



# THE HUSKY HOWLER

Mapleview Heights Elementary School Newsletter  
November 2017

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## MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

I can't believe it is November already! A reminder that clocks get set back on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. As the days get shorter and our mornings get cooler, we ask that students dress accordingly for the temperature changes that autumn brings. Our Foot and Bus Safety Patrollers have been doing a great job ensuring students are making safe choices while walking and riding the school bus. With less daylight, students can be difficult to see and we ask everyone to be cautious in school zones. We also ask that all students exercise extreme caution while walking along streets, ensuring that they cross at intersections and use the sidewalks at all times. Do not cross the road in front of the school except at the intersection please! Just a reminder that the school is private property and that school yard/parking rules and expectations still need to be followed outside of school hours. This includes the parking lot. There is to be no community member's vehicles parked in the school lots after hours or weekends.

There has been new lines painted on the school parking lot to help with the flow of traffic. This affects the "Kiss 'N Ride" area (diagonal painted lines by the tarmac). The "Kiss 'N Ride" is to be used as a quick drop off, there is to be no parking there. If you wish to park, please find a parking spot or park on the right side of the middle lane. Students are to be dropped off only at the "Kiss 'N Ride", they are not to be dropped off in any other lane. More details will be provided to those using the "Kiss 'N Ride".

The Progress Reports go home on November 10<sup>th</sup>. All interviews will occur during the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already signed up for an interview time, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher. The PA Day on November 17<sup>th</sup> will facilitate final interviews in the morning and students will have the day off to enjoy the fall weather and the great outdoors.

As we are well into the school year, Mrs. Cooke and I notice every day how very fortunate we are to be at Mapleview Heights E.S. Our student body is amazing and does all of us proud whether in or out of the building, demonstrating character traits and positive mindsets. Students from JK-Grade 8 continue to grow as leaders, which is evident in

their daily interactions with peers and staff. We also appreciate the great partnership we have with our parents/guardians and know that this is vital to ensuring student success.

The character trait for November is Courage. This month we also honour our veterans and those who have fought for our Canadian freedom. Please take the time to share with your child(ren) how our military has supported/impacted you and your family. It is important to understand that we remember the veterans from the past and the military personnel at present day. Our hearts go out to those living in war torn countries and to those working around the globe to protect and support our freedoms each day.

Yours in Education,  
Mrs. Andrea Newburn



## FUTURE DATES

Nov. 1	Int Boys Vball @ St. Gabes
Nov. 1	Jr. Vball Zones @ SJP
Nov. 1	Gr. 8s to Innisdale S.S.
Nov. 3	OLSAT testing & Leadership Training #1
Nov. 6	Gr. 1 Painswick Library Visit
Nov. 7	School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Nov. 8	Int. Boys Vball @ Algonquin Ridge
Nov. 9	PHOTO RETAKE DAY
Nov. 10	Progress Reports go home
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 
Nov. 14	Alectra Electricity Presentation
Nov. 14- 20	Book Fair
Nov. 15	Caribou Math Contest
Nov. 15	Int. Boys Vball @ Hewitt's
Nov. 15	Rotary Book Reading Day
Nov. 16	P/T Interviews
Nov. 16	Int. Boys Volleyball @ SJP
Nov. 17	P.A. Day (book fair AM ONLY)
Nov. 20- 24	Bullying Awareness Week
Nov. 21	Gr. 4 & 5 to Cineplex
Nov. 22	Innisdale visits Gr. 8 students
Nov. 23	Int. Boys Volleyball Zones @ SJP
Nov. 24	Superhero Day
Nov. 27	Leadership Team Building #2



### **BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Our school is in the **Central** zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC\_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here:

<https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>

For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

Our school has moved to an automated safe arrival system. The first parent/guardian listed in the student file will receive an automated call on days when buses are cancelled if their child isn't at school. The recording will tell you that you do not need to call the school back unless your child should be at school.

### **HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!**

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: *Innisdale Secondary School information evening is December 6, 2017 at 7pm.* Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at [www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool).

### **SCDSB ONLINE TOOL FOR REPORTING BULLYING, DRUG USE OR VANDALISM**

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://mht.scdsb.on.ca>, as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is our top priority. For more information, visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

### **SCDSB's NEW HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE**

The students and staff of the SCDSB represent a rich diversity of faith traditions. The Holy Days and Holidays calendar helps identify some of the important days of commemoration, however it isn't designed to be a complete listing of religious days. Students and staff from a particular faith background may or may not be absent from school on these special days. If they do attend, certain accommodations may be required.

