



Bronco Bulletin

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IMPORTANT DATES:

November 4- School Council Meeting - 5:45pm

November 4- Picture Retake Day

November 4- Girls Basketball Tourney @ Connaught

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November 5- MacLaren Art – Bradford/Gulley

November 6- MacLaren Art – Roy/McEachern

November 7- MacLaren Art – Buske/McLean/Sparling

November 8- MacLaren Art – Collicutt

November 12- Scientist in the Classroom Gr. 4/5-Collicutt/McEachern

November 19-21- Student Led Conferences

November 22- P.A. Day

November 25- Groove Movement Presentation

November 28- Wye Marsh inclass presentation (Gr. 3-5)

December 2-5- Summit Climbing Gr. JK-6

Dear Byng Families,

The school year is well underway and things are busy here at Byng. The school participated in pumpkin carving for the annual pyramid and lighting at Fernwood Farms. I hope you were able to get out and enjoy the festivities and creative master pieces created by our students. Junior boy's and girls' basketball is underway and Byng hosted a tournament with three other schools to practice in preparation for the upcoming tournaments. We had 4 students from our small school qualify to represent us at county cross countries and they showed determination and grit and made us all proud. Students are continuing to grow and learn and select a couple work samples to show you at the student led conferences. If you have not yet signed up for a meeting time, please contact your child's classroom teacher to book a timeslot.

The weather continues to be unpredictable, please ensure that your child is dressed to participate fully at school. Layering works well with cool mornings and warmer afternoons. Keep in mind that many of our students spend time other than recesses outside learning in our outdoor classroom. Byng Public School council is underway and we are always looking for new members to join us. This month we will be investigation some new math strategies and ways to help our children further their development and understanding in mathematics. We meet at 5:45 the first Monday of the November in the school library. If this interest you, please feel free to join us. Many opportunities are provided at the school for your children to become involved in the school community by acting as office helpers, mail messengers, lunch buddies, sports and clubs. We encourage all students and their families to become actively involved in and outside the classroom.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!"- Unknown
Mae Senick, Principal

Smile Cookie campaign a success!!



In Stayner, the Smile Cookie campaign raised \$1 716 for Byng Public School's Eat Well to Excel Program. Thank you to all who participated!

Bus cancellation information reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the **WEST** zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>



For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

Remembrance Day - November 11th

On Monday, November 11th, the staff and students of Byng will be participating in a Remembrance Day assembly at 10:55 AM in our school gym. Ukulele Club will make an appearance at this assembly.



Please consider sending a small donation to school with your child to support our veterans.

Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov. 5 to 9

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's Nov. 5 to 9. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty 5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty.

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties.

Student Led Conferences

Conferences will take place during the week of November 19th. If you haven't already done so, please come into the main office or contact Mrs. Vermilyea to book an appointment.

These conferences should include your child who will share samples of their schoolwork. Please plan to visit all of your child's teachers including French, planning time, special education, and/or teacher librarian.

We look forward to this opportunity to meeting with you and discussing your child's academic achievement and learning skills.

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.



Byng School Parent Council Update

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the first Byng School Council meeting of the school year on September 30, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Election of Positions – Rachel Brooks and Christine Tjeerdsma were voted in for a second year as Co-Chairs and Jessica Henderson as Secretary. Parent representatives include Jessical Metheral, Kelsey Jarvimaki and Kayleigh Melmore. Staff Representatives are Lesia Collicutt, Cathy Hoysa and Mae Senick.

EQAO – grades for 2018 were discussed, along with the New Math teaching method that has been adopted over the last couple of years. A Teacher Representative has offered to give a presentation to Council at our next meeting on November 4, 2019. All are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL CASH – All parents are encouraged to use the School Cash Website to pay for trips, Pizza Days and Milk Orders. If you have any questions about School Cash, please contact the office.

Transition to Clearview – A Transition Committee will be formed to make the transition to Clearview as smooth as possible. Parents are asked to send questions to Mrs. Senick. Council will work to compile a list of Frequently Asked Questions to post to the School Website for access by all.

Closing Committee – A Closing Committee will be formed to gather suggestions and ideas around the closing of Byng School. Please forward any comments to Rachel Brooks at wrb.farms@gmail.com.

IWALK Day – Thanks to all who participated on October 2 by walking, wheeling or taking the school bus. This event is held to promote more active travel to and from school. The Stayner School Travel Planning Committee continues to meet regularly. Parents/guardians are welcome to join this committee – please contact Mrs. Senick if you are interested.

Funds – Council has approved the following fund distributions for Student Experiences. Grove Movement (\$800), Summit Climbing (\$3000), Duffle Bag Theatre (\$762), RazKids (SK-grade 2) (\$400), Classroom support (\$100/FTE = \$1000), McLaren Arts (\$2075)

Meeting Times – It was agreed that future Council meetings will begin at 5:45pm.

The next Byng School Parent Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4 at 5:45pm. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please join us!

Safe water in our school

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, along with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, works with local school boards in their efforts to ensure children are protected from unnecessary exposure to lead from drinking water. All schools are required to flush their plumbing regularly and sample their water to test for lead. Samples must be collected at every tap that provides drinking water or that is used to prepare food or drink for children under the age of 18. Schools are required to test both standing (water that has been sitting in the distribution lines) and flushed water (water which has run through the lines) for lead on a regular basis (e.g. annually). Flushing has been shown to reduce lead levels in water and is a recognized lead reduction strategy. If a school's drinking water test result is above the provincial drinking water standard for lead, the schools communicate these results to the local Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks to ensure corrective actions are carried out and the problem is resolved.



Keeping SCDSB school communities informed on labour updates

In August 2019, provincial and local contracts for all education workers in the province of Ontario expired. In the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), this means that all our unionized groups are at different stages of contract negotiations at the provincial and local levels. The SCDSB will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates on the status of negotiations and our schools whenever possible.

Labour updates are issued on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca/about/labour_updates), Facebook (www.facebook.com/SCDSB), Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools) and on the labour updates information line at 1-877-728-1187.