



Lake Simcoe Public School

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A Message from your Principal, Mrs. Henderson

What an amazing Fall we have been having. The leaders in the building are always busy. Whether it is with Eco Schools, helping coach a team, refereeing a volleyball game, lunch helping, starting a new club and also remaining a positive member of our school community, they are SUPER!!!! Thank you for your hard work and commitment to being a fantastic role model for those to follow. A safety message to all: When sending your child to school and they are coming independently (which is excellent self regulation and leadership skill building) please ask that they go DIRECTLY to school and not stop at the various parks or side streets unless they are picking up a friend. The same goes for at the end of the day, we ask that students are dismissed and go directly home. Once they have checked in at home, then head out to play for fresh air and fun. That way parents/guardians know where their child (ren) is. School Council has started and is already a busy hub of activity. Planning events, guiding the new council through the commitment of the 4 strategic priorities and fostering connections with our new families. The first "Get Active Night" was well received. It was an opportunity to come out and enjoy games in the multipurpose room or in the gym. Look for the next event and hope to see more families out. Reminder that games can be signed out of the library for family use and then returned.

las.scdsb.on.ca is where you can go to find the MOST important and relevant information. We blast out reminders ALL the time and Weekly News. PLEASE go online and subscribe as it takes 1 minute to do and then you have all the current information from the school.

Have a wonderful November, please see all the fantastic ways to get involved. Watch our Twitter feed or the school website for upcoming news and events.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- Remembrance Day Ceremony November 11th
- Photo Retake Day November 13th
- Grade 7 Immunizations November 14th
- French Immersion Information Night @ Goodfellow PS for Year 2 students interested in FI November 19th

- Book Fair Begins November 21st
- Interview Night November 21st
- PA Day November 22nd



SAFE ARRIVAL:

PLEASE, PLEASE.... Make sure IF your child is absent that you call our SAFE ARRIVAL LINE! IF you have or want to OPT out of this program, call the school.

Kiss 'n Ride

This is a reminder to NOT park in the Kiss & Ride area; this area is for a continual flow of traffic. If you need to stop and park to let little ones out, please park in the actual designated parking lot spots. If that lot is full, there is parking on the road BUT please be careful crossing this area as it is not supervised.

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

Dropping Items @ School: Please pack all necessary items with your child in their back pack. Inevitably, items will be forgotten from home and if you need to drop something off at school, the following process is to be followed. Please understand that the office is a busy place and we will make every effort to ensure it gets to the right spot but it is good to communicate with your child that an item is coming and have them come and get it at the break.

- Table outside of the office is where items are placed
- White sticker to be filled out with your child's name and teacher affixed to the item
- Office Helpers will attend to the items at **designated break times**

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

Inclement weather and bus cancellation information reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'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. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

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](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>

Safe water in our school

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, along with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, works with local school boards in their efforts to ensure children are protected from unnecessary exposure to lead from drinking water. All schools are required to flush their plumbing regularly and sample their water to test for lead. Samples must be collected at every tap that provides drinking water or that is used to prepare food or drink for children under the age of 18. Schools are required to test both standing (water that has been sitting in the distribution lines) and flushed water (water which has run through the lines) for lead on a regular basis (e.g. annually). Flushing has been shown to reduce lead levels in water and is a recognized lead reduction strategy. If a school's drinking water test result is above the provincial drinking water standard for lead, the schools communicate these results to the local Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks to ensure corrective actions are carried out and the problem is resolved. Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

High school information nights for Grade 8 students coming to a school near you!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: **January 15th, 2020 at Nantyr Shores Secondary School Cafetorium from 7:00 - 8:30 pm .**

Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov. 5 to 9

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 9. 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.

November 20 is Eat Well to Excel Day in Simcoe County!

Eat Well to Excel (EWTE) is the local student nutrition program in Simcoe County. EWTE is a non-profit community partnership that supports volunteer-run student nutrition programs in over 185 schools/programs (including elementary and secondary schools, learning centres and alternative programs) in Simcoe County. Research shows that students with access to a breakfast program have reduced risk for disease, are more likely to come to school and participate in class, have better test scores and are more likely to graduate.

Here's how you can support your school's EWTE program: · Donate money via www.eatwelltoexcel.ca - click on 'donate now' (a printable tax receipt will be issued), and be sure to include the school's name in the comment box, otherwise the money will be used to support the purchase of equipment and food for schools with high needs

- Donate money directly to the school
- Share your fundraising ideas. If you have an idea, or would like to assist, please contact the committee via <http://eatwelltoexcel.ca/contact-us/>
- Volunteer – schools are often looking for help to purchase, prepare and serve food– reach out to our school council members to support this.
- Join the EWTE partnership committee. To find out more, complete the form at <http://eatwelltoexcel.ca/volunteers/> For more information, contact us via <http://eatwelltoexcel.ca/contact-us/>.

Attend a French immersion information night

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations. Information sessions take place in November for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. (**Goodfellow PS on November 19th @ 6pm**). A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details. Information session dates will be posted at www.scdsb.on.ca/secondary/program_options/French_as_a_second_language. The online Grade 1 French Immersion application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 2 until 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20. In Grade 1, enrollment in the FI Program is limited to a maximum of two classes of 20 students per class at each host site for the FI program. Beginning this year, entry into the FI program will be determined through a digitally randomized lottery system. Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

Keeping SCDSB school communities informed on labour updates

In August 2019, provincial and local contracts for all education workers in the province of Ontario expired. In the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), this means that all our unionized groups are at different stages of contract negotiations at the provincial and local levels. The SCDSB will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates on the status of negotiations and our schools whenever possible. Labour updates are issued on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca/about/labour_updates), Facebook (www.facebook.com/SCDSB), Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools) and on the labour updates information line at 1-877-728-1187.

