



# W.H. Day Elementary School

## May 2022 Newsletter

### School Hours

Morning Bell

8:35 AM

First Break

10:15 AM

Second Break

12:35 PM

Final Bell

2:55 PM

### Character Attribute for the month of May

**Respect:** We treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity.

More information about character education can be found here:

[www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education).

Dear W.H. Day Families,

**"Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up." ~ Jesse Jackson**

It is hard to believe that we only have two months of school left! May is shaping up to be a very busy month with lots of exciting classroom and extra-curricular activities taking place to support student learning. May 2nd to May 6th is Education Week and Mental Health Week. We will be celebrating all the wonderful accomplishments and successes here at W.H. Day that both our students and staff have made during this school year. On Friday May 6th, we will be raising awareness of the importance of a healthy mind and the well-being of each one of us as we take part in activities to support Mental Health Awareness Week. Throughout this week, the SCDSB and W.H. Day will continue to focus on the importance of compassion, understanding and empathy for ourselves and others. We continue to promote our collective responsibility to take care of and support the well-being of those around us.



We would like to extend a huge thank you to our staff for starting up intramural sports and extracurricular activities. We have intermediate intramural sports, junior sports, music clubs, GSA, lunch helping and a drama club, to name a few. We have missed these activities, and the joy they bring to our students is evident in their big smiles. We have also started our safety drills and our staff and students have done a wonderful job. We are very proud of everyone!

As we enter into the final two months of the school year, we would ask that families ensure that their contact information is up to date in the school office. There will be a lot of communication going out in the coming weeks to W.H. Day families, as well as families moving to the new Bradford South School and Bradford North School. Ensuring that your email contact information is updated will be important, so that you do not miss any information from either the school or the board.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. McCann and Ms. Marjerrison

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Kristy Reynolds

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Leslie Marjerrison

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## School Access Reminders

Due to COVID 19 protocols from the health unit, access to the school is closed **TO ALL VISITORS** including parents/guardians.

**We wanted to remind parent/guardians that no lunch or forgotten items be dropped off to the school during the school day from 8:35 am–2:55pm.** If your student needs to be signed out for special medical appointments or extenuating circumstances, **a note will be required for the teacher and the office at least 24 hours in advance (please email these to [WHDay@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:WHDay@scdsb.on.ca)).** We will then arrange for the student to be ready and signed out by the office staff at the precise time. A staff member will then escort the student to the front doors to meet their parent/guardian. Photo identification will be required to pick-up a student from W.H. Day. **If a parent/guardian is more than 15 minutes late for a pickup, the student will be returned to the classroom.**

Please ensure your students have plenty of lunch, snacks, a reusable water bottle, extra masks and extra clothing in their backpacks for washroom accidents and mittens/hats in cold weather.

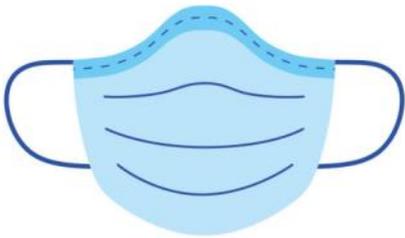
Please remind your child(ren) of the time that school begins so that they will be on time. There will be no pick up of students after 2:40 pm as teachers are busy getting students ready for dismissal.

**Thank you for your assistance as we strive to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.**

### SCDSB schools continue to be mask-friendly environments

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, staff and visitors are no longer required to wear masks in schools, school board offices and on student transportation. SCDSB schools continue to be mask-friendly environments. Masks remain available to students and staff who choose to continue to wear them while in schools. Please encourage your child(ren) to be respectful and understanding of everyone's choice with respect to masking so that SCDSB schools remain the safe, inclusive and welcoming teaching and learning environments they are meant to be for all.

There are still some situations where masks are to be worn. Examples include:



- When traveling outside of Canada masks are to be worn for 14 days upon return.
- After testing positive for COVID-19 masks are to be worn on days 6 through 10 following a five-day isolation period.

For more information visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website at [simcoemuskokahealth.ca](http://simcoemuskokahealth.ca)

### Keep connected with our school and with 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://\\*\\*\\*.scdsb.on.ca](http://***.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](http://www.scdsb.on.ca). Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB\_Schools), Facebook ([facebook.com/SCDSB](https://facebook.com/SCDSB)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/scdsb](https://instagram.com/scdsb)).
- Check our school website at <http://whd.scdsb.on.ca/> and our school twitter at [@whdayes](https://twitter.com/whdayes).



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## After Hours Intensive Academic Support Program at W. H. Day

This program will be provided to students interested in receiving academic support after school hours by SCDSB teachers and support staff. The focus will be on Mathematics and English literacy and is intended for students who may need extra support in one or both of these subjects. The after hours program will be provided to junior and intermediate students for 6 weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, beginning the week of May 17th to June 23rd from 3:00 to 4:30. There are a limited number of spots available.

Please complete the attached Google form to apply for your spot today!

