



Bronco Bulletin

Website Address: <http://byg.scdsb.on.ca>

JANUARY 2018

**Principal:
Mae Senick**

**239 William Street
Stayner, ON
L0M 1S0
(705) 428-2245**

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 10 - Gr. 1-3 Scientists in the Schools

January 10 - Gr. 6 & 7 Transition Activity at SCI

January 15 - Gr. 4 & 5 Scientists in Schools

January 26 - Elementary Professional Activity Day

January 29 - Combined School Council, 6:30 pm, SCI Library

January 30 - Byng's Public Speaking

January 30– February 2
Grade 6 & 7 Muskoka Woods

February 5 - School Council, 6:30 pm, School Library

February 5 - Kindergarten Registration 5:00 - 7:00 pm

February 16 - Report Cards go home

February 19 - Family Day

February 26 - MADD Presentation Gr. 7 & 8

February 27 - Grade 8 Grad Photos and SK Celebration Photos

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I truly hope that the holiday break was a happy time, where you were able to spend time with family and friends, catching up on what has been happening over the past year. I hope that you were able to make some very positive memories over the last two weeks.

The month of January brings more cold weather. Students are reminded to dress for the conditions. Being dressed warmly makes it more enjoyable spending time playing outside in the snow. Please send extra socks and mittens so they can be exchanged during the day.

January is also a month full of germs. Be sure to wash your hands regularly with soap. If your child is sick and not well enough to participate in all aspects of school, including recess, please keep them at home.

Parents and guardians dropping off students are reminded that supervision on the back yard starts at 8:50 am each school day. Students who walk or are driven to school in the morning are to head directly to the back yard to play with their friends.

The large snow hills in the front and back parking lots look fun, but are not safe for students to slide down. Students run the risk of sliding into the parking lot or onto the road in front of a moving vehicle. Stay safe!

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.

Dental Screening Program

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Oral Health team will be at our school on **February 12th, 2018** to conduct dental screenings.

A dental screening is a quick look in the mouth using a sterilized tooth mirror. Don't forget to look for the information letter from the health unit, which will be coming home with your child.



Provide input on proposed 2018-19 school year calendar

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept.



2018 to June 2019). Starting Jan. 9, input can be provided by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca, then clicking the link on the 'School Year Calendars' page under the 'Schools' menu. All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. The deadline to submit input is Jan. 31.

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.

Jan. 22

Assessments in Special Education:
Psych Ed and Other Assessments

Feb. 19

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

Attend a French Immersion information night; registration opens in January

The SCDSB offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

Information sessions take place in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. Information session dates are posted at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Mon. Jan. 22, until 9 p.m. on Wed. Jan. 24, 2018 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered. Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically. Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application.

Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

Questions about your child's health?

Health Connection offers free, confidential health information from nurses and health inspectors on:

- how your child is growing, parenting tips, fast and healthy meals, safe food and water, common illnesses, keeping kids safe, fun family activities
- health unit programs such as vaccinations and dental care
- community resources for parenting, mental health, addictions, quitting smoking or financial help
-

Contact Health Connection at 1-705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/>. If English is not your first language, we have a telephone interpretation service.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration starts this month

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning Jan. 22, our elementary schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

Kindergarten Registration at Byng

Kindergarten registration begins Jan. 22. The office is open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm each day. **Byng will have a registration night on February 5, 2018 from 5:00 - 7:00pm.**

RVH Film Festival welcomes student submissions

Barrie's Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has partnered with the Simcoe County District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and Unity Christian High School to offer students, classes and schools the opportunity to participate in RVH's annual Film Festival in two external categories:

Kindergarten to Grade 6
Grade 7 and up

This year's theme is "Making mental health matter - how are you making a difference?" Students and classes are invited to make a two-minute video showing how they promote mental health. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 5.

Voting will take place from Feb. 16 to 26 and those with the winning entries will be invited to an awards ceremony on March 8.



Changes to Ontario Early Years Centres effective Jan. 1

In February 2017, the Ontario government announced the transformation of the delivery of early years programs for children and families. Starting in January, Ontario Early Years Centres, Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, Child Care Resource Centres and Better Beginnings, Better Futures centres will collectively be known as EarlyON Child and Family Centres. These EarlyON Child and Family Centres will be open to all families across Ontario, and provide support, parenting programs, personal connections and a network of resources as well as play- and inquiry-based programs for young children. Effective January 1, Child and Family Programs currently in schools will be relocated to the community. These four agencies will now manage EarlyON Child and Family Centres in Simcoe County:

OEYC Simcoe North, www.oeycsimcoenorth.ca
Simcoe Community Services, www.simcoecommunityservices.ca,
E3 Community Services, www.e3.ca
La Clé (Francophone), www.lacle.ca

For specific days and hours of operation, please contact your local lead agency. Information can be found by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca – 'Schools' – 'Before & After School Care.'

Students, Staff, Parents and Guardians at Byng Public School,

We, the Youth for Youth Initiative, are writing to you to thank you for your interest, participation and generous contributions towards our project. We are thrilled to inform you that your efforts have made our project very successful!

We could not have done this without the charitable donations from students and teachers who worked together to make our efforts a success. In total there were nearly 500 items collected plus \$96 in cash donations! We were able to fill 15 shoe boxes with the donations you all contributed, as well as a dozen grocery bags filled with soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and many other essential toiletries. With this many toiletries, we estimate that the youth at Youth Haven will not be worried about these necessities for a long time!

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Gulley's Grade 1 class on donating the most products, followed closely by Mrs. Cicinski's Grade 2/3 class. Although these two classes were the winners of the prizes, each and every classroom should be proud of their accomplishments. There was great response from every classroom in Byng, and we are proud of everyone. We hope the children enjoy their much deserved pizza and ice cream parties. A big thank you to Lorne Bunn Electric for sponsoring the prizes. Also, a big thanks to Mrs. Senick and the staff at Byng for helping organize and roll out this part of our initiative.

Sincerely,

Andrea Redpath, Amy Hinchey and Sydney Bunn
Youth for Youth Initiative

