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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE**

February has arrived! Canada weather has been a hot topic for the past month. With varying daily temperatures, it has made dressing for the weather challenging. Please remember to pack layers and warm clothes so that your child is ready for all types of winter weather. In case they do remove layers, please ensure everything is clearly labelled with their name to ensure all items find their way home. For those that may be missing some of their outdoor gear, please feel free to come in and have a look for any of those missing items in our lost and found bin.

Also, be careful of the ice accumulation that is occurring with the mild-freezing weather. Our custodians and snow removal company work hard to keep our sidewalks and parking lot safe; however, we also ask that you are vigilant and stay off icy areas. Students receive daily reminders on the announcements to stay off icy areas and hills to ensure their safety. Please remain on the walkways at all times as other areas are not treated.

This is a reminder that students are not to be on school property unsupervised until 9:00 am and they must be off school property by 3:45 unless participating in after school activities. Please review with your child(ren) parking lot and road safety- look both ways before crossing, and use cross walks and sidewalks at all times.

January was a busy month with many staff and students getting back to routine after the holidays. However, there is many great learning opportunities going on in February. Teachers and students are working very hard to get projects completed and units finished up as first term comes to an end. Look for report cards coming home on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Mapleview Heights has many exciting teams and clubs for your child(ren) to participate in that does not require trying out- dance, chess, Girls Got Grit and coming soon knitting (yarn donations welcome). A big thank you to all the staff that organize and implement activities in our school that get students involved in many areas of interest. On February 14<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Valentine's Day dance. Please look for more information to come home in the next few weeks. February 14<sup>th</sup> is also Graduation Pictures so Grade 8's be ready to smile!

All the best as you get outside to enjoy all the winter activities that our community has to offer. It will be spring before we know it!

Kindly in Education,  
Mrs. Andrea Newburn

#### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Do you 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](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) for more information.



#### **CHESS CLUB & DANCE CLUB**

There are many wonderful clubs and opportunities happening in our school. Currently, our chess club is meeting every Thursday during first nutrition break in the library. All gr. 4-8 students are welcome to attend. As well, on Day 2s and Day 4s during first nutrition break, Grade 4 and 5 students are welcome to attend Dance Club. Meet some friends, get some exercise and enjoy the music!



#### **PARENTS INVITED TO INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

**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.



### FUTURE DATES

Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Int. Girls Volleyball @ Hyde Park
Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bonus Pizza Day
Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kindie "Zoo to You" payment deadline
Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Int. Boys Bball @MHT
Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Council 6:30pm library
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Girls Got Grit – 1 <sup>st</sup> break
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gr. 4 Pulley & Gears Workshop
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kindie "Zoo to You" presentation
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Operations Appreciation Day "Thank our custodians"
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gr. 5 Ultimate Dance Program
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Int. Girls Vball @ Algonquin Ridge
Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Int. Boys Bball @ MHT
Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ultimate Dance (Cole, Dewson, Iacobellis & Mulligan classes)
Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Int. Boys Bball Tourney @ ISS
Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Int. Girls Vball @ MHT
Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Int. Girls Vball @ SJP
Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day Dance
Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Gr. 8 Grad Photos
Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Caribou Math Contest (Gr. 3-8)
Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ultimate Dance (Cole, Dewson, Iacobellis & Mulligan class)
Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	CDN National Flag Day
Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Int. Speech Competition
Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Int. Boys Bball @ MHT
Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ultimate Dance for Gr. 5
Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Go Home
Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ultimate Dance (Cole, Dewson, Iacobellis & Mulligan class)
Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ultimate Dance for Gr. 5
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Int. Girls Vball @ SJP
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jump to Math Family Night
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Leadership Team Building
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Regional Speech Competition
Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Girls Got Grit – 1 <sup>st</sup> Break
Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Int. Boys Bball Zones @ MHT
Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ultimate Dance (Cole, Dewson, Iacobellis & Mulligan)
Feb. 26	Gr. 3 Scientists in the Classroom – Investigating Forces
Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Character Ed Assembly 11:35am
Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ultimate Dance for Gr. 5

### NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH COMPETITION TAKES PLACE MARCH 3

Students in Grades 5 to 8 are invited to submit a model bridge, catapult or grabber for the National Engineering Month (NEM) event. Models will be tested for design, strength, quality of construction and functionality. Students of any age are invited to attend to check out 3D printers and robots, Raspberry Pi computer coding demos, crystal radio construction and CNC machine coding. The event takes place on March 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastview Secondary School (421 Grove St. E. in Barrie). Lunch will be provided. This event is jointly organized by the Georgian Bay Chapter of OACETT and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter of PEO, under the banner of NEM Ontario. For more information and to register for this free event, visit <https://nemsimcoe.wixsite.com/nemsimcoe>.

### WALKING TO SCHOOL IS GREAT FOR STUDENTS

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit [www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning).  
*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).  
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## **BENEFITS OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- encourage outdoor adventures and education
- enrol in camps
- find volunteer and community service opportunities

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca).

*Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka*

## **OPERATIONS APPRECIATION DAY**



### **A CHANCE TO SAY "Thank You"**

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> is Operations Appreciation Day in the Simcoe County District School Board. We celebrate and recognize our custodians and operations maintenance employees for the

great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean. We'd like to say thanks Mrs. Gibbons, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Earle for all that you do to keep our school clean and safe! Please take a moment to thank these very important staff members on Feb. 7th. Share your support on social media using #props2ops.

## **VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE – February 14, 2018**

Valentine's Day is approaching! As part of our celebration this year, we will be hosting three separate dances for our students to enjoy. We are requesting students bring in a \$2 donation for the Children's Help Phone. With stress, anxiety, and mental health on the rise in our youth, it is critical that our children have someone they can call, if not ready to speak to family or friends. It could make the difference, small or large, for so many.

- 9:25 – 10:25am – Kindergarten to Gr. 2**
- 11:35am – 12:00pm – Quiet Dance time for students with sensory needs**
- 12:05 – 1:15pm – Gr. 3 – 5**
- 2:15 – 3:25pm – Gr. 6 – 8**

Thank you for your support!  
Mapleview Heights School Council

## **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Being present and on-time at school is an important skill to teach your child.

Patterns of attendance are established during the early years of schooling and there is a direct relationship between attendance and achievement. Being late for school also affects student learning. If a child is just 10 minutes late for class every day, they will miss over 30 hours of instruction over the course of the school year. Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive peer relationships and students that have learning difficulties are put at even greater risk when they miss school frequently.

Here are some tips to help with attendance and punctuality:

- Talk with your child about why it is important to attend school regularly - give specific examples of how education can help them in their life.
- Make sure that your child stays healthy by eating properly, exercising and getting enough sleep.
- Lead by example: if children see their parents missing work frequently, they may expect to be able to do the same thing.

If your child is having a specific issue at school that is causing them to not want to attend, speak to school staff as soon as possible so we can work with you to solve the problem.

## **SAFE SCHOOLS REPORTING TOOL**

At the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), one of our system goals is to create inclusive, equitable and safe learning and working environments. We recognize that student well-being is critical to student success.

<http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Programs/Safe-and-Healthy-Schools/Pages/Safe-Schools-Reporting-Tool.aspx>

If you witness a student engaged in bullying, drug use, vandalism or other inappropriate behaviour, please let us know using the online form. As well, any criminal activities may be reported to Crime Stoppers. Please read the terms and conditions carefully before submitting a report.



## **February Character Trait is INCLUSIVENESS**

