

Please be at school on time.

Entry bell is at 8:55.

Outside Supervision

# April 2018

School Phone 905-775-9691

Safe Arrival Extension 1

Office Extension 0

For School Bus Information

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

School Zone South

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Triple Seminar Series</b> See details at <a href="http://www.triplep.net">www.triplep.net</a>  <b>Kindergarten</b> Yard will be closed at 8:50 and reopens at 3:10	2 Easter Monday No School	3	4 Pizza Day	5 <u>Pizza</u> <u>Orders</u> <u>Due</u>	6 Shave for the Brave Kick Off Assembly Gregg LeRock	<b>Important Dates</b>  PA Day May 18  Victoria Day May 21  PA Day June 1  Last Day Of School June 28
	<b>Dental Screening</b>					
	9 School Council Meeting	10	11 Pizza Day Science Centre International Day of <b>Pink</b>	12 Science Centre <i>W.H. Day Hosts Math and Well-Being Night on Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</i>	13	
	16	17	18 Pizza Day	19	20 Medieval Times	
	23 Hot Dog Day Grade 4 Outdoor Ed. Visit	24	25 Pizza Day	26	27 PA Day No School	
30						

**Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being on April 14 in Barrie**

Parents and/or community members are invited to attend *Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being* on Sat. April 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bear Creek Secondary School, located at 110 Red Oak Dr. in Barrie. This conference is being funded through a Regional PRO grant from the Ontario Ministry of Education and is being presented by the Adoption Council of Ontario. This event is free to attend and lunch is provided. Limited child care is available for children aged three to 12 years. Register at [www.adoption.on.ca/events](http://www.adoption.on.ca/events). Questions? Contact [pact@adoptontario.ca](mailto:pact@adoptontario.ca).

**Stress: Our kids get it too!**

Kids have stress, just like us. Stress is a normal part of life, but our bodies are only made to handle it for short amounts of time. Continued stress can cause feelings of pressure, anxiety and tiredness. It can make it hard for kids to focus in school and can cause them to become sick, get lower grades or make unhealthy choices. It's easy to mistake signs of stress for bad behaviour in your child. You can help them learn to manage stress by staying calm, showing love and talking openly about their feelings. Encourage them to try calming activities like deep breathing or doing something active. If the stress continues, be sure to talk to your child's family doctor or health care provider. To speak with a public health nurse, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit website for more information at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

**Parents invited to information session about special education**

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs. The last session takes place this month:

**April 16**

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

The event takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

**School bus evacuation training takes place April 3 to 6**

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 6. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency. The SCSTC would like to remind all drivers to be extra cautious near school buses and in school bus loading and unloading zones. For more information or if you have questions, visit [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/).

**Identifying school-sponsored trips**

All field trip information will be sent home on school and/or Simcoe County District School Board letterhead. This is the best way for parents/guardians to identify supervised and approved trips. There may have been times when community or external groups have organized trips that have been mistaken for school-sponsored field trips. Parents would be notified of individual circumstances if the school is aware that an external trip is being planned. When in doubt about any trip ask questions of the organizers, including "Who is sponsoring or in charge of this trip?", "Who will be supervising?" and "What are their qualifications?" You can also contact the school if you have any questions about a trip you see advertised that you think may not be school-sanctioned.

**Events at our school in celebration of International Day of Pink**

Our school will be hosting several events during the week of April 9 to 13 in honour of the International Day of Pink, which is Wed. April 11. This day celebrates diversity and promotes standing up to bullying. It is a day of action that started in Nova Scotia when two straight high school students saw that a gay student wearing a pink shirt was bullied. The two students intervened, but wanted to do more. They purchased pink shirts and within a few days got everyone at school wearing pink, standing in solidarity for diversity and standing up against discrimination, gender-based bullying and homophobia

