

Please be at school on time.

Entry bell is at 8:55.

Outside Supervision

# February 2018

School Phone 905-775-9691

Safe Arrival Extension 1

Office Extension 0

For School Bus Information

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

School Zone South

## Reminder about sledding safety at school

Student safety is our first priority, and although we do allow “crazy carpets” and soft sleds at our school, we do not allow hard sleds, two-person sleds or snow racers. We do supervise sledding and we remind students of safety rules on a regular basis.

We want to inform parents that if students are sledding at school, Ophea (the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association) recommends that they should wear a properly fitted (as per manufacturer’s guidelines) and properly worn CSA-approved hockey helmet or snow sport helmet certified by a recognized safety standards association.

If you send a sled and helmet (optional) to school with your child, you are giving permission for your child to take part in this activity.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>Now accepting Kindergarten registrations</b> Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten! Elementary schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit <a href="http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten">www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten</a> for more information.			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING</b> 6—7:30 p.m.		<b>Pizza Day</b> 		<b>MADD Presentation</b>  <b>Family Movie Night</b> 6:30—8 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16
		<b>Pizza Day</b> 	Speeches in the Gym Grade 8 Grad Photo Day	<b>Blacklight Dance</b> <b>Report Cards Go Home</b>
19	20	21	22	23
<b>FAMILY DAY</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>		<b>Pizza Day</b> 		
26	27	28	<b>Family Movie Night</b> <b>Friday February 2nd</b>  Doors open at 6:00 p.m.	
	Hydro One Presentation All Grades	<b>Pizza Day</b>  <b>Pink Shirt Day</b> 		

## Important Dates

Snow Valley Day  
March 10

March Break  
March 12—16

Good Friday  
March 30

Easter Monday  
April 2

PA Day  
April 27

PA Day  
May 18

Victoria Day  
May 21

PA Day  
June 1

Last Day Of School  
June 28

### **High school information nights coming to a school near you!**

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights are happening this 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. Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at [www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool).

### **Parents invited to information sessions 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.

#### **Feb. 19**

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

#### **March 19**

Accessing Supports in the Community

#### **April 16**

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

### **National Engineering Month competition takes place March 3**

Students in Grades 5 to 8 are invited to submit a model bridge, catapult or grabber for the National Engineering Month (NEM) event. Models will be tested for design, strength, quality of construction and functionality. Students of any age are invited to attend to check out 3D printers and robots, Raspberry Pi computer coding demos, crystal radio construction and CNC machine coding. The event takes place on March 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastview Secondary School (421 Grove St. E. in Barrie). Lunch will be provided. This event is jointly organized by the Georgian Bay Chapter of OACETT and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter of PEO, under the banner of NEM Ontario. For more information and to register for this free event, visit <https://nemsimcoe.wixsite.com/nemsimcoe>.

### **School's in for summer at the SCDSB**

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at [www.learningcentres.com](http://www.learningcentres.com). Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

### **Walking to school is great for students**

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit [www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning). *Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### **Update your child's immunization record**

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free). *Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### **The benefits of youth leadership development**

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- encourage outdoor adventures and education
- enrol in camps

find volunteer and community service opportunities For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca). *Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka*

## Updates to W.H. Day E.S. Kiss & Ride START February 5th

Thank you for helping to make our new **Kiss & Ride** a safe and efficient option for our students and their parents/guardians. Here are a couple of friendly reminders should you choose the **Kiss & Ride** option:

- The Kiss & Ride is **single file**...no passing, please.
- Students **must** exit on the curb side of the vehicle.
- Parents **must** remain in their vehicles.
- Should your child need minor assistance exiting the vehicle, school staff or parent volunteers will be available at the west end of the Kiss & Ride.
- **Yield** to school vehicles exiting the parking lot.
- You may enter at your convenience. and wait until the Kiss n Ride is supervised at 8:40 and/or 3:15 p.m.
- Upon presentation of an **Accessible Parking Permit** to safety patrollers, you can access the front parking, through the school vehicle cue.

### Other options for drivers:

- Carpool with other families to reduce Kiss & Ride traffic.
- Park and walk your child to his/her yard entrance.

**\*\*See reverse for details about parking availability in the community\*\***

We appreciate your patience as we all work together to learn these new procedures. So long as we can ensure the safety of our students by following the Kiss & Ride protocol, then we will be able to continue this option for our school community during drop-off and pick-up.

Please note the parking changes as per the Township of Bradford West Gwillimbury Town Council



Parking availability:

- Crown Street & Imperial Crescent
- Collings Avenue (1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> west side, 16th -31st east side)
- Maplegrove Avenue (In front of School ) **North side only** from Catania Avenue to Collings Avenue
- East Side of Catania Avenue (adjacent to sidewalk )

## Parent Council Corner

This month in Parent Council we have been busy. We hope that everyone in our school community is enjoying a wonderful start to this year! This portion of the newsletter will highlight our new Parent Council Format, a free movie night, the Kiss and Ride and a Big Box of Cards!

### Parent Council New Format!

We are preparing for our first council meeting of 2018.

February 5<sup>th</sup> we have our first council meeting with a new format.

We are providing snacks, and childcare for our shortened meeting!

**Our meeting will start promptly at 6:00PM and will end promptly at 7:30PM.**

This month we are inviting our new principal, Kristen Fennell, to speak on her vision of communication for the school. This is something she is passionate about and it is important that we get a glimpse into how Mrs. Fennell sees healthy communication in our school.

After Mrs. Fennell's address we will open the floor to any parents who want to introduce something to council for consideration in the next Council meeting.

Each new item will be given a time limit in order to keep our meeting moving forward. We appreciate any parent who wants to bring something up and will listen attentively to your input!

After that the council will address the issues on the agenda, and will move through them quickly. Parents chose if they would like to stay for the duration of the meeting or leave after the open floor.

We hope to see you engaging the school community and contributing wonderful ideas about how we can continue to make W H Day the best school in town.

### Free Movie Night!

Later this week, we are pre-screening PIXAR's Coco. This movie has received wonderful reviews and is worth coming to! The movie admission is FREE of charge!

Doors open at 6:00PM and the movie will start at 6:30PM. There will be popcorn, water and candy for sale. Make sure you come out! It will be wonderful!

### Kiss and Ride!

Nikki, Elizabeth, and Misty would like to thank all the parents who are using the Kiss and Ride effectively. We really appreciate the way you are moving forward and staying in your car! Thank you so much!

### Big Box of Cards!

Coming home soon... Every family will be receiving one Big Box of Cards, this is the latest fundraising initiative from Parent Council. The way it works is you get to show this high quality box of cards to family and friends and it will sell itself! We hope for a lot of families to participate. If you choose not to you may send your box of cards back the next day.

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