



THE HUSKY HOWLER

Mapleview Heights Elementary School Newsletter

June 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

June has arrived and so has the lovely sunny weather! It is hard to believe that summer holidays are just around the corner. While there are so many exciting things happening in June, we must all be mindful of the importance of school expectations and routines. There is still a lot of learning to be done and we ask that you support your child(ren) by encouraging regular attendance and arriving to school on time.

We would like to thank everyone for their understanding in the cancellation of the BBQ last week. While our school council and staff volunteers were all ready to go, unfortunately we could not control the weather. Since June is so busy, the BBQ will not be rescheduled. Be sure to check out the book fair June 4-6, during regular school hours. We will also be hosting the Volunteer Celebration on the afternoon of June 12th, where we will take the opportunity to have a special tribute to those individuals who take time out of their schedule to help our school run smoothly. Invitations for this will be emailed shortly. Other events coming up to look forward to include Party in a Bag Fundraiser, Talent Show, Field Trips, Track & Field, 3-Pitch Tournaments, Ultimate Frisbee, Kindergarten Olympics and Jump Rope for Heart. Did I mention yet how busy June is?

As you plan for the final week of school, check your child(ren)'s backpack and/or agenda for their report card on June 27th. In addition, the last day of school will be on Thursday June 28th as Friday June 29th is a P.A day where staff will be meeting to reflect on this year and plan for next year.

With the 2017/2018 school year coming to a close, we would like to thank the Mapleview Heights school community for their support and time given to our staff and students. Have a safe and wonderful summer and we look forward to what 2018/2019 has to bring!

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Andrea Newburn



FUTURE DATES

June 1	P.A. Day
June 4	Gr. 3 St. Marie payments due
June 4	GLS field trip for Gr. 8s
June 8	Party in a Bag Fundraiser – Gr. 6 to 8
June 5	Sportapalooza – DS students
June 5	School Council 6:30pm
June 6	Talent Show
June 7	Zones Track & Field Meet – Warnica
June 7	Gr. 3 Essa Agriplex Field Trip
June 8	Gr. 1 Tiffin Centre payments due
June 8	Sportapalooza Raindate
June 11 - 13	SMDHU Dental Clinic
June 12	Volunteer Celebration
June 12	Gr. 7 Jr. Achievement workshop
June 13	Regional Track & Field @ ISS
June 13	Catton/Geddes Year End Celebration
June 14	Rain Date for Regional Track & Field
June 14	Gr. 1 Tiffin Centre field trip
June 15	Back in Time Day
June 15	Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
June 18	Character Ed Assembly 1:55pm
June 19	Girls 3-pitch tournament
June 19	Lee/Bafaro Year End Celebration
June 20	Boys 3-pitch tournament
June 20	Kindie Olympics
June 21	National Aboriginal Day
June 21	Gr. 3 St. Marie Among The Hurons field trip
June 21	Leadership Team Building
June 21	Sprickerhoff/Vella Year End Celebration
June 22	Jump Rope for Heart
June 22	Deadline for SCDSB STEAM & Assist Tech Summer Camp Registrations
June 25	McCullough/Levan Year End Celebration
June 26	Gr. 8 Grad
June 27	Report Cards Go Home
June 27	Jr. Glee Presentations
June 28	Last Day Year End Assembly
June 29	P.A. Day
Sept 4	First Day of School 2018-2019



2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR NOW APPROVED

The Ministry of Education has approved the elementary and secondary school year calendars for the Simcoe County District School Board's 2018-19 school year.

2018-19 Highlights:

- First day of school: Tuesday, September 4, 2018
- First day of school for Junior Kindergarten students: Thursday, September 6, 2018
- Winter Break: December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019
- March Break: March 11 to 15, 2019
- Last day for elementary students: Thursday, June 27, 2019
- Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 26, 2019

You can view the 2018-19 calendars on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca) by clicking on 'Schools' and then 'School Year Calendars.'

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS – OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO SPEAK INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

Do you speak Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu or Vietnamese? The SCDSB is currently looking for high school student volunteers to help support the Saturday morning international language classes for students in Grades 1 - 8. The classes run from 9 to 11:30 a.m., starting Sept. 15, at the Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) and the Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E., Suite 200). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the program coordinator, Amanda Hickling, at ahickling@scdsb.on.ca

EYE SEE .. EYE LEARN PROGRAM OFFERS FREE GLASSES FOR JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The Eye See...Eye Learn program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeyelearn.ca. The program is available for current JK students until June 30, 2018.

UPDATED CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS REQUIRED FOR VOLUNTEERS

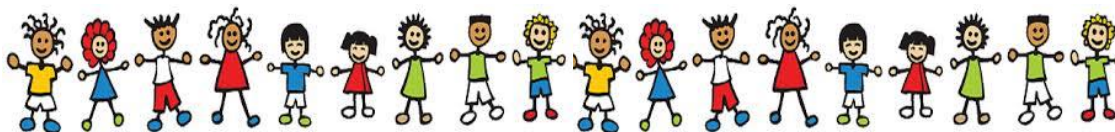
We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, and in accordance with the Education Act, the SCDSB requires a complete and up-to-date Criminal Record Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CRC-VSS) for all volunteers across the system. If you are a current, approved volunteer and your CRC-VSS is more than five years old, you will be receiving a notification this month indicating that you are required to submit a new CRC-VSS. If you wish to continue as a SCDSB volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. Contact the school principal to obtain a CRC-VSS request letter.
2. Bring your CRC-VSS request letter to your local police detachment.
3. Submit your original and complete CRC-VSS to the school office for review by Oct. 31, 2018.

