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Simcoe County District School Board Character trait of the month.

Optimism

“we maintain a positive attitude and have hope for the future”

Upcoming Grade 3 (Primary) and Grade 6 (Junior) EQAO Assessment

Parents/guardians of Grade 3 and 6 students are asked to take note of the following information regarding EQAO assessments.

Primary (Grade 3) and Junior (Grade 6) EQAO assessments will be held on May 25 to June 4.

Please avoid scheduling appointments for Grade 3 and 6 students that would take them out of the school on these critical days.

EQAO assessment will take six hours (two hours each for reading, writing and mathematics). Further information regarding Grade 3 and 6 EQAO assessments will be provided to students and parents in these grades. Any questions regarding EQAO assessments may be addressed to your child’s homeroom teacher or the school office.

Junior and Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2016-2017 School Year

Sir William Osler is now conducting Junior and new Senior Full-Day Kindergarten registration for 2016 - 2017. To be eligible for attendance this September, a pupil must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2016. Proof of birthdate (original Canadian birth certificate, Certificate of Canadian Citizenship, Canadian Passport, Permanent Resident Card/Record of Landing, or Statement of Live Birth (long version) MUST be submitted to the school before your child can be admitted to class in September. Additional valid documentation is required to register visa/foreign students. Families of kindergarten students new to Canada or Ontario are invited to contact the “Newcomer Welcome Centre” at (705) – 725 – 8360, ext. 310. Proof of address, in the form of a residential tax bill or, for those families who are renting accommodation within the school boundaries, a notarized Valid Rental Agreement and lease on lawyer’s letterhead, a utility bill or a valid Ontario driver’s license will also be required at the time of registration. A record of immunization is also requested to assist the District Health Unit in meeting their requirements under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) to collect and maintain immunization records for every child registered in school. For further immunization details, contact the District Health Unit at 1 – 877 – 721 – 7520. Please contact the school office with any questions. We would appreciate your assistance in passing along this information to neighbours, within our school boundary, whose children may not presently attend Sir William Osler.

Students presently attending Sir William Osler in Junior Kindergarten do not have to register again for Senior Kindergarten.



Camp Quality Presentations –April 21st

The Camp Quality Puppet Program is a community outreach program that teaches kids about childhood cancer. Using four life-size puppets, the presentation helps children understand the importance of caring for and offering support to one another. The program serves school curriculums by focusing on the virtues of compassion, courage, respect, and kindness. The Camp Quality Puppet Program will be presented to all Sir William Osler students from JK-grade 8 on April 21st.

More information is available at www.campquality.org

Education Week – Celebrating Public Education

Education Week, May 2 to 6, is a province-wide celebration of student achievement and excellence in education. It is an opportunity to recognize the work and accomplishments of Ontario's publicly-funded schools. On May 4, 2016, Sir William Osler Public School will be hosting a Celebration of Learning evening to showcase the Learning and Talents of the students. The evening is titled "Full STEAM ahead" incorporating **Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math**. Parents and Guardians are encouraged to join us at the school from 6-8PM for a hands-on fun filled evening to celebrate our learning together!

Things are STEAMing up in the Library

We have been doing a number of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) activities in the library. We have been using many household items and we would love to replenish some of our supplies and would welcome donations of items such as paper rolls (toilet paper, paper towel, wrapping paper), clean cardboard, egg cartons, styrofoam trays (that have not had contact with meat), other items that can be used to make things would be appreciated. We are also hoping to build a LEGO wall in the next month so if you are cleaning out the toy room and have pieces to donate we would welcome those as well. Also interested in small electronic items that can be taken apart for us to explore the inner workings.

Full STEAM ahead

We are hosting a STEAM evening culminating in a Celebration of Learning on May 4th. Please mark the date on your calendar. We will send home more information about the evening closer to the event.

Book Fair Coming to the Library

We have a Scholastic Book Fair coming to the library April 26th to May 2nd. Students will be given the opportunity to make purchases during the school day. We will also be open the evening of Friday April 29th until 7p.m. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Homework Help for Students in Grades 7 to 10

Homework Help is a free online math help resource for students in Grades 7 to 10. Homework Help provides free, live one-on-one tutoring from Ontario teachers Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The program is funded by the Ontario government and administered by TVO's Independent Learning Centre. To log in, students will need to register with their Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of their report card near their name. For more information, visit <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>.

New Safe Schools tool to report bullying, drug use or vandalism

The SCDSB has developed a new online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://swo.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>

Ensure your child's immunization record is up to date

All families are required to provide the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) with a record of their child's immunization information. This is required by law under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). The SMDHU can suspend students whose immunization records are not up to date.

You can update your child's immunization record in one of the following ways:

Online at: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline

Fax: 705-726-3962

Call: 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8807

The health unit hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Message from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit: Free Dental Services

Taking care of your child's teeth is an important way to keep them healthy. All it takes is a pea-sized amount of fluoridated tooth paste and helping your child brush for two minutes, twice a day. If you don't brush your child's teeth regularly, bacteria can build up to form a clear sticky film on teeth called plaque. Brushing your child's teeth regularly helps to remove plaque and prevent it from forming.

Another important part of taking care of your child's teeth is visiting a dentist. If you cannot afford to take your child to the dentist there is a FREE program for dental visits called Healthy Smiles Ontario. If your family qualifies, your child(ren) will receive regular dental services at no cost. Children do not need to have an urgent dental condition to qualify. To find out more or to book an appointment, call the Health Unit's Oral Health team at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 x8818 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.).

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is May 2 to 8. One in five Ontario children and youth struggle with mental health concerns - that's about 500,000 kids. Children's Mental Health Week is about promoting positive mental health, increasing the awareness of signs related to children and youth struggling with mental health problems, decreasing stigma and understanding how to access community supports that are available to improve well-being. For more information, visit <http://www.kidsmentalhealth.ca/>.

Inside *Inside Out*: Nurturing children's emotional resilience – Parent Forum on April 26

Seasons Centre for Grieving Children is presenting an education forum for parents inspired by Disney Pixar's animated film *Inside Out*. This educational event, free for all parents, will explore how service providers, parents and caregivers can nurture emotional intelligence in children and in themselves. The event takes place on April 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Liberty North Events Facility (100 Caplan Ave. in Barrie). For details, visit <http://www.grievingchildren.com/events/other-events/>.

School Council Meeting Update

The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 9 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library. Please forward agenda items to Chairperson, Carla Williams.

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 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.

Working Towards a Scent-Reduced Environment

In order to protect those individuals with fragrance sensitivities and those who have respiratory issues, the Board is asking for voluntary cooperation towards a scent-reduced environment. Staff, students and all other persons who are invited to or who work on Board property are strongly encouraged to avoid or reduce the use of fragranced products, and to replace them with unscented alternatives. This is a request to voluntarily reduce the use of chemical-based scented products. Thank you for your consideration.

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.

Lost and Found

As mentioned previously our lost and found is bursting with many items, mainly winter clothing and footwear. All parents and students are encouraged to check for missing items in the front hall by the office. All remaining items will be donated to charity.

Head Lice Screening

Parents/guardians are reminded to continue to check their child(ren) regularly for the presence lice or eggs. Should any be found, we would appreciate being notified at the school. We will keep such information confidential but we will then send a general notice home with affected classes of students as a reminder for parents to be even more diligent when checking their child(ren).

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.

Student Film Festival - Students invited to submit films by April 13

The SCDSB is holding a Simcoe County Student Film Festival. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 are asked to submit short videos around the theme "What does belonging look like?" by April 13. Visit www.scdsbfilmfest.blogspot.ca/ for more information and to submit your film! Artists and their families will be invited to view the film festival submissions on the evening of May 17 at the SCDSB Education Centre.

April 19 event with brain injury survivor Forrest Willett: "The Journey from Hopelessness to Happiness"

Forrest Willett is a SCDSB Learning Centre graduate, author and brain injury survivor. All parents and students are invited to attend this event to hear Forrest's inspirational story, and learn more about assistive technology tools in our classrooms. It takes place on April 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. You can also view the event from home via livestream at: <http://scdsblive.ca/>. This event has been made possible by a Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant from the Government of Ontario.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TRACK & FIELD DAY

We need volunteers to help on Track and Field Day on Thursday May 18 (rain date: May 19). If you have a criminal record check on file with the SCDSB and are able to help, please complete this slip and return it to your child's classroom teacher.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Hours available: _____

