

THE NEWS WAVE


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IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
FEBRUARY	BLACK HISTORY MONTH 
FEBRUARY 2	GROUNDHOG DAY
FEBRUARY 14	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! SPIRIT DAY— RED, WHITE, PINK & PURPLE DAY! WEAR ONE OR ALL OF THESE 'LOVELY' COLOURS!
FEBRUARY 15	NATIONAL FLAG DAY OF CANADA
FEBRUARY 17	REPORT CARDS GO HOME! NATIONAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDESS DAY
FEBRUARY 20	FAMILY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY!
FEBRUARY 22	PINK SHIRT DAY https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about
FEBRUARY 23	GRADE 8 GRADUATION PHOTOS
FEBRUARY 24	SPIRIT DAY—FAVOURITE COLOUR & HOUSE COLOUR DAY!

- HOME TO THE WAVES -



This Month's Character trait is...

- INCLUSIVENESS -



"We include everyone in what we do and value their unique contributions."

More information about Character

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

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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!

[NEW SAFE ARRIVAL EMAIL: lasattendance@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:lasattendance@scdsb.on.ca)

Student Name - First & Last:

Grade:

Teacher:

Length of Absence:

Reason for Absence:

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



IMPORTANT NOTES FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

We wanted to take this opportunity to make a correction and include and **thank Ms. Preston's Class** in our Food Bank and Christmas for Kids food and toy drive in December. Ms. Preston's class was instrumental in the success of the program and worked tirelessly to organize, promote and run this important initiative.

There have been recent complaints regarding the efficiency of the Kiss & Ride.

Kiss and Ride: We'd like to remind all parents that they have to park if they wish to exit their cars at drop off. Please unload in the kiss and ride area and not before. Please wait for staff to support with crossing in the kiss and ride area. Please be respectful to staff, they are just trying to keep the system working smoothly and everyone safe!

Notice to students and parents/guardians of students regarding out-of-area-requests

Under Simcoe County District School Board procedures (APM A7000 – School Attendance Areas), it is possible for students to apply for and receive permission to attend an out-of-attendance-area school. Students will be permitted to continue in attendance as long as there are pupil places available. They may be required to return to their home school or transfer to another school when the capacity of the school they are attending has been reached and space is required for students residing within the designated attendance areas. An approval may be revoked at any time by the superintendent of education, after consultation with the receiving school principal, for reasons related to the student's behaviour, attendance, actions or inactions. Transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the out-of-attendance-area student and/or parent/guardian.

Black History Month

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) recognizes and celebrates Black History Month every February. The SCDSB is committed to improving equity of access and opportunity for Black students, staff, and parents/guardians, and to creating a safe and caring learning environment that promotes the human rights of staff, students, and parent/guardians. The initiatives undertaken by the SCDSB have been embedded in teaching and learning at all school levels, and centrally, for Black History Month and throughout the year. Follow the SCDSB on social media to see how schools are recognizing Black History Month.



OUR BALANCED DAY

Supervision Begins 9:00 am

School Starts 9:15 am

Class Time 9:15-10:55 am

Recess/Snack Time 10:55-11:35 am

Class Time 11:35-1:15 pm

Recess/Lunch Time 1:15-1:55 pm

Class Time 1:55-3:35 pm

Dismissal: 3:35 pm

NEW SCHOOLS AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The Simcoe County District School Board has a variety of projects on the go, whether it's building new schools, renovating older schools, or completing additions on existing buildings. For more information about how new schools are planned and funded, visit the capital planning page on our website (www.scdsb.on.ca/about/capital_planning). If you are interested in information about recently completed projects, projects under construction and new projects, please visit the new schools page on our website (www.scdsb.on.ca/about/capital_planning/new_schools) or our Capital Priorities Overview (storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/bbeca797d75f4aef933c79047ff2a28c).



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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.simcoecounty-schoolbus.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>.

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 students September start!

Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN

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)*



Early learning and child care

The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres are excited to offer programs that help prepare children and parents for Kindergarten. Programming will be offered in the spring of 2023. For more information and to find your local EarlyON provider, visit: <https://linktr.ee/earlyonsimcoe>.



MAKING WAVES...



SCDSB Character Education program

Our SCDSB Character Education program was developed over 20 years ago. As a school board, we are moving forward to update the SCDSB Character Education program, along with the attributes. The intended implementation date for our new Character Education program will be September 2023. To make this successful, it is imperative that everyone has an opportunity to have a voice. Currently, we are eliciting student voice from our elementary and secondary students and understanding the important partnership with parents/guardians; we are asking if you could take a moment to fill out the below survey.

The survey opens on Feb. 6 and will remain open until Feb. 10: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M2BF38X>.



SCDSB Anti-sex Trafficking Protocol and resources for parents/guardians

In 2021-22, the Ministry of Education directed Ontario school boards to develop an anti-sex trafficking protocol that was tailored to the needs of their community. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has developed a protocol and relevant training and resources for staff, students and parents/guardians. The focus of the SCDSB's protocol and resources is to protect students and empower school communities to play a key role in fighting sex trafficking and keeping children and youth safe from sexual exploitation.

More information, including a link to the SCDSB Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol and associated resources, is available on the SCDSB website: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/safe_schools/anti-sex_trafficking_protocol.

Child care programs available on PA days, holidays and March Break

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 on PA days and holidays, including over the March Break (Mar. 13 to 17). Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. For more information and contact numbers, please visit: https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare before after.

Registration now open for summer eLearning!

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering summer school courses in July 2023 for current high school students or adult learners who are interested in earning a new credit or upgrading a previous mark. Students can advance online learning skills, earn missed credits or fast-track preparation for graduation or post-secondary in just four weeks. eLearning is fully supported by certified teachers who are available electronically daily.

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.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL —

Coaches, Mr. Burgess & Mr. Dituri

Feb 1—@ LAS vs. Holy Cross

Feb 6— @ Goodfellow

Feb 7—@ Hyde Park

Feb 8—@ LAS vs. Sunnybrae

Feb 9—@ LAS vs. Alcona Glen

Feb 13—@ LAS vs. Goodfellow

Feb 14—@ Mapleview Heights



INTERMEDIATE BOYS BASKETBALL —

Coaches, Ms. Blake & Mr. Killin

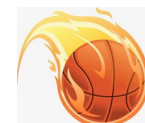
Feb 7 - @ Goodfellow

Feb 9 - @ Hewitt's Creek (mini tourney)

Feb 16—vs Innisfil Central

Feb 21—Zones Tournament @ LAS

March would be regionals and counties, if we qualify.



RIDING THE WAVE...

FROM THE LIBRARY!



New books in our library collection!

We have added some dual-language and world language books to our library collection. There are several picture books that have text in English as well as another language. Some examples are *Errol's Garden* by Gillian Hibbs written in English and Ukranian, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?* by B. Martin Jr. & illustrated by Eric Carle written in English and Turkish, and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* written in English and Hebrew. Students may borrow these books to read at school and at home with their families during their next visit to our library space.



Forest of Reading Update

Many of our students who have been reading Silver Birch Express, Silver Birch Fiction, Yellow Cedar and Red Maple nominated books are almost done their reading club book lists! These students will be encouraged to review these books for others, talk to each other about the books and we will vote on our favourites later this spring. Our Blue Spruce books are ready and will be read by most of our primary classes so that they can review and vote on their favourites later this spring as well! For more information on this program check out <https://forestofreading.com/>.

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.



ECO-SCHOOLS UPDATES!

We have been working hard at sorting our waste, reducing our energy consumption and maintaining a healthy environment here at school. What can our families do to help us? Please consider:

- sorting your waste into organics, recycling and garbage
- using reusable containers in lunches instead of individually packaged food to reduce waste
- turning off lights in rooms that are not occupied
- unplugging electronics when they are not in use
- turning off your car instead of idling when you are waiting in our kiss and ride area/parked.