If you are a current SCDSB employee volunteering in the system, you are required to submit an updated CRC-VSS to the school where you will be volunteering. If you have completed a CRC-VSS within the past six months of the start of the school year for another organization, you may submit that original CRC-VSS for review. If you have questions, please contact the school.

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

The SCDSB offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enrol your children in this program to learn a new language, understand a new culture or to extend their knowledge of their first or second language, every student can benefit from this program. The Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) offers Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 15 (classes are dependent on student enrollment). There is no charge for this program. Most classes fill quickly on a first come, first served basis. Register your child by visiting www.thelearningcentres.com and clicking on 'Elementary Student.'



CANADA EDUCATION SAVINGS PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP FUND YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION



The Government of Canada encourages Canadians to use Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP) to save for a child's post-secondary education, which includes full- or part-time studies at a trade

school, CEGEP, college, or university or in an apprenticeship program. Employment and Social Development Canada administers two education savings incentives linked to RESPs:

- **Canada Education Savings Grant** - a basic grant of 20% on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a RESP (this grant is available to all eligible Canadians regardless of their family income), as well as the additional amount of Canada Education Savings Grant.
- **Canada Learning Bond** - available for eligible Canadian children from low-income families born in 2004 or later and provides an initial payment of \$500 plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000. Personal contributions are not required.

For more information, visit:

www.canada.ca/education-savings.

SAFE KIDS WEEK IS JUNE 4 to 8

This year's theme focuses on concussions at home, at play and on the road:

- Help reduce the likelihood of head injury, like concussions, during sports, recreation and unstructured play by encouraging your child to use correctly fitting protective equipment and to follow safety rules.
- Teach children about wearing the right helmet for the activity. For example: bike helmets can be used for cycling, in-line skating and scootering, but skateboarding helmets should be used for skateboarding as they cover the back of the head better.
- Recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion, which can happen even without a direct hit to the head and without losing consciousness. If your child does have signs of concussion, remove them from the activity and seek medical care.
- Be sure to inform your school principal if your child sustains a concussion, either on or off school property.

Learn more at www.parachutecanada.org.
Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

REGISTER NOW FOR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2018 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2018**. Please contact York Professional Care & Education at 705-737-5430 to register your child(ren).

SUMMER CHILD CARE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full-day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County. Twenty schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years old. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information can be found on our website at www.scdsb.on.ca – click on 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

SCHOOL'S IN FOR SUMMER AT SCDSB

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program. Summer school program details are on the Learning Centres website at www.thelearningcentres.com. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

SUMMER 2018 YOUTH ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP – For Ages 13 to 19

The Barrie Community Health Centre at 490 Huronia Road is offering a support group for youth suffering with anxiety. This program is free of charge and will be facilitated by a social worker, MSW.

- Learn more about anxiety in a safe environment
- Learn new ways of coping with and overcoming anxiety
- Practice setting small achievable goals
- Talk to others who know what you are going through

Youth ages 13 to 19 are welcome to attend Wednesday afternoons (July 18 to August 22) from 1 – 3pm at the Barrie Community Health Centre. To register, please call 705-734-9690 ext. 291

KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY, ACTIVE AND ENGAGED THIS SUMMER

Summer is the time for kids to get outside and grow. But for some kids, exposure to activities that stimulate the body and mind ends with the school year. Studies show 90 per cent of children ages five to 11 years old in Canada do not meet their minimal physical activity requirements. We know that having an active lifestyle in the early years is essential to healthy child development and has a positive impact on mental health. Here are a few tips on how to keep your child's mind and body active this summer:

- Learn a new skill! Over the summer months, there is a wide variety of programs to keep children and youth active. Whether outdoors or in a facility like the YMCA, swimming is a summer time favourite. Consider signing your child up for swimming lessons, giving them the confidence they need to be safe in and around the water.
- Unplug and enjoy the outdoors! Did you know that the average Canadian child spends almost eight hours a day in front of a screen? Research tells us that when children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Look for opportunities for your child to get connected with nature.

With some creativity and advanced planning, parents can keep their children's minds and bodies active this summer! To learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca. Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

MOVING OVER THE SUMMER



If you are planning to move over the summer, please notify the office ASAP. We can help you with registration at your new school and transitioning of your child.

FIRST RIDER PROGRAM

First Rider Program taking place in August to help first time JK/SK/Primary bus riders

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) offers a free *First Rider Program* for first-time school bus riders, which includes a ride on a real school bus. This safety program is provided by the SCSTC, in partnership with our school bus operators, to educate students and their families of the rules and responsibilities on and around the school bus. Sessions will take place in August across Simcoe County. Parents/guardians and their children attending any school in Simcoe County may attend any of the sessions. For more information and *First Rider* session dates, see the SCSTC website at:

<http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/safety>.



June's Character Trait

