



Bronco Bulletin

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December 2019

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 2-5-Summit Climbing Presentation

December 6- Wye Marsh Field Trip - Gr. 3/4 & 4/5

December 9-20—Candy Grams sales—\$1 each.

December 13- Gr. 1 Fire Safety

December 13 - Wye Marsh visit to Grade 3/4 & 4/5 classes

December 17-18-Food Drive and Fill the Truck

December 17- Caroling at the nursing homes - Mrs. Bradford/McFarlane & Mrs. Gully's classes

December 17 & 18 Holiday Performance - 1:30 PM show

December 21—Red & Green Day Assembly @ 11:45AM

December 23 to January 3 2019 - Winter Break

January 10 - Jersey/Sports Day

January 23 - Assembly @ 11:45AM and Flannel/Plaid Day

January 24—PA Day

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Exciting things are happening at Byng!

Students and staff are busy working on special presentations for our holiday concert. Each class will be showcasing their hard work during our holiday performances, we invite you to attend on Tuesday, December 17th or Wednesday December 18th at 1:30 pm. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted during these performances. All food collected will be donated to the Stayner Food Bank.

Also a reminder with the change in weather students need to be dressed appropriately and prepared to go outside for recess. An extra pair of socks and mitts is always a great idea. For parents of children with emergency bags at school this is also a good time to ensure the clothes are updated for the season.

I wish all of the students, parents/guardians and staff at Byng a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Mae Senick

CANDY GRAMS - \$1

Candy gram sales will start on Monday, December 9 until Friday, December 20th during first break. Deliveries will happen on Friday (Dec. 13 & 20).



You are invited to attend

BYNG PUBLIC SCHOOL'S HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE

DECEMBER 17th or 18th, 2019
Show Time: 1:30 PM

WE ARE ASKING FAMILIES FOR A FOOD DONATION AT THE DOOR

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.

Kindergarten registration opens in January

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2016?

If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning Jan. 27, 2020, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year. New this year, the registration process begins online! Visit <https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/>



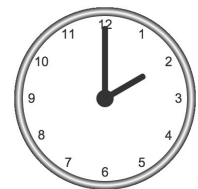
School playgrounds are closed for the winter

Every winter, school playground structures are closed. Students are made aware of this during school hours through announcements and staff reminders during breaks. This may not be well known throughout the community, despite signs indicating that playground structures are a winter hazard and are closed. The Canadian Standards Association regulations make recommendations for the depth of ground cover required to minimize injuries (e.g. sand, pea gravel or wood chips). These surfaces cannot be maintained when the ground freezes. Injuries from falling would be more significant on frozen ground. We strongly recommend that you do not allow your children to play on any structures while the ground is frozen.



Student Pick Up Arrangements

If an emergency arises and you need to change your child's pick up routine, contact the office before 2:00 pm. This is to allow enough time to make sure your child is aware of the change.



Parents invited to information sessions about special education

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents and guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs. Topics include accessing community supports, building a plan for the summer, understanding the Special Equipment Amount (SEA) and applied behaviour analysis (ABA).

Sessions will take place at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. Participants may also access the sessions online via Google Meet. More information, including dates, times and links to register, can be found at https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education.

Ditch Digital Devices and Plug into Play

This winter, swap screen time for play time together. Children need play to learn, grow and be healthy. Unstructured child-led activities, or 'free play', make a world of difference. There are many ways to play together as a family:

- Get outdoors by taking a winter hike, making a snowman, or building a snow fort

- Make your own musical instruments and move to the music

- Play hopscotch, tag or hide and seek

- Play dress up together

- Set up an obstacle course using couch cushions for your child to navigate

Encourage your children to lead the way and experience fun from their perspective!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact *Health Connection* at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.



How to stop the spread of germs to help us all stay healthy this school year

Colds and influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks or keyboards, and then are touched by someone else. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.



The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands! Wash with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds (or try singing "row row row your boat"). If your hands are not visibly dirty, you can use alcohol-based hand rub (hand sanitizer) for 15 seconds. You can also get your flu shot, cover your mouth when you cough and sneeze and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

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The Witches Walk Donation

The Witches walk was another success this year with proceeds being donated to local community programs including \$100 for our nutrition program here at Byng PS.

Stuff the Truck Food Drive



We are asking for non perishable food donations to stuff the truck! Bring your donations Dec. 17th & 18th!!



Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Donation

Our local Tim Horton's donated \$1716 to Byng from their Smile Cookie campaign this year! This money will be used to provide healthy snacks to the students at Byng throughout the school year.

PARENT COUNCIL CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Exciting things are happening at Byng!

A Transition Committee is being formed between Clearview Meadows and Byng. We will be seeking a parent representative from our school to attend Committee meetings and act as a go-between for the school. More information to follow.

School Closing Committee is being formed. First meeting will be held in early December. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Rachel Brooks at 705-828-0059 for more information.

Mrs. Collicutt provided an overview of Number Talks to the School Council, explaining the newer method of teaching comprehension-based mathematics in elementary school. The Council found the presentation to be very helpful in understanding how this newer method provides children with a foundational understanding of numbers and mathematics. Please watch for links and resources for more information.

Two members of our Parent Council attended the Parent Involvement Committee Connections Conference in October. They shared the highlights and takeaways from that conference with Parent Council., including: fundraising ideas, parent engagement ideas and opportunities, and resources available on the SCDSB website.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for February 3rd, 2020 at 5:45 pm. All are welcome to attend.