<https://forms.gle/qxTsqda1wQi7SCfe8>

## Registration is now open for the SCDSB's elementary Virtual Learning Program for the 2022-2023 school year

Planning is underway for September 2022, including the opportunity for families to register their child(ren) for the SCDSB's elementary Virtual Learning Program. The SCDSB's elementary Virtual Learning Program will be available to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 for the 2022-2023 school year. Families who choose to have their child(ren) learn virtually will be provided with 300 minutes per day of synchronous learning, taught by a qualified SCDSB teacher and supported by education support staff, including educational assistants, as appropriate.



Register by May 6, 2022, to secure a space in the elementary Virtual Learning Program for your child(ren) in 2022-2023. Registrations received after May 6 will only be considered based on available space. For more information and to register, visit [scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/virtual\\_learning\\_program](https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/virtual_learning_program).

## Parent/guardian school climate survey

In April 2022, the SCDSB administered the school climate survey for students in Grades 4 to 12. Between May 2 and May 27, the SCDSB invites parents/guardians of elementary and secondary students to participate in the 2021-2022 SCDSB School Climate Survey for parents/guardians. The online survey is completely anonymous and confidential. Participants will not be asked to provide their name or other identifying information.



Similar to previous SCDSB school climate surveys, the questions will cover a range of topics, such as the overall tone of the school, school safety, student well-being and belonging.

Parents/guardians will receive a link to the climate survey via the email on file at their children's school, or can access the survey through the SCDSB website at [scdsb.on.ca/about/goals\\_reporting/school\\_climate](https://scdsb.on.ca/about/goals_reporting/school_climate).

Questions can be directed to [schoolclimate@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:schoolclimate@scdsb.on.ca).

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## Register now for summer child care

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](https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after).

## EQAO

In May, we have our Ontario standardized assessments in grade 3 and grade 6. Staff and students have been working hard to prepare for the assessment days. Their work aligns with the Ontario curriculum and supports the essential skills our students require to be successful learners. Our EQAO dates for grades 3 and 6 are

**May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>.** It is very important that students are in attendance on these days in order to meet the requirements outlined by the Ministry of Education.



## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

Did you know that EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer free programs, resources, parenting courses and developmental screening, as well as referrals to community programs? All children, prenatal through 6 years of age, can participate with their parent(s) or caregiver(s). In Simcoe County there are four agencies that deliver EarlyON Child and Family programs. Services are available in English and French and can be explored by visiting [www.simcoe.ca/ChildrenandCommunityServices/Pages/EarlyON.aspx](http://www.simcoe.ca/ChildrenandCommunityServices/Pages/EarlyON.aspx). EarlyON Child and Family Centre staff are trained in child development and facilitation of educational programs for parents/guardians and children, and are now providing a new parent/child inter-

active program called *Getting Ready for Kindergarten* for parents/guardians and children who are starting Kindergarten this fall! Pre-register at [www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/hubfs/GRFK.pdf](http://www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/hubfs/GRFK.pdf).

## Adult English as a Second Language Program

Looking to improve your English skills? Join our Adult English as a Second Language Program (ESL) classes to improve your listening and speaking skills through class discussions and presentations. Develop your English skills to advance in your current job or open the door to new employment opportunities. Learn more about your local community and explore Canadian culture and history. Adult ESL classes are offered year-round with a continuous intake.

To register for the program, please contact the Barrie Learning Centre at 705-725-8360 ext. 45151, or email [ganderson@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:ganderson@scdsb.on.ca).

*\*Please note all students starting ESL for the first time must be assessed prior to starting the class. Fees apply for visitors to Canada and work/study permit holders.*



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## Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians

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



There is an upcoming webinar in the learning series specifically planned for parents and guardians during this school year.

May 19            Understanding addiction and addictive behaviours

We hope you save this date in your calendar and join us for this learning opportunity. For more information and to register, please visit the mental health and well-being page on 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](http://www.pineriverinstitute.com).

## Join the SCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee for an Unlearning Bias Parent Series

This May, the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is hosting a virtual learning series for parents/guardians. Unlearning Bias features three sessions that will support participants in exploring the benefits of diversity while gaining language and tools to challenge prejudice, stereotyping and discrimination in their communities.

### Identifying and Unlearning Bias

Presented by Shafiq Aziz, Director of Programs, Harmony Movement  
May 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### How to be a Good Ally

Presented by Shafiq Aziz, Director of Programs, Harmony Movement  
May 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### How to Take Action

Presented by Irfan Toor, Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Ontario Principals' Council  
May 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Participants are asked to register in advance. Participation in all three sessions is encouraged but not required. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. To learn more about each session and to register visit [scdsb.on.ca/unlearningbias](https://scdsb.on.ca/unlearningbias).

## Kindergarten registration for September 2022 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 2022? If so, we invite you to register your child for kindergarten.

To register online or for more information visit: [scdsb.on.ca /kindergarten](https://scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten).



