



THE HUSKY HOWLER

Mapleview Heights Elementary School Newsletter
January 2018

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MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! We hope everyone had an amazing holiday despite the extremely cold weather. For those that went away, thank you for bringing the milder temps home with you for this week. Please remember the following to support the safety of everyone here at Mapleview Heights;

- Kiss 'N Ride: you are only permitted to let your child out if you are in the curb lane by the tarmac. The left lane is for through traffic to keep things moving. If you wish to wait with your child or get out of your vehicle, please find a parking space in the parking lot or use the right hand lane of the middle aisle.

- We go outside in the following conditions based on Health Canada and SCDSB regulations as we are outside for less than 20 minutes on each break.

- o Actual temp is -25°C or warmer
- o Temp with wind chill of -28°C or warmer
- o Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather
- o Students are not to attempt to hide within the school, such as in the washrooms, as this creates unsupervised situations that are unsafe.

We would like to welcome 3 new staff members to our Husky Team! Mrs. Sonia Barbera is replacing Mrs. Hardy in the Grade 5 class for the rest of the year (this is to fill in for Mr. Archer's leave) and Mrs. Amy Marshall will be the contract replacement in the Grade 1/2 class for Mrs. Wallis Dean who retired just before Christmas. We thank them both for all they did while here at Mapleview Heights! Also, we had Ms Anastasha Hill join us Dec 18th on our EA team to support our students in various ways. We hope you give them a typical Husky welcome when you see them.

This is also a big month of transitions as our Grade 8's learn more about secondary school and select their courses for next year, while our youngest members for next year register for Kindergarten (January 22nd). For the rest of our student body they will be demonstrating their skills so far this year as teacher assess in preparation for report card writing – report cards come home February 16th. Please ask your child daily, when reviewing the agenda, what is happening at school beyond recess and gym class.

Keep warm, stay active, and contact us if you wish to volunteer in 2018 as we have many positions available. For those that are able, we would also encourage you to attend our School Council Meetings - this month is Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 PM in the library. Hope to see you then! Wishing everyone good health, happiness, and success in 2018!

Kindly in Education,
Mrs. Lisa Cooke



FUTURE DATES

Jan. 9th	Gr. 1&2 Moving Arts Dance
Jan. 9th	School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Jan. 10th	East Side Mario's Orders due
Jan. 10 th	Gr. 9 Course Selections
Jan. 11 th	Gr. 1&2 Moving Arts Dance
Jan. 15 th	Deadline for Regional Spelling Bee
Jan. 16 th	Girls Got Grit 10:55 – 11:35am
Jan. 17 th	Sub Orders due
Jan. 17 th	Caribou Math
Jan. 17 th	Gr. 8 "Picture Yourself @ College"
Jan. 18 th	LSRCA visits Gr. 4 classes
Jan. 22 nd	Leadership Team Building
Jan. 22 nd	Kindergarten Registration begins
Jan. 23 rd	Gr. 6-8 Ultimate Steps Dance deadline
Jan. 23 rd	Girls Got Grit 10:55 – 11:35am
Jan. 23 rd	Gr. 1&2 Moving Arts Dance
Jan. 25 th	Beach Day
Jan. 25 th	Pizza Orders due
Jan. 25 th	Gr. 1&2 Moving Arts Dance
Jan. 26 th	P.A. Day
Jan. 30 th	Character Ed Assembly 9:30am

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 for more information.



PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED 2018-2019 SCHOOL 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. The deadline to submit input is Jan. 31.

FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHTS AND REGISTRATION

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 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.

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.

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.

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. Find out more and submit your video at: www.rvh.on.ca/SitePages/rvhfilmfestival.aspx.

CHANGES TO ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1st

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.'

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.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

OHIP+ PROVIDES FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN

Beginning Jan. 1, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrolment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit:

www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus.

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 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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FIVE HEALTHY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR YOUR FAMILY

Some of the top New Year's resolutions across all age groups for 2017 were eating healthy, getting in shape and reducing stress. So, how do you set and achieve a resolution to be healthier? It's been proven that the key to success is setting small goals which require steps towards a larger goal. Here are some New Year's resolutions that families can work on together in 2018:

- spend 30 minutes outside playing together as often as possible, regardless of the weather
- find a place that provides opportunities for the entire family to be physically active together or offers child care and after-school programs
- add physical activity or play time to the calendar, such as scheduling an evening walk or fitness class, with the same commitment as other important meetings
- pick a fun run/walk or 5K to do as a family – sign up, train and participate together
- have more family dinners together and involve children in preparing meals as much as possible

For more information about programs offered at the Y for the whole family, please visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka (www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca)

CHESS CLUB

All Gr. 4 to 8 students are invited to join the chess club. The Chess Club will meet on Tuesday and Thursday at first break and all are welcome!

