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OCTOBER 2018

IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES

- 2nd - Volunteer Orientation - 6 PM - Library
- 2nd - School Council - following Volunteer Orientation
- 4th - Gr. 3 - Swim to Survive
- 4th - Meet the Teacher/Open House - 4:30 - 6 PM
- 8th - Thanksgiving Day
- 10th - Cross-country Regionals - Sunnidale
- 11th - Gr. 3 Swim to Survive
- 15th - Gr. 7 - Immunizations
- 16th - Cross-country Counties - Mt. St. Louis
- 22nd - PA Day - No school
- 23rd - School Photos - All grades
- 24th - School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 31st - Halloween

concerns to the office. Parents, please assist us in reminding our students of playground safety.

REMINDER TO PARENTS!

Parents are reminded to send a note with your child whenever there will be a change in routine. Teachers are not always able to access Remind apps for messages and/or notes. The office is very busy at the end of the day. Please ensure that any last minute changes to end of day routine are called in to the office prior to 3PM.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

EQAO

If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to have a look at the EQAO scores which are now available on the public website. We're pleased to report that we have a steady upward trend in grade 6 and we continue to do well in grade 3. Please visit <http://eqao.com> for the full report. As always, we know that favorable results like these are largely due to the strong partnerships we have between home and school. Congratulations to all of you! Individual EQAO reports will be sent home in early October.

Safety

We encourage all of our students and guests to be very careful on and around the grounds of Forest Hill Public School. Please be careful of any items or weather conditions that may cause trips or falls, and please report any

ATTENTION:

MORNING KISS 'N RIDE USERS

As you know, most schools do not offer a morning kiss 'n ride program. Without our enthusiastic parent volunteers, we too would not have this program. We ask that you use the Kiss 'n Ride the following way:

- Arrive timely, 5 - 10 minutes before the bell at 9:10 to avoid last minute rush congestion
- Drivers DO NOT get out of your vehicle
- Volunteers will assist with doors to enable students to get out quickly - passenger side exits only
- As the line gets busy, please drive up farther to prevent congestion

- Obey idling zones and bus entry protocols
- Remind your child to go to their designated play area
- Thank your volunteer!

On another note, at the end of the day when picking up in the kiss 'n ride, please drive right to the end of the designated pick-up area. Please **DO NOT** park right at the entrance!

OUTDOOR SUPERVISION

Please do not drop your child/ren off at school before 8:55 a.m. There is no supervision on the yard before that time. Parents, please do not remain on the yard after 8:55 a.m. Thank you.

HEALTHY CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS

Classroom and school celebrations are great opportunities for children to practice the healthy eating messages they learn in the classroom. Help teach the importance of healthy eating by choosing healthy foods to send in the next time your child's class is celebrating. Here are some ideas:

- Send a tray of watermelon slices, orange slices, apples or fruit kabobs
- Make homemade mini muffins with whole wheat flour and grated carrots or apple
- Send a tray of whole grain crackers, cubes of lower fat cheese and grapes
- Send a veggie platter - get creative by arranging it in fun shapes
- Prepare chocolate dipped strawberries for a sweet treat

Looking for more information to help keep you and your family healthy? Call Health

Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-5720 to speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahahealth.org.
Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, from all the staff at Forest Hill Public School.



HALLOWEEN TREATS - SAFE SNACKS

As the stores begin to fill with Halloween candies and costumes, we would like to remind you of our **REDUCE THE RISK** program at Forest Hill Public School. You can further support our efforts by purchasing peanut/tree nut-free candy to give out on Halloween night. Look for **SAFE TO SHARE** symbols. Your support when buying Halloween treats that are peanut/tree nut safe will greatly reduce the potential number of unsafe treats brought to school.

HALLOWEEN AT FOREST HILL

The Halloween season is fast approaching and the primary staff is gearing up for the annual primary Halloween Fun Fair!



On Tuesday, October 31st, students in grades 1-3 will be participating in the Fun Fair from 2:00 to 3:00.

Students will be travelling to all of the primary classes where they will have an opportunity to participate in the spooktacular activities.



Children are asked to dress in black and orange instead of costumes.

Thank you in advance for your support in making the 13th annual Halloween

Fun Fair a day to remember!

MRS. MORROW'S LIBRARY NEWS

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Library on the following days:

Tues., Oct. 2nd - 12 - 4

Wed., Oct 3rd - 9:10 - 3:30

Thurs., Oct. 4th - 9:10 - 3:30

and after school from 3:30 -

6:30 in conjunction with our

Meet the Teacher/Open House. The final day is

Friday, Oct. 5th - 9 - 12



Hope to see you there!

VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE



Please be sure to check our school website often, at www.for.scdsb.on.ca.

Our website is updated regularly, with new dates added for upcoming field

trips, activities, sports teams, staff information.

SCDSB NEWS

School Council Members invited to Connections event on October 23rd

School council members are invited to join us at Connections, the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) school council development and networking event.

When: Tues. Oct. 23, 4 to 7 p.m.

Where: SCDSB Education Centre,
1170 Hwy. 26, Midhurst

Participants can gather tips and important information to help you in your role on school council, contribute to group discussions, browse booths and enjoy snacks from our approved vendors, and network with fellow school council and Parent Involvement Committee members. This year, we welcome Jacqui Strachan, Communications Director, People for Education, who will discuss fundraising and equity within a school council.

Register at www.scdsb.on.ca/connections.

Register by Oct. 16 for your chance to win a \$500 parent engagement grant for your school. The winner(s) will be drawn at the event. You must be in attendance to win the prize.

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place October 22 to 26, 2018. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, will offer bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation. Wed., Oct. 24 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely. For more information, visit the SCSTC website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.

**Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc.
with SchoolCash Online**

We have made it easy for parents to make their school purchases from the convenience of their own home. Whether it's lunch days, field trips or school wear, we have it online for you! Follow these three steps to get started:

1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com or visit our school website and click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through bank transfer or credit card

It's safe, fast and convenient. Contact the office with any questions.

**Fire Prevention Week
is October 7th to 13th**

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on three fundamental actions people can take to be fire-safe:



- * **LOOK** for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
- * **LISTEN** for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.
- * **LEARN** two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading

outside open easily and are free of clutter.

**It's time to update your child's
Immunization Record**



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 easy 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 (toll free). Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

**October is International Walk to
School Month**

Get in on the fun and be part of this worldwide event! Encourage your child or teen to walk or cycle to and from school if you live close by and team up with others to make the trip more fun. If you usually drive your child to school, try getting them to walk part of the way. If your child takes the bus, walking to and from the bus stop is a great way to add physical activity minutes into the day. Walking or cycling allows kids to enjoy the outdoors and get their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Learn more: <http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/international-walk-to-school-month/>.

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