

Bronco Bulletin

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IMPORTANT DATES:

March 6—P.D. Day

March 16-20 March Break

March 25—Bronco Spirit Day
wear your house colours

March 27—Duffle Bag Theater
Peter Pan Performance K-6

March 31 - Dairy Presentations - JK to Gr. 4

Dear Byng Families,

We are now into the second half of the school year. Arriving promptly for school daily helps your child establish positive lifelong habits. Students are continuing to learn collaboratively with staff and each other. Interesting and exciting things are continuing to happen at Byng! Some of our students are writing to pen pals to learn about other areas of Ontario and Canada, 2 students represented our school at a local speech competition and all students continue to be creative when working with the snow outside!

March continues to bring unpredictable weather. Students should come to school ready to go outside for recesses and outdoor learning time. They may need an extra set of clothing and mitts as items sometimes become soggy and damp as they play and explore. Dressing in layers also helps as the temperatures are typically cooler in the mornings and then warm up over the course of the day.

It is still cold and flu season. Getting lots of rest, drinking liquids and washing hands regularly with soap and warm water typically helps to keep the germs at bay.

Mae Senick

Kindergarten registration for children turning four this year

Is your child turning four in 2020? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Simcoe County's public elementary schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year. New this year, **the registration process begins online!** Visit: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten for more information.

♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten

OUR SCHOOL DAY

8:20 AM	Outside Supervision Begins
8:30 AM	Entry Bell
8:30—10:10 AM	Instructional Time
10:10—10:50 AM	1st Nutrition/Recess Break
10:50—12:30 PM	Instructional Time
12:30—1:10 PM	2nd Nutrition/Recess Break
1:10—2:50 PM	Instructional Time
2:50 PM	Dismissal

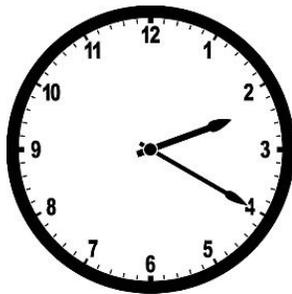
School Council

School Council will meet again, Monday, April 6th from 5:45—7:00 pm in the school library.

All parents are guardians are welcome to join us for this meeting.

Student Pick Up Arrangements

If an emergency arises and you need to change your child's pick up routine, contact the office before 2:20 pm. This is to allow enough time to make sure your child is aware of the change.



Stay healthy this school year



Colds and influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread quickly when someone coughs or sneezes directly on another person, or when germs land on hard surfaces like doorknobs, 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 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. Also, get your flu shot, cover coughs and sneezes and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

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

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Character Attribute for the month of March

Integrity - we act justly and honourably in all that we do. More information about Character Education can be found here: www.scdsb.on.ca/



Byng – School Council update

A Transition Committee, to support the upcoming transition to Clearview Meadows, will be formed in the near future. Stay tuned for updates!

Frequently Asked Questions about the upcoming transition have been posted to the school website. Any additional questions can be sent to Mrs. Senick.

A working group to plan for the upcoming closing celebration has been formed. We are planning for a celebration on Saturday June 6, 2020 – more details to follow. We are accepting pictures and memories to contribute to the celebration. Please email pictures or memories to byng@scdsb.on.ca by May 15, 2020.

Thank you to everyone who completed the School Travel Planning family survey! The results will be used to inform the activities of the local “On the Move” project and a summary will be shared at an upcoming School Council meeting.



Thank you to everyone who participated in Winter Walk month! Try to continue to walk or wheel to school!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 6, 2020 at 5:45pm.

March Break child care programs

Child care programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party child care operators in some SCDSB schools. To support your child care needs, some operators offer child care on PA days and holidays including over the March Break (March 16 to 20). Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at: https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after.

