



Bronco Bulletin

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IMPORTANT DATES:

February 3- School Council,
5:45pm, School Library

February 14 - Red & Pink
Day

February 17- Family Day -No
School

February 26 - SK Grad Photo
Day

February 27- Byng House
Colours- wear your house
colour shirt to show your Byng
Pride

March 6- PA Day - No School

March 16—20- March Break

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In the month of February we encourage all students to walk to school. We encourage all families who live within our school walk zone to embrace Winter and walk to school. It is a great time of year to get outside and enjoy the fresh air.

Our students go outside for two (20 min.) recesses. In winter, we follow guidelines from the Canadian Pediatric Society: students remain inside if the actual temperature falls below -25°C or if the wind chill factor is reported to be -28°C or colder. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather conditions. During conditions outlined above, students remain indoors until the temperature is such that the students can go outside.

The weather continues to be unpredictable, ensuring your children are dressed appropriately to spend time outside for recess will help them to embrace our Canadian winter weather.

With the unpredictability in the weather the yard has been very slippery at times. It is important that students stay safe and remain off the icy patches. Students are reminded to stay off of the ice both during the school day and as they come on to school property in the mornings and while exiting after school hours. Students have also been reminded to stay off of any snow hills that are close to a sidewalk or a roadway. This is to help ensure that students do not accidentally fall in front of traffic and to help keep walkways free from snow.

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For the month of February, we are excited to be participating in #WinterWalkDay!

Walking to school in winter has many potential benefits, including benefits for your child's health and well-being (like opportunities to learn and socialize on the way to school, and arriving at school alert and ready to learn), our community (reduced traffic congestion around the school) and the environment, too. Keep active this winter and join schools across Canada to celebrate walking/wheeling to school.



If you can walk safely to school, wrap up warm, leave the car at home and travel to school on foot with your friends

If you live too far to walk with whole way, try "walk a block" - get dropped off at a friend's house or a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way

If you take the school bus, walk to your bus stop or have a winter walk in the school yard at recess time

Walk with your child - Grab your mittens, hats and boots and join the movement! Complete the Eye Spy Activity (attached) on your way.



Dear Parent:

This year Byng Public School is taking part in an Active School Travel Project that will improve school journeys for our students. Through School Travel Planning, parents, students and school staff will work with municipal, school board and public health officials to reduce congestion, address traffic safety issues and encourage more students to walk and cycle for the school journey. Over the next few weeks information will be collected to support our project.

We are asking parents/guardians to complete a Family Survey at home in the winter of 2020 and again in the spring of 2020. This information is being collected by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and your school to help inform the development of an Active School Travel Action Plan for your school.

Please complete this 5-minute Family Survey with your eldest child who attends this school. Your input is important to the success of this project. Knowing what travel choices families are making and why they are making them will help the school create a travel plan that considers everyone's needs.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Byng_BaselineParent

In addition, we would like to know more about how your child travels to and from school. A Student Travel Survey will be conducted by your child's teacher every day over a week-long period in the winter of 2020 and again in the spring of 2020. This survey is a quick 'hands-up' survey, asking two questions and requesting students to raise their hand for the answer that applies to them. Question 1 is How did you get to school today? Question 2 is How will you get home from school this afternoon? Potential responses include walk, bike, school bus, public transit, car, etc.

Participation in both surveys is optional. No identifiable information will be collected. We do not ask for your child's name. If you do not wish your child to participate in the Student Travel Survey, please notify the school Principal in writing as soon as possible.

Please complete this survey by Friday, 7th February, 2020.

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Byng Student's Transitioning to Clearview Meadows September 2020

We have been listening to your questions and seeking answers. If you follow this link: <http://cle.scdsb.on.ca/about-us/byng-to-cmes-transition> you will see the types of questions that have been asked in relation to the transition to Clearview for the Fall and responses from those responsible. If you have another question that you do not see listed send it to Mrs. Senick at msenick@scdsb.on.ca so she can send it in for review. The Frequently Asked Questions page will be updated as new questions and responses become available.

Subscribe to our website: <http://byg.scdsb.on.ca/>

Byng Spirit Days



Friday February 14 wear Pink or Red to celebrate Valentines day!

Friday February 28 wear your Byng House colours to support your Byng House!



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.



Experienced candidates need not apply: Kindergarten registration is now open!

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! Children turning four in 2020 can start school this September. The registration process can be started on the registration page on the SCDSB website, then completed at the school. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten for more information.

Kindergarten Registration will take place at Clearview Meadows for the 2020/2021 school year.

Please complete the online registration process and you will be contacted to set up a time to provide the necessary paperwork.

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 level. 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.