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## Mental Health Week 2022

Join us May 2 to 8 for #SCDSBMentalHealthWeek to help celebrate and bring awareness, prevention and promotion to mental health. This year the theme is Empathy. Throughout this week, the SCDSB will continue to focus on the importance of compassion, understanding and empathy for ourselves and others as part of our collective responsibility take care of and support the well-being of those around us. Learn more by visiting the mental health and well-being page on the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/2QdibGR>.



### Family fun with multiplication facts!

Has your child been asked to practice their math facts at home? Math facts are best learned in a purposeful way that helps students make connections between the facts, as opposed to memorizing them individually.

Some tips for supporting fact fluency at home:

1 Practice the facts in a meaningful order.

- start with foundational facts like 2s, 10s, 5s, 1s and 0s

- move on to more challenging facts that can be found using combinations of foundational facts, like 3s, 4s, 6s, 8s, 9s and 7s

use this Mastering Math Facts link below to learn strategies to support each group of facts: <https://bit.ly/3jZKROQ>

2 Help your child see that the order of the factors does not change the product.

example:  $2 \times 5 = 10$  and  $5 \times 2 = 10$

3 Help your child practice by decomposing more challenging facts into known facts.

- example one:  $7 \times 8$  can be thought of as  $(7 \times 4) + (7 \times 4)$

example two:  $5 \times 7$  can be thought of as  $(5 \times 5) + (5 \times 2)$

4 Help your child visualize the facts by building arrays and drawing pictures to represent them. Follow this link for helpful resources: <https://mathvisuals.wordpress.com/multiplication-division/>.

5 Play games such as:

Blockout: <https://mathforlove.com/lesson/blockout/>

Math Flips: <https://mathvisuals.wordpress.com/math-flips/>

Stick and Split: <https://www.stickandsplit.com/>

6 Allow your child as much time as they need to find an answer for a fact. This will lower the stress and support them with using the strategies they are learning, and they will soon become automatic with practice.

## Class Lists

During the month of May, teachers collaborate to create class lists for the upcoming school year. A great deal of time is spent to ensure students' learning and emotional potential. Teacher requests cannot be considered at this time. However, if parents have a request or concern based on sound academic grounds, please email Mrs. Reynolds at [kreynolds@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:kreynolds@scdsb.on.ca)

## Heritage Recognition for the month of May

### Asian Heritage Month

This month recognizes and pays tribute to the contributions that people from Asian countries have made and continue to make to the development and general welfare of Ontario. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/05a10>.



### Dutch Heritage Month

Dutch Heritage Month recognizes the important contributions that Dutch Canadians have made to the economic, political, social and cultural fabric of our society. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/11d04>.



### Jewish Heritage Month

Jewish Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the inspirational role that Jewish Canadians have played, and continue to play, in communities across Ontario. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/12j01>.



### South Asian Arrival Day (May 5)

For South Asians, the month of May has been a time of celebration and commemoration of their arrival from the Indian subcontinent to the Americas beginning on May 5, 1838. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01s29>.



### South Asian Heritage Month

South Asian immigrants began arriving in Ontario at the start of the 20th century. Today, South Asians make up a significant proportion of Ontario's population and are proud to draw upon their heritage and traditions, contributing to many aspects of culture, commerce and public service across this province. For

more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01s29>.



# MAY

2022

Holy Days  
& Holidays

- 1 Twelfth Day of Ridvan**  
Bahá'í
- 1 Beltane**  
Wicca
- 1 Ramadan ends**  
Islam
- 2 Eid-ul-Fitr**  
Islam
- 6 Wesak/Buddha Day**  
Buddhism
- 18 Buddha's Birth Date**  
Buddhism
- 23 Declaration of the Báb**  
Bahá'í
- 23 Victoria Day**  
Canadian Holiday
- 23 Zarathosht-no-diso (SC)**  
Zoroastrianism
- 28 Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh**  
Bahá'í

### May 5th is National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

MMIWG refers to a human rights crisis that has become a topic of discussion within national media. Indigenous and International organizations have long called for action into the high and disproportionate rate of violence and number of missing and murdered Indigenous Women and girls in Canada. We encourage you to wear red on this day to bring awareness.



# Monthly Calendar

# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Mental Health Week	3	4	5 Red Dress Day	6 Mental Health Day	7
8	9	10	11 Scanlon Creek: Grade 4	12 Scanlon Creek: Grade 4/5 & Kindergarten Orientation & Moose Hide Campaign Day	13 Wear Purple for Cornelia de Lange syndrome	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Black Light Dance	21
22	23 Holiday	24	25	26	27 Grade 8 Grad Trip	28
29	30 EQUAO Begins	31				

No School!

Yard Supervision	8:20am
Warning Bell	8:32am
<b>Entry Bell</b>	<b>8:35am</b>
Instructional Time	8:35-10:15am
Nutrition Break	10:15-10:55am
Instructional Time	10:55am-12:35pm
Nutrition Break	12:35-1:15pm
Instructional Time	1:15-2:55pm
<b>Final Dismissal</b>	<b>2:55pm</b>



Thank you!

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As always, please contact the office should you have any questions.

**Thank you for helping us keep our school & community safe**

**K. Reynolds      T. McCann      L. Marjerrison**