Host families needed for international students

Our partner in providing homestay to the SCDSB's international students, Canada Homestay Network (CHN), is recruiting host families to welcome international students into their homes.

Host families help international students realize lifelong dreams, and benefit from a unique experience with another culture. As a host, you also receive an allowance to offset expenses. CHN is always looking for hosts, learn more about specialized recruiting at <https://www.whyihost.ca>. Learn about a current homestay family here or get more details about the program on the Canada Homestay Network website.

Information provided by the Canada Homestay Network

It's all about the connection

Young people are more likely to grow up successfully when they have close connections with the important adults in their lives. Through these connections, young people discover who they are, what they are capable of and how to make a positive contribution in their community. Here are some ways to help keep your relationship with your child strong:

- *Show them they matter to you. Encourage their efforts and believe in them.
- *Push them to keep getting better. Expect their best, while helping them learn from mistakes.
- *Help them complete tasks and achieve goals. Stand up for them when they need it.
- *Treat them with respect and give them a say. Take them seriously and treat them fairly.

Connect them with people and places that broaden their world. Inspire them about their future.

Brush as a team until age 8

Baby teeth are important, and kids under age 8 still need help from an adult to brush. Help your child to brush their teeth twice a day for two minutes using a pea sized amount of fluoridated toothpaste. Before school and before bed are two great times to get into the habit of brushing. Cavities can be painful and can lead to infection, so be sure to get any toothaches checked by a dental professional.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit offers some free dental services for children and teens. Contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Cell Phones:

Starting in November, the Ontario Government is making changes to cell phone policies in classrooms to improve student learning. Attached is the link to the parents' guide to the Ontario Code of Conduct. <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/code.html>

Standards of Behaviour: Respect, civility and responsible citizenship All school members must:

- respect the need of others to work in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching, including by ensuring that cellphones and other personal mobile devices are only used during instructional time for educational purposes (as directed by an educator), for health and medical purposes and/or to support special education needs

Instructional practice is determined by each individual teacher and as a result every class will be different. In order to support student learning, teachers will decide if technology free instructional time is needed for the lesson they are teaching. If parents need to contact their child for an emergency, as always directed, they may call the office and we will contact the teacher.

Celebrate peace in your community

November is often seen as a month of reflection and gratitude. The sight of poppies and wreaths serve as a reminder of the brave men and women who fought for peace and freedom. The month of November also plays host to a nationwide YMCA initiative called Peace Week. From Nov. 16-23, the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka encourages members of the community to celebrate the presence of peace in their local and global communities.

Peace means more than the absence of violence and conflict. Peace is an ongoing process of building fairness, equality, security and respect for diversity. Simple actions like sharing, being patient or smiling and saying hello can have a far greater impact than we think. How can you act for peace daily? Here are 10 ways to get you started:

- Help an elderly neighbor
- Organize a peace-themed event at your school
- Add your voice to important issues facing the world
- Volunteer at the YMCA or another peace-focused organization
- Treat others the way you want to be treated
- Learn about other cultures through books or films
- Keep an open mind
- Ask questions rather than make assumptions
- Be the change you want to see in the world
- Share your commitment to peace with others

As part of the Peace Week celebrations, the YMCA invites everyone to be part of the conversation. Share on social media something you do to foster peace in your home, school, workplace or community, or join one of the many YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Yoga for Peace classes. Sessions are free and open to the community.

When we act for peace together, we build stronger and healthier communities. Join the #ymcapeaceweek social media discussion and add your own #actforpeace ideas. For more information, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/peace-week.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

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SCHOOL BUS WEATHER ZONE: **CENTRAL** — www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1	2	
3	4 <i>Subs</i> <i>School Council Meeting 6:15 to 7:30</i>	5 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	6 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Wear Pink!</i>	7 <i>Lunch Lady</i> <i>Jr Boys V-Ball Regionals @ Lake Simcoe</i>	8 <i>Pasta</i>	9
10	11 <i>Subs</i> <i>Remembrance Day Ceremony</i>	12 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	13 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Wear Pink!</i> <i>Photo Retake Day</i>	14 <i>Lunch Lady</i> <i>Grade 7's Immunizations</i> <i>World Diabetes Day</i>	15 <i>Pasta</i> <i>Report Cards go Home</i>	16
17	18 <i>Subs</i> <i>Int. Girls B-Ball Zones Tournament @ Goodfellow</i>	19 <i>Lunch lady</i> <i>Int. Boys V-Ball Zones Tournament @ Lake Simcoe</i> <i>Gr. 1 FI Meeting @ Goodfellow 6pm</i>	20 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Wear Pink!</i> <i>Book Fair</i>	21 <i>Lunch Lady</i> <i>Book Fair Evening</i> <i>Interview Night</i>	22 PA Day <i>Book Fair Morning Only</i> <i>Interviews in the Morning</i>	23
24	25 <i>Subs</i>	26 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	27 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Wear Pink!</i>	28 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	29 <i>Pasta</i> <i>Character Ed. Assembly @ 9:30am</i>	30

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Safe Arrival



We appreciate all of our families who call into our Safe Arrival line to report their children's absences daily (705)431-0668 x1.

A reminder that our Safe Arrival Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If your child will be late or absent, please let us know before 9:30 am. Thank you for your help in keeping our