

Please be at school on time.

Entry bell is at 8:55.

Outside Supervision

Begins at 8:40

# April 2017

School Phone 905-775-9691

Safe Arrival Extension 1

Office Extension 0

For School Bus Information

<http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/>

School Zone South

**Starting school in the fall? Kindergarten orientation session on Wednesday May 10, 2017**

This spring, we are hosting an orientation session to welcome new Kindergarten students and their parents to our school. Come experience what life is like in Kindergarten! Explore areas of the program, meet Kindergarten educators and have the chance to ask questions. Our school's session takes place on *Wednesday May 10th* from 6:30—7:30 pm. We look forward to welcoming you! For more information, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca), click on 'Programs,' 'Kindergarten' and then 'Kindergarten Orientation.'

School start dates for September 2017 are as follows:

- Senior Kindergarten (Year 2) students will begin school on Tues. Sept. 5.
- Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) students will begin school on Thurs. Sept. 7.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	4	5 Pizza Day	6	7
10 Grade 5 Outdoor Survival Training (Morning only)  Moving Arts Kindergarten Presentation Morning only	11	12 Pizza Day  Grade 8 Graduation Photo Re-take  International Day of PINK	13	14  Good Friday No School
17  Easter Monday No School	18	19  Pizza Day	20	21  MADD Presentation Grades 7 & 8
24	25  Puppet Show Grades 4 & 5	26  Pizza Day	27	28  Grade 4 trip to Medieval Times

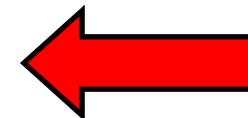
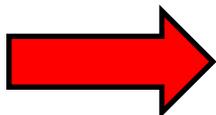
**School bus evacuation training takes place April 3 to 7**

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, is offering school bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students the week of April 3 to 7. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation. For more information, visit [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/).

## EARLY DISMISSAL

As our school grows we are seeing a large increase in early dismissal requests. These requests cause repeated interruptions to classroom learning. We understand when it's an emergency or an appointment; however, we are seeing an increase just to avoid the end of day parking lot rush. We ask you be patient and wait until the 3:15 bell and pick up your child from their dismissal doors or make arrangements for a meeting place.

We will no longer dismiss students between 3:00—3:15 pm unless it is an emergency.



### **Vaccination reminder for parents of Grade 1 students**

All students must have an up-to-date immunization record on file at the health unit. Since starting Kindergarten, your child may have received new immunizations. If so, you must send their updated immunization records to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit for:

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Polio

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella

Meningococcal disease

Two-doses of a Chickenpox (Varicella) containing vaccine

If your child will not be getting these vaccines, you will need to give the health unit a valid medical exemption or affidavit. To complete either of these forms, you can call the health unit. Your child could be temporarily suspended from school if the health unit does not have an up-to-date record on file.

Follow these steps to help protect everyone in your school community:

- Check your child's yellow immunization card
- Contact your health care provider to get a record or to get missing vaccines

Share the complete record with the health unit at [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) or fax the record to the health unit at 705-726-3962

For more information, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website at: [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### **Summer childcare available at select SCDSB schools**

In partnership with community child care operators, we are pleased to support your child care needs, offering full-day child care programs for children (aged JK to 12 years) in select schools across Simcoe County this summer. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. A fee subsidy may be available to families who qualify. For more information, please contact YMCA 905-778-2072. For the full listing of childcare centres in the SCDSB, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) and click on 'Schools' and then 'Before & After School Care.'

### **Parent workshops to help understand Individual Education Plans**

The Simcoe County District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee and Special Education Department are offering informational workshops for parents/guardians to enhance collaboration between parents and schools in the development of a student Individual Education Plan (IEP). These workshops are free to attend and open to all interested parents/guardians.

Workshops take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m.: April 18: Chris Hadfield PS - 211 West Park, Bradford

### **Summer school registration starts April 10**

A new selection of summer school credit courses is available this July through in-person classes and eLearning. New this year are full credit grade 9 and 10 courses at Bear Creek Secondary School in Barrie. The in-person courses at Bear Creek will run July 4 to 28 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Limited school bus transportation is provided from all areas of Simcoe County. Details can be found on The Learning Centres website: [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com). Students can also get information from the school or from any of SCDSB's Learning Centres. Online registration for current SCDSB students is available online through the student portal. eLearning registration is supported through high school Guidance Offices. Non-SCDSB students can register using the forms on the website. Registration opens April 10.

### **Moving to Find Balance: Free Parent Forum on April 25 offered by Seasons Centre**

Seasons Centre for Grieving Children is presenting an educational forum for parents called *Moving to Find Balance: Resilient Children and Youth Connecting Physical Activity to Mental Health*. This event, free for all parents, will explore how you can incorporate more activity in your own life, how you can encourage children to get moving and how to access family-friendly local resources that are low or no cost. The event takes place on April 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Liberty North Events Facility (100 Caplan Ave. in Barrie). The evening forum is free to attend, but you must register. For details, visit <http://www.grievingchildren.com/events/signature-events/>.

### **Use the Safe Schools tool to report bullying, drug use or vandalism**

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, [http://\\*\\*\\*.scdsb.on.ca](http://***.scdsb.on.ca), as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness 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 a teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being are always our top priority. For more information, please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

### **Students invited to share their work for Mental Health Awareness Week**

In celebration of Mental Health Awareness Week (May 1 to 7), the SCDSB invites submissions from students or classes about the importance of well-being. Student work will be incorporated in a gallery of work that will be displayed at the SCDSB Education Centre during Mental Health Awareness Week. Submissions can be in the form of art, music, technology, literature and/or multi-media presentations. Entries must be received before April 14 at [bit.ly/SCDSBwellbeing](http://bit.ly/SCDSBwellbeing).