

THE NEWS WAVE

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IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
APRIL	SIKH HERITAGE MONTH!
APRIL 2	WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY
APRIL 4	SIBLING PHOTOS @ LAS! GRADE 8 GRADUATION PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY! BUS SAFETY WEEK—BUS EVACUATIONS THIS AM FOR ALL ROUTES!
APRIL 7	GOOD FRIDAY (EASTER HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED) APRIL 9 — HAPPY EASTER!
APRIL 10	EASTER MONDAY (EASTER HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED)
APRIL 12	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK! (WE ROCK PINK EVERY WEDNESDAY—SO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK FRIENDS!)
APRIL 13	JUNIOR MATH RALLY WITH MRS. LINDROS-IVEY 9:00AM—3:00PM @ SCDSB ED. CENTRE. GO LAS!
APRIL 16-22	NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK! THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!
APRIL 17	HOLOCAUSTR MEMORIAL DAY—YOM HASHOAH
APRIL 18	GRADE 4's NATURE CENTRE FIELD TRIP—BRADFORD, ON
APRIL 21	EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22 —SPIRIT DAY TODAY! WEAR BLUE OR GREEN!
APRIL 26	ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY! SHOUT OUT TO MRS. SAWYER, MRS. RIX & MS. MCCARTY IN THE OFFICE!
APRIL 28	P.A DAY—SCHOOL IS CLOSED! NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING (WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY & HEALTH @ WORK)

— HOME TO THE WAVES —



This Month's Character trait is...

— OPTIMISM —



“We maintain a positive attitude and have hope for the future.”

More information about Character Education can be found here: www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education

SUBSCRIBE & FOLLOW LAKE SIMCOE

Subscribe to our school's website at <http://las.scdsb.on.ca>

(Click Subscribe at the top of home page and provide your email!)

WE LOVE BEING PART OF A SCHOOL BOARD THAT RECOGNIZES A VARIETY OF HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS! FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF WHAT WE CELEBRATE, CLICK THE LINK BELOW! :)

[CLICK HERE](#)

NEWS 'SPLASH'

Important Notes from the Office!

Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Kindergarten registration for September 2023 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 2023?** If so, we invite you to register your child for Kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten. **Junior Kindergarten students will start on Thursday September 7th.**

Once you complete your registration, our Senior Administrative Support, Lindsay Sawyer will reach out to you with an email with instructions of what to do next. Emails are sent out to new registrations at the beginning of each week. Before we can complete the registration process we need to view and confirm proof of birth (birth certificate or passport) and proof of residency (i.e. utility bill) You can come to the front door of the school to show that during office hours.

Once we verify documentation we can complete the registration and prepare you for your student's September start!

MOVING OUT OF THE AREA? STUDENT TRANSFER IMMINENT?

If you know you are going to be moving out of your current home, please contact the office to check that you are still zoned for Lake Simcoe Public School. The zoning around us is very unique and the board dictates that all students be registered with their appropriate school.

If you know you are moving and are going to transfer your student to another school, please email our Senior Administrative Support, Lindsay Sawyer at lsawyer@scdsb.on.ca. This will help us prepare for enrollment, placement and file management for next September.

Thank You!

A SHOUT OUT TO OUR STAFF—AND ABOUT OUR STAFF!

As you know, staffing in schools can change for many reasons throughout the year. We are incredibly lucky to have warm, welcoming and wonderfully dedicated staff here at the Lake no matter if we are wishing farewell or welcoming new faces!

This year we've said goodbye to long time teachers, Mr. Walt Johnson and Mrs. Cathy Johnson. We wish them congratulations on their retirements! We were grateful to have Ms. Drakes join the Grade 4 classroom and Ms. Lauren Waite join our Planning Time team. We've had to say a farewell to both of them again and most recently welcome Ms. Petras into the Grade 4 class for the remainder of the year.

Mrs. Ladawn Gregory will be taking over Mrs. Johnson's Grade 2 class for the remainder of the year and Ms. Alesia Rosati will be taking over Mme. Gregory's French & Planning Time role.

We will continue to update you as staffing changes occur in our school.

Kindergarten

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

ORIENTATION...

TWO-PART EVENT!

PART 1:

Date: Wednesday May 17th

Time: 4:30pm (VIRTUAL)

Details:

A Welcome to Kindergarten slide deck presentation resource will be sent to your email for review. This will better prepare you for the in-person portion! See below for more details!

PART 2:

Date: Wednesday May 31st

Time: 4:00pm-4:45pm

(IN-PERSON)

Where: Lake Simcoe PS

Details:

Join us for an in-person visit where you will have a brief tour of our school and a look at our Kindergarten classrooms! Meet our FDK teaching team and learn more about the program! Stay tuned for more info!



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEBSITE!
<http://las.scdsb.on.ca>



**KEEP CONNECTED WITH
OUR SCHOOL AND 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://las.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). *(also include your school social media account information here if you have active accounts)*



EarlyON Child & Family Centres

The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres have locations throughout Simcoe County. These centres offer a variety of services, including programs that help prepare children and parents/guardians for kindergarten. Programming will be offered in the spring of 2023. Check with your local EarlyON provider for dates and times. <https://linktr.ee/earlyonsimcoe>



MORE IMPORTANT NOTES...

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. School staff are expected to plan for such emergencies in order to transition students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather, to their online platforms (Google Classroom and/or SCDSBhub [Brightspace by D2L]) and continue with academic programming. 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>.

SPRING IS THE AIR!

**... AND SO IS OUR ANNUAL
LAKE SIMCOE COMMUNITY
SOCIAL!**



Date: Wednesday May 31st
(Rain date: Wednesday June 7)
Time: 4:30pm–6:30pm
Where: Lake Simcoe PS



Details: Join us for our annual school community event, graciously organized by our School Council.

Enjoy a variety of vendors, fun food and refreshments, activities for the kiddos and helpful information for next year!

More information to follow!

If you are an approved volunteer and would like to get involved—please email lsawyer@scdsb.on.ca.

Can't wait to see you there!

RIDING THE WAVE... FROM THE LIBRARY!

Forest of Reading is looking for Kid Committee participants! Do you have an avid reader in Grade 4-6, 7-8 or high school? If they want an opportunity to help the Forest of Reading committees create their summer reading list, please check out <https://forestofreading.com/kid-teen-committees/> for information on how they can apply. Applications are open now and will close soon.



Forest Of Reading®

Kid and Teen Committee

Our school will be voting for their choices for the Forest of Reading book clubs this month. Blue Spruce is open to all of our students (target age is Kindergarten to Grade 3) and our Silver Birch and Red Maple book clubs have been running for the past few months. Students will vote for the books that they feel deserve to win this year's Forest of Reading Award. To see the nominee lists please visit <https://forestofreading.com/>.

Did you know that our Library Learning Commons is home to more than just our book collection? Staff and students use our space in many different ways including as a meeting space for clubs and groups, playing games, using our STEAM and coding tools, and exploring all types of learning materials like the giant floor maps that visit our school. Thank you to the families who use our Library Class Code when making Scholastic purchases. The Bonus Bank Rewards that are raised go directly to purchasing materials and resources for our library collection and our school. Coming soon is "Ship to School" as an option for your Scholastic Purchases! Shop online at <https://classroomessentials.scholastic.ca/> and use our Library Class Code **RC206097** (or your classroom educator's code) to get free shipping and help us earn Bonus Bank Rewards. Keep an eye out for this month's flyers!

IN OTHER SWELLS...

BUS EVACUATIONS



Bus Evacuations will be taking place for both bussing companies (Sharp Bus Lines & Landmark Bus Lines) on the morning of Tuesday April 4th, 2023. The teachers will be notified so attendance is not completed pre-maturely.

SIBLING PHOTO DAY & GRADE 8 GRADUATION RE-TAKES

Edge Imaging will be here again on Tuesday April 4th to complete our annual Spring Sibling Photos! Please use this opportunity to have your Grade 8 graduates re-takes done if you feel you need them.

JUST CRUISING...

Friendly Reminders from the Office

- Yard Supervision begins at 9:00am.
- Please do not drop your children off before this—as there will be no staff to supervise them.
- Ensure you are respecting the safety and time frame of our Kiss & Ride program.
- We ask that parents remain off school property for the safety of all staff and students.
- We ask that dogs not accompany you to school for safety reasons.
- **We continue to offer our Subway Lunch Program on Wednesdays and Pizza Pizza on Thursdays! Be sure to order before 12:00pm NOON on Sunday for your students to enjoy it that week!**
- We ask that your children come with everything they need to be successful for the day. We appreciate your consideration in not creating interruptions to the office for midday drop-offs.



Our Grade 7's are fundraising for their upcoming Toronto field trip! They will be selling FARM TO TABLE Popcorn for the next month or so to help raise money!

It will be sold every Thursday at both morning and afternoon break. Flavours include White Cheddar, Butter & Salt, Dill Pickle, Salt & Vinegar, Sweet & Salty & Chipotle Cheddar. Bags are only \$2.00 each!



INFORMATION FROM THE SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD...

Licensed summer school age child care programs

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 with Pine River Institute

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

There are five webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents, guardians, and other caregivers during this school year. The final session, 'The Biology of Stress', is April 27.

We hope you join us for this learning opportunity. For more information and to register, please visit 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.

Join the SCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee for 'Safe connections: navigating a digital world'

On April 25, the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is hosting a virtual learning session for parents/guardians. *Safe connections: navigating a digital world* is a virtual event focused on digital mindfulness and well-being, and Internet safety.

This virtual event will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Presenters include:

- Chris Vollum, CMV SocialMedia
- Sergeant Aaron C. Arnett, Ontario Provincial Police

Abby Zantingh, Imani's Place Participants are asked to register in advance: <https://bit.ly/40tEg22>. Information to access the session will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered.

The PIC is a county-wide advisory committee made up of parents/guardians and community representatives from across Simcoe County. The committee works with SCDSB staff and trustees to support student success through parent/guardian engagement. Visit scdsb.on.ca/elementary/parent/parent_involvement_committee for more information on the PIC.

THE FAIRY TALE NETWORK

Lake Simcoe Public School is excited to present our school play "The Fairy Tale Network".

Students in grade 6, 7, and 8 have been busy practicing and learning their lines for this comedic, broadcast portrayal of classic fairy tales.

We are excited to start adding in actions and set designs soon! Stay tuned for more updates!



LAKE SIMCOE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Lake Simcoe PS is updating our welcome sign for the front vestibule. We will be including the languages spoken and read by the families of our school. If you are interested in helping us, and have access to an SVG file or Cricut format file of how to say "Welcome" in your language, please contact Mrs. Yates via email at hyates@scdsb.on.ca. We will be displaying "Welcome" in multiple languages and identifying the name of the languages. As our community grows, we welcome all new members to our school community.



EXCITING NEWS IN KINDERGARTEN!

April practices....brings a May Performance!!!

Kindergarten has been working hard practicing a group song and individual class songs so that we can perform for you!



**WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN JOIN
US MAY 10 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Performers are asked to be dropped off to their classrooms, no sooner than 4:45. Once you have checked your child in directly to their teachers, please make your way to the gym. We hope to start promptly at 5:00pm.

STARTING TO THINK ABOUT GRADUATION DRESSES?

Our wonderful and thoughtful CYW, Mrs. Moody has discovered a great resource for families looking for affordable graduation dresses for June's festivities!

If you have any questions or concerns about your student's graduation attire, please let your classroom teacher know!



We will provide more information about graduation planning as it takes shape! ;)

<https://promglitz.ca/>

DID YOU KNOW LAKE SIMCOE IS A GOLD-RATED ECO-SCHOOL?

Lake Simcoe is always doing their best to have our planet top of mind. Most recently, the school observed Earth Hour on Friday March 24th. The students were encouraged to power down in the classroom—turning off lights and devices to do our part in lessening our footprint.

Earth Day is April 22nd. We will observe it here in school on Friday April 21st by boosting our Eco-practices in anyway we can and by wearing blue or green!



SCHOOL CASH FIELD TRIP PAYMENTS!

We do have various field-trips on School Cash Online at this time. Please ensure you are watching the email notifications from the site and paying the costs before the deadline.

If you are unsure of how to do this, have concerns about the payments and/or know your student is NOT attending the trip, please reach out to your classroom teacher asap and let them know.

Thank you for your effort!



<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

OUR SHARING CHAIR!

Does your student have a unique and inspirational experience they would like to share?

Please encourage your student to reach out to their teacher about sharing an experience with our admin team!



INFORMATION FROM THE SCDSB

Math @Home parent series

Fostering a strong school-home partnership is an important part of reinforcing math learning at school and extending the learning beyond the classroom. Families are a child's first educator and help build a strong foundation for future success. The virtual math series outlined below is intended to support a positive attitude towards mathematics, enhance motivation and ultimate success.

The SCDSB math department is pleased to offer three evening virtual sessions for families and caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions will focus on practical and fun ways to support students with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. The first 200 registrants will receive a math pack of resources to use at home. Participants must pre-register for each of the sessions.

Making Math Connections @Home

Wednesday, April 12

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore where we find numbers, patterns, measures, and shapes in our daily lives. Participants will learn about practical ways to help their child notice and wonder about the math in their world.

Problem Solving @Home

Tuesday, April 25

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore how to encourage children to be active thinkers and problem solvers, both in math and around the house. Participants will learn about how solving problems at home can help their children solve problems in math class.

