

Gifted Screening Process

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.

Parents/guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in the next school year, who wish the school to consider their child for gifted screening are asked to contact Ms. Hughes, Special Education Resource teacher by June 12, 2017.

Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent.

A letter examining the gifted screening process in greater detail will be sent to parents of students in Grade 3 in September. Parents will still have the opportunity for nominating their child in September and October.

If you require further information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school.

Are You Moving?

If you are planning to move before the beginning of next school year, we are asking you to please inform the office of this as soon as possible. This information will be very valuable in enabling us to plan for next year. Your co-operation with this request will be greatly appreciated.

Track and Field

On May 10th our grade four to eight students participated in our school's Track and Field competition. Students had a fun-filled day of physical activity. Thank you to the staff for their leadership efforts with this event.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is filling up with many items, such as clothing and footwear. All parents and students are encouraged to check for missing items. All remaining items that have not been claimed will be donated to charity on Thursday June 29, 2017.

We Continue To Try To Be a Nut-free School

In a sincere attempt to maintain the learning environment as a safe one for students and staff who suffer from allergies, which have the potential to be life-threatening, we are reminding all families that food items containing nuts or traces of nuts should not be packed as part of anyone's lunch/snack. Thank you for your co-operation.

Safety And Security At School

We wish to remind all students and parents that all valuable and/or treasured items should be left at home for safe keeping. These items may include (but are not limited to) CD players, CD's, iPods, cameras, handheld electronic games, cell phones, toys, expensive watches and jewellery. The school cannot be responsible for any such items. Students should avoid bringing large sums of money to school. Payment for lunch orders, field trips, or any other school related purpose should be made to the child's teacher as soon as the student arrives in the morning, preferably by cheque.

Eye See Eye Learn Program Offering Free Eye Exams, Glasses for JK Students

Your child may have a vision problem. Only an optometrist knows if your child sees to the best of their ability. Get them a comprehensive eye exam, covered for children under 19 years-old with their Ontario Health Card. The Eye See...Eye Learn® program offers one free pair of glasses to this year's Junior Kindergarten (JK) students with their OHIP-covered eye exam, if prescribed by a participating optometrist. Learn more at www.EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca. The deadline for this year's JK students to receive free eye glasses is June 30.

Medication at School

As the school year draws to a close, we wish to remind parents/guardians of students who receive medication at school (including asthma inhalers, epipens, any pills or liquids) that the final school day for students will be Thursday, June 29. Please arrange to pick up any empty containers or remaining medication from the office at the end of the day on June 29 or on the following day, Friday, June 30, which is a Professional Activity Day. For the safety of all students, we are able to release these items only to an adult. If your child will need to receive medication from the school office again next fall, please remember to pick up the annual permission form which you and your doctor will need to have completed over the summer to start the new school year next fall.

Dates To Remember

The final school day for students will be Thursday, June 29. Friday, June 30 is a Professional Activity Day. There will be no school for students on that day.

Final Term Report Card

Students from JK/SK to Grade Eight will receive their report cards on Wednesday, June 28.

Parking lot update

Drivers using the parking lot are reminded to drive slowly and carefully, watch for students and adults moving between vehicles and respect the support provided from adult supervisors in the parking lot area. When waiting in the parking lot area, please continue to watch for our school buses/vans and be prepared to let them into the parking lot promptly for pick up and drop off of our students. We continue to require your partnership in the parking lot to maintain the safety of our students.

Sun Safety

Now that the warm weather is here, we all enjoy spending more time outdoors. A sun hat, appropriate protective clothing and sunscreen are all advisable to protect skin from the sun's harmful rays. We encourage students to use all of these safety tips on a daily basis at school.

Dress Code

As the warmer weather begins to show itself, it is time to remind students and parents that the dress code requires that students dress in a way that is respectful of the learning environment. As your child leaves the house in the morning, we ask you to ensure that their attire is aligned with the dress code.

Avoid student clothing that bears content (either image or text) that:

- is discriminatory toward an individual or group based on ancestry, culture, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, language, physical and intellectual ability, race, religion, orientation, or socioeconomic status;
- promotes alcohol and/or substance use/abuse;
- is violent, profane or suggestive; or that
- negatively affects the school's learning and teaching environment, is not appropriate.

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Did you know you can subscribe to our website? When we post 'What's New' articles and our monthly newsletters to the website you can choose to receive them by email! Our 'What's New' section is where you'll read about all the exciting things going on in our school. It's also where we will post updates during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website at <http://swo.scdsb.on.ca> and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. When you fill out your email and click Subscribe, an email 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.

Criminal Records Checks Required for Volunteers

The Simcoe County District School Board values and encourages the participation of volunteers in schools. Volunteering supports school programs and initiatives for students. The Board has a responsibility to provide safe and secure working and learning environments for all students, staff and volunteers. Currently, all SCDSB employees are required to submit a Criminal Records Check. This requirement is also extended to all SCDSB volunteers.