New Path offering child and youth mental health walk-in clinics

New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Collingwood and Orillia. The Walk-In Clinic provides a single session to children, youth and families who require support for emotional, relationship or behavioural challenges. The Walk-In Clinic can be accessed by children, youth and families as often as they require support. Children, youth and families can self-refer by attending one of the walk-in clinic locations across the county. Dates and times of the clinics are posted on the New Path website (www.newpath.ca). For more information, contact New Path's Central Intake Department at 705-725-7656 or from the 905 area code in Simcoe County by calling 1-866-566-7656.

Important information for volunteers in schools

Volunteers in Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) schools are sent information throughout the year regarding their volunteer status, including timelines, necessary requirements, etc. This information is sent to the email on file in our Community Apps portal. Volunteers are reminded to update your Community Apps account if you change your email address. Updating your email address in your Community Apps account will automatically update your email address in your volunteer portal profile. Instructions on how to change your email address in Community Apps can be found here: www1.scdsb.on.ca/app/CommunityPass/Help/Docs.



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Tentative Schedule:

DIVISION	AGES	DAYS**	TIME
Little Shooters	3-4	Saturdays	AM
Paperweight	5-6	Saturdays	AM
Tyke	7-8	Tuesdays and Thursdays	PM
Novice	9-10	Mondays and Wednesdays	PM
Peewee	11-12	Tuesdays and Thursdays	PM
Bantam	13-14	Mondays and Wednesdays	PM
Midget	15-16	Tuesdays and Thursdays	PM
Intermediate	17-21	Mondays and Wednesdays	PM

**Days for tyke through intermediate are subject to change pending upcoming Zone meetings in late March 2020

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.

Screen-free week: activities to get kids moving this March Break!

Over the March Break, many kids are tempted to stay indoors in front of a screen – playing video games, on their smartphones or watching television. But, this one-week break can be the perfect opportunity to get kids moving!

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the average child aged 8-18 spends 7.5 hours on a device or screen every single day. That's 114 days glued to a screen each year! Sedentary behaviour has implications for both physical and mental health, including increased risk of obesity, developing a chronic disease (such as Type 2 diabetes) and mental health issues. Experts agree that kids should be engaging in 60 minutes of heart-pumping physical activity every single day.

March Break is the perfect opportunity to get kids off their screens and moving! Here are some ideas to keep your kids active and having fun this March Break:

Enjoy the great outdoors

Breathe in some fresh winter air as you explore your local trails, parks, toboggan and ski hills. Or, check out the local maple syrup festivals happening in your area!

Visit a local museum

March Break is a great time to learn something new. Local museums are rich with history, fun facts and exciting ideas. And, the good news is, you'll spend the day walking and exercising!

Make a splash

Local community pools, like the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, offer day passes for families to take advantage of recreational swimming. And, for the older kids, March Break is the perfect time to enrol in aquatic leadership programs such as Bronze Medallion. For more information on aquatic leadership programs being offered at the Y over the March Break, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/aquatics-certification.

Lace up your skates

Many local ice rinks hold family skates during the March Break. It's a great opportunity to get some exercise and burn off some energy!

Ready, set, train!

The YMCA's 'Move to Give' fundraising event is happening on April 4. Challenge the whole family to train for an event such as a triathlon or indoor cycle challenge. It will keep the family focused on a fitness goal and it's all for a great cause – supporting your community! For more information visit www.movetogive.ca.

March Break is the perfect opportunity to create healthy habits for the entire family. For more information about YMCA programs and activities happening this March Break, visit your local YMCA or www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

Eye exams: free for kids!

Eye exams are covered by OHIP for children in Ontario, which means it's free to get an eye exam for your child. Vision problems are common in school-aged children, but it's not always easy for parents to know if their child has trouble seeing. Having vision problems can make it harder for kids to learn, play sports or do everyday activities. Children should have an eye exam before starting kindergarten, and then yearly exams after that.

Worried about the cost of glasses? Some optometrists in our area participate in the I See, I Learn program. This program provides free eyeglasses to children in junior kindergarten. Find out more by visiting www.optom.on.ca.