Having Fun with Math Facts @Home

Thursday, May 11

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore practical, intentional, and fun ways to practice math facts at home. Participants will leave with ideas, games, and activities to support their child with becoming fluent with their math facts.

Participants must pre-register for the sessions they wish to attend. Participants who register before March 24 will receive their math pack of resources in time for the first session on April 12. Those who register after March 24 will still receive a math pack of resources, but may not receive them in time for the first session.

Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/23MathAtHome>

The science of reading and structured literacy

The science of reading is a body of research that focuses on how students learn to read, what parts of the brain are utilized when learning to read, and what skills are ultimately required to be successful readers. Structured literacy is how educators take the knowledge gathered through research and apply it. There are five key components that make up an effective literacy program. Students need explicit instruction and repeated opportunities for practice with phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Visit the following link to support your child's reading at home: <https://bit.ly/LiteracyHomeSupport>

NEW AND VERY DELICIOUS GRADE 8 FUNDRAISER!



Our Grade 8 students will be kicking off a fundraiser on Monday April 3rd to help support their CLASS TRIP AND GRADUATION. We need your help to raise funds to support these initiatives and make them a success.

We are proud to be partnering with Ricco Fundraising to offer fantastic frozen cookie dough and pizza kits. You're sure to find some of your favourites!

Prepare for savory sweets and Friday night pizza parties!

- Sell to friends, neighbours, relatives, and co-workers.
- All orders must be purchased through School Cash Online.
- Have fun, be polite, & take pride in supporting our school.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

Orders Open on School Cash Online

Monday April 3rd, 2023

Deadline for Purchasing

Monday April 17th, 2023

**Order Pick-up
(date to be confirmed)
Week of May 1st, 2023**



INFORMATION FROM THE SCDSB CONT' D...

Interested in learning more about the ways that the SCDSB supports students with special education needs and their families?

Join us for a virtual special education outreach series

In 2023, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/caregivers in learning more about programs, supports and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs. The remaining sessions include:

Supporting students as they transition into school, from one school to another, and from school upon graduation

April 20

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma

May 9

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to register in advance. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. Learn more about each session and how to register on the SCDSB website at scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions.

Tense and relax coping strategy

Well-being is a Strategic Priority in the Simcoe County District School Board, and our mental health and well-being department provides monthly strategies to support student and family well-being.

This month's strategy is tense and relax. Parents/guardians can guide their child/youth through a tense and relax muscle relaxation exercise to help them notice whether they feel tense or relaxed in a particular area and understand how their body feels when they are tense and relaxed. This helps children/youth to learn to sooth their body and mind, and assists with regulating emotions during times of stress.

To practice tense and relax at home, have your child/youth get comfortable by either standing or sitting. Encourage them to keep their back straight, and shoulders and head relaxed. If they're comfortable, ask them to close their eyes. Have your child/youth intentionally tense and relax isolated body parts and be aware of how they feel when they tense their muscles and when they relax them. Children can be encouraged to: bring their shoulders up to their ears, hold for a count of 3, and relax; squeeze their hands into fists, hold for a count of 3, and relax; squeeze their stomach in as if fitting between a fence, hold for a count of 3, and relax; and, pushing their feet down to the ground, hold for a count of 3, and relax. Repeat the actions a few times and discuss how these body parts felt before, during, and after the exercise.

Parents/guardians can practice tense and relax at home any time with their child/youth to help them learn how to relieve tensions.

Click on the following link to watch a guided video of tense and relax together: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4mQm0hux1Q&t=1s>.

Follow along the SCDSB's mental health and well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB_MHWB) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools.

Significant need for foster caregivers in our community

There is a significant need for foster caregivers in our local community. When a child or youth is brought into temporary foster care and placed outside of their community there is a loss of family, friends, schoolmates, teachers, and everything that is familiar to them. The increase in the number of foster homes across the communities in Simcoe Muskoka allows children and youth to remain connected to what is important to them.

Foster families are regular families wanting to give back to their community. When a family faces hardship and challenges, they need a community to support them and their children. In many situations, foster care can provide vital support that enables parents to address issues that are putting their children's safety and well-being at risk. Keeping children connected to their family, community, and extended supports is crucial. Foster caregivers provide a caring home that encourages a child or youth's growth, development, and well-being. If you're interested in becoming a foster caregiver in our community, please visit the foster recruitment website at www.fosterconnexions.ca to learn more or call the foster recruitment line at 705-734-6777.