-All new volunteers are required to provide an original copy of a Criminal Records Check which includes a Vulnerable Sector Screening executed within the last six months, prior to beginning to volunteer.

-Current volunteers will be required to provide an original copy of a Criminal Records Check which includes a Vulnerable Sector Screening executed within the last six months, by December 31, 2017.

-The cost of the Criminal Records Check is the responsibility of the volunteer.

-Volunteers must complete an Offence Declaration annually after providing the original Criminal Records Check.

The work of school volunteers is a key component of school success. The Simcoe County District School Board sincerely thanks all parents, guardians and community members who generously donate their time in the service of public education.

Approved School Year Calendar For Next Year

The Ministry of Education has approved the Simcoe County District School Board elementary and secondary school year calendars for the 2017-2018 school year. School starts on Tues. Sept. 5, 2017. The Holiday Break takes place Dec. 25, 2017 to Jan. 5, 2018, and March Break is March 12 to 16, 2018. The last day for elementary students will be Thurs. June 28, 2018 and the last day for secondary students will be Wed. June 27, 2018. To view the full calendar for next school year, visit www.scdsb.on.ca – 'Schools' – 'School Year Calendars.'

Senior Kindergarten (Year 2) students will start school on Tues. Sept. 5, 2017. Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) students will start school on Thurs. Sept. 7, 2017. They will attend continuously from this time.

First Rider Program Gives Students The Chance To Ride A School Bus

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) welcomes students to take part in the experience of riding on the school bus for the first time through their First Rider program. This program, offered in the summer, teaches school bus safety for first-time school bus riders and includes a ride on a real school bus. This FREE program is provided by the SCSTC, in partnership with school bus operators, to educate students and their families about the rules and responsibilities on and around the school bus. The sessions start in late August at school locations across Simcoe County. Parents/guardians and students attending school in Simcoe County may attend any of the sessions. For more information and session dates/times, visit the SCSTC website at: main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the 'Safety' link.

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 *Fielcrest ES YMCA* 705-984-1109 or *Fred C. Cook PS Bradford Progress* 905-715-5736. For the full listing of childcare centres in the SCDSB, visit www.scdsb.on.ca and click on 'Schools' and then 'Before & After School Care.'

Register Now for Before & After School/Child Care Programs For September 2017

Register now for this September! Your child's space in the program for the 2017-2018 school year will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted by June 30, 2017. Please contact YMCA at 289-338-9452 to register your child(ren).

Ministry of Education Seeks Online Engagement Regarding Implementation Of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework

The Ontario Ministry of Education is working with researchers to gather feedback and input to inform the development of the Third Progress Report on the implementation of the *First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework*. Students, parents/guardians and families, teaching and nonteaching staff, Indigenous communities, organizations and partners, and school boards are invited to participate in an online survey and/or online focus groups to capture successes and help to identify promising practices and opportunities to provide further support to enhance the achievement and well-being of Indigenous students.

To learn more, visit the SCDSB website, click on 'About Us', 'News', and look for the article entitled "Ministry of Education seeks online engagement regarding implementation of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework."

Safe Kids Week is June 5 to 11

Did you know that a properly fitting helmet reduces the risk of head injuries like concussions by 85%? Teach your children to wear a helmet that fits properly while wheeling and riding. Help prevent injuries by teaching your children the skills they need to wheel and ride safely. For tips, visit www.parachutecanada.org.
Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Keeping Kids' Minds And Bodies Healthy This Summer

All parents want their children to grow up healthy. Being healthy means lots of things – growing up strong and active, making connections, developing positive relationships with others, and learning to make good, responsible decisions.

Here are some tips on how to keep your child's mind and body active this summer.

- Summer programs - over the summer months there are a wide variety of programs to keep children and youth active. Whether outdoors or in a facility like the YMCA, swimming is a summertime favourite. Consider signing your child up for swimming lessons, giving them the confidence they need to be safe in and around the water.
- Summer day camps – summer camp is a great opportunity to introduce your child to "physical literacy." This means getting kids to feel comfortable being active, so when asked to play a game such as soccer at recess, they are confident to say "yes." Summer camp teaches children how to be active in a fun and supportive environment.
- Child care - when looking for child care for your youngster, make sure the centre is health conscious and provides nutritious meals to ensure children develop in a positive environment. Try to find a centre that incorporates a "Play to Learn" curriculum and make sure the staff observe and document your child's daily activities. A good child care centre should feel like home away from home while providing the tools to help children reach their full potential.

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers child care and summer programs for children of all ages and abilities. To learn more about the programs being offered this summer, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.