child's Immunization Record

It's time to update your child's immunization records

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up to date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. It's easier than ever to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record, or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

ARTSHINE - WINTER 2017/18
(Gr. 1 - 4 students)



WINTER 2017

Season 5 at a Glance

Inspired by Canadian artists: Students will be inspired to create their own works of art,

inspired by our very own Canadian artists!

Charcoal: Students will have the opportunity to work with two different types of charcoal to produce intricate and unique works of art.

Inspired by Ontario: From Muskoka to Inspired landscapes, to intricate native art, students will get to create artworks inspired by Ontario.

*A cursive writing project will be included during this season.