INFORMATION FROM SIMCOE COUNTRY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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 remaining sessions include:

Feb. 9, 2023	Guide to Attuned Limit Setting
March 2, 2023	Emotional Regulation for Kids and Adults
April 27, 2023	The Biology of Stress

We hope you save these dates in your calendar and join us for these learning opportunities. 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.

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 with autism spectrum disorder

Feb. 14

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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 www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions.

Math games at home

Playing math games at home is a great way to reinforce math concepts that students learn at school. The YouTube channel MMMathMania has a large number of videos of math games that can be played using paper, dice, and/or playing cards. Check out the channel at: www.youtube.com/@mmmathmaniamathgamesmore3985 or search MMMathMania on YouTube.

INFORMATION FROM THE SCDSB CONT' D...

Evaluating early literacy

The Ministry of Education has directed all Ontario school boards to begin implementing the recommendations outlined in the Right to Read Inquiry. As a result, primary educators are shifting from using leveled texts for reading instruction as they encourage reliance on guessing strategies to solve unknown words. Instead, educators are beginning to use a scope and sequence to systematically teach phonemic awareness (awareness of the sounds in words) and phonics (understanding of the letters that represent sounds). Students may apply the phonics skills they have learned by reading 'decodable' or 'phonetically controlled' texts.

As a result, educators are moving away from using PM Benchmarks and moving towards assessments that measure foundational reading skills. For example, in Grade 1, educators will be observing a child's ability to identify the sounds they hear in a word, identify the letter(s) that represent the sound, and their ability to blend the sounds together to decode (read) the word and encode (write) the word. In later primary, educators will be observing a child's understanding of more complex letter/sound relationships such as prefixes and suffixes.

Educators will also consider a child's achievement in reading fluency, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension when assigning a report card grade for reading.

To support your child at home, the following documents provide activities that may help foster these foundational skills:

Phonological Awareness Activities for Families

<https://bit.ly/3WVsexb>

Supporting Reading Development at Home

<https://bit.ly/3X3wB9w>

INFORMATION FROM THE YMCA...

Exercising together can make your family stronger and healthier

Families that exercise together get stronger in more ways than one. Getting your daily dose of exercise not only helps to prevent health risks, it builds strong muscles and bones, develops positive body image, supports mental health, and strengthens the family bond. With so many great reasons to get moving, why aren't Canadians doing it more often? One of the most common barriers reported is time. This is also one of the biggest roadblocks to spending quality time together as a family. With Family Day just around the corner, why not plan a weekend of activities that gets the whole family out and moving! Here are some tips to help make family fitness fun for everyone.

Put family first

Make the focus of family fitness about family time. Use this time to connect with one another, share stories, discuss interests, check in on the day, or just make each other laugh. Quality family time is important, no matter your age!

Take classes together

Ask your local health and fitness centre about classes offered to parents and kids, or family-oriented drop in programs. Centres like the YMCA often have open family swim times for family members of all ages to enjoy. If your little one is too young to swim in the pool, look for child-minding or parent and tot programs.

Plan outdoor activities

Set aside one day every weekend to do something active as a family such as sledding, skating, or hiking. Making physical activity part of your routine will set your family up for healthy habits now and in the future. Don't forget to splurge on some healthy snacks after a good workout!

Surround your family with active people

Healthy habits can be contagious! Surround your family with active people who enjoy healthy lifestyles and you'll be more likely to make those same choices. Group classes or drop-in programs are a great way to meet new people that share your passion for fitness.

Spend quality time together this Family Day weekend

The YMCA is a great place to have fun with the whole family while building healthy habits of physical fitness and well-being. With activities like open family gym and open family swim, family members of all ages can be healthy and active together. To find your local YMCA and view Family Day weekend activities, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/schedules.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka