



Bronco Bulletin

“Building Your Next Generation”

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Simcoe County
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Dates to Remember for March

School Council	4
Dufflebag Theatre	7
International Pink Day	13
Elementary PD Day	15
ARC 7pm SCI	20
Gr. 4 Highland Nordic	27

Things to Remember

- * Always sign into the Office
- * If you need to meet with a teacher, please call ahead of time
- * Make sure we have an emergency contact incase your child is ill and needs to come home. We will always call you first however if we can't get ahold of you we then call your emergency contact.

Happy Spring!!

I hope you all had wonderful March Break. Many thanks to all of our families that have supported our sports teams through-out their season. It was great to see so many of you at our Spirit Day Hockey Game just before the March Break. Things continue to be very busy around Byng, with hockey, junior volleyball, trips plans and various presentations coming to our school. As well, our students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 have been preparing for the annual “end of Primary” and “end of Junior” assessment that will take place in the last week of May and first two weeks of June. The assessment will run

from May 25, through to June 8 .We ask that parents of our students in Grades 3 and 6, please mark these dates on your calendar now. Please keep these dates free of appointments to ensure that all of our students are here at school and that we eliminate the need for interruptions. The EQAO test is an opportunity for our students to demonstrate their wonderful learning skills. This is a chance for our students to do their very best in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. As a school community we will be supporting our stu-

dents in many ways, such as; providing healthy snacks, and creating a quiet atmosphere in the school during this time.

Thank you in advance for helping our students to shine

The Final ARC Meeting is on April 20th at SCI— this is the last opportunity to have your voice heard. Please consider joining us!

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”

Henry Ford

IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

PD Days: April 15, June 10 and 30
Report Card Dates: June 28
Graduation: June 27
Holidays:
Victoria Day - May 23

School Track and Field—May 20th
House Colour:
Green: 1706
Blue:1858
Red:1327
Purple:1458

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Council Meetings will be the first Monday in the month.

Please check out the school website for our minutes.

Byng School Council has a Facebook group to keep you informed! Join our group today for the latest on upcoming fundraisers/ activities and educational resources!" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/866100363507423/>

Our next Council Meeting :

Monday, April 4

6:30 pm in the Library .

Please join us !

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.

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://byg.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 substi-

tute 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>.

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.

PA DAY ADDED ON APRIL 15

An additional Professional Activity (PA) day has been added to the 2015-16 school year calendar for Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) elementary and secondary schools. This PA day

is scheduled for April 15, 2016. The school year calendar for 2015-16 now includes 187 instructional days and seven professional activity days. The additional PA Day is part of the settlements that were centrally ne-

gotiated with the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers' Federation (OSSTF). View the updated school calendar at www.scdsb.on.ca and click on 'Schools' and then 'School Year Calendars.'

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.

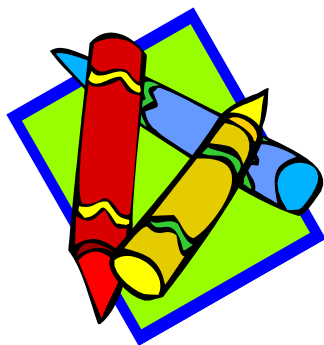
You can update your child's immunization record in one of the following ways:

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.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2012? If so, it's time to register them for Kinder-

garten in the SCDSB! Beginning on January 26, 2016, Simcoe County's public schools will be registering children for Kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. . For more information and to watch

our new Kindergarten video featuring local students, visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten .

Or come to our School to register your child for next year.

Or call:

Mrs. Beattie at 705-428-2245

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Please join us Tuesday May 10 from 4-6 for our Welcome to Kindergarten meet and greet.

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 reg-

ular 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.).

7 STREET PROOFING TIPS TO KEEP KIDS SAFE

With warmer weather on the way and more of our students walking and biking to school soon, we’d like to remind parents to review safety tips with their kids:

If your child walks to school or to the bus stop, try to arrange a walking buddy or group.

If your child walks to school, make sure they go along main routes that are well-travelled, rather than taking shortcuts through deserted areas.

Develop a "what if" game for your

child to get them thinking about how they would respond if they felt threatened or afraid.

Know who your child plays with and where they go. This includes keeping a list of their friend's addresses and phone numbers.

Do not leave your child in unsupervised locations, such as cars, parks, public washrooms, arenas, malls and plazas, etc.

Teach your children where and how to get help. Go with them on their regu-

larly travelled routes and identify safe places to go for help.

Teach your child to talk to you immediately when someone does anything that makes them feel strange or uncomfortable. Listen when your child is trying to tell you about something that bothers them and provide them with support and understanding.

MESSAGE FROM THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT: SCHOOL LUNCH IDEAS

Are your children tired of the traditional bread sandwich? Stock up on a variety of whole wheat and multi-grain wraps, pitas or tortilla shells – then let your imagination go! Tasty fillings include:

Beans, salsa and shredded mozzarella cheese

Hummus and grated carrot

Egg salad made with chopped celery and green onion

Salmon salad topped with shredded lettuce

Sliced turkey with honey mustard

Chopped chicken salad made with grated apple

For more information, call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-5720 and speak with a public health nurse or visit www.simcoemuskohealth.org.

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Organization

8:50 -9:05	Yard opens
9:05 -11:05	First Block
11:05-11:25	First Nutrition Break
11:25-11:45	Outdoor Break
11:45-1:25	Second Block
1:25-1:45	Second Nutrition Break
1:45-2:05	Outdoor Break
2:05-3:25	Third Block
3:25	Dismissal



PAY FOR FIELD TRIPS, LUNCH DAYS, ETC. WITH SCHOOL-CASH ONLINE

The SchoolCash Online program is now available at all schools, offering parents the option to pay online for field trips, lunch days and other items. The program is intended to reduce paper, eliminate the need for students to travel with money, and for money to be counted and stored at schools. Payment by credit card has now also been added.

Parents who sign up will receive a notification when a new item becomes available for purchase. Items are personalized to each student. Parents will use a secure online account to process payments, and can either make a one-time payment for each item as it occurs, or load money to carry a balance in the online account to make payments in the future.

To create an online account, go to <https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com>. Please contact the school office with any questions.

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