To view the July 2017 - December 2018 calendar, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca), click on 'Schools,' 'School Year Calendars' and then 'Holy Days and Holidays Calendar.' You can also learn more the significant faith dates that the SCDSB recognizes.

### **TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK TAKES PLACE NOV. 5 to 11, 2017**

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's Nov. 5 to 11. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty 5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty.

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit [www.ontario.ca/page/treaties](http://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties) and [www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/gdoo-sastamoo-kii-mi/](http://www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/gdoo-sastamoo-kii-mi/).

### **NOVEMBER 12 TO 18 IS NATIONAL ADDICTION AWARENESS WEEK**

Nov 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week. The SCDSB will be marking this week by providing schools with a variety of resources to increase awareness and education among staff and students. We hope that your child will share some of what they are learning this week and we have included some helpful resources to support you in conversations you might be having with your kids:

- [www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/unplug-and-play](http://www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/unplug-and-play)
- <http://parentactionondrugs.org>
- [www.drugfreekidscanada.org](http://www.drugfreekidscanada.org)
- [www.camh.ca](http://www.camh.ca)

November's  
Character Trait  
**COURAGE**



### **VOLUNTARY SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF FIRST NATION, METIS, OR INUIT ANCESTRY**

Self-identification is a personal choice to disclose First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry. The choice to self-identify is up to you and does not require proof of documentation (i.e. no status card), regardless of where you live. Self-identification is confidential, securely stored and used only to support First Nation, Métis and Inuit student success. Self-identification helps schools support the needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and their achievement. Student achievement data is collected and protected with other confidential data used to help improve student achievement.

To self-identify your child as First Nation, Métis or Inuit, check off the First Nation, Métis or Inuit box on the school registration form and write in details if applicable. The SCDSB is committed to meeting the learning needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students through responsive programming and services. Past activities have included: the inclusion of First Nation, Métis and Inuit focused resources in schools; school based pow wows; dedicated First Nation, Métis and Inuit student advisors and cultural awareness training for school staff. To learn more about First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) > Programs > First Nation, Métis & Inuit Education.

### **EYE SEE .. EYE LEARN PROGRAM OFFERS FREE GLASSES TO 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](http://www.Eyeseeyelearn.ca).

### **VOLUNTEER WITH BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS AND OUR SCHOOLS**

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Barrie & District is proud to partner with the SCDSB to run three mentoring programs for students. Volunteers are welcome to apply to mentor students for as little as one hour per week. Call BBBS Barrie at 705-728-0515 or visit [www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie](http://www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie) to find out more. The Orillia (705-325-3151), Georgian Triangle (705-445-2330) and North Simcoe (705-526-5051) BBBS locations also welcome volunteers for their in-school mentoring programs.

### **OHIP+ PROVIDES FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN**

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, 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. Enrollment 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](http://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus).

### **NUTRI-eSTEP CAN HELP YOUR FAMILY ENCOURAGE HEALTHY EATING HABITS**



Are you a parent of a Kindergarten student? Do you sometimes worry about your child's healthy eating? Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out [www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP](http://www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP). You answer 17 questions to find out what's going well and what to work on to keep your child healthy. Nutri-eSTEP is a questionnaire for parents with children aged 18 months to five years of age. When you help your children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. For more information, call Health Connection weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or toll free 1-877-721-7520. *Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### **IT'S TIME TO UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS**

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. It's easier than ever 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. *Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*



**CELEBRATE PEACE IN YOUR COMMUNITY:  
PEACE WEEK IS NOV. 18 to 25**

November is a month of reflection and gratitude. The sight of poppies and wreaths serve as a reminder of the brave men and women who have fought for peace and freedom.



The month of November also celebrates a nationwide YMCA initiative called Peace Week, from November 18 to 25. This is a time when we can celebrate the presence of peace in our local and global communities. Peace Week offers activities and opportunities for people of all ages to explore peace from personal, community and global perspectives. Simple actions like sharing, being patient or smiling and saying hello can have a far greater impact than we think.

As an advocate for peace, the YMCA invites everyone to be part of the conversation. Share something you do to foster peace in your home, school, workplace or community. Join in spreading kindness throughout our community with "Be Kind Bells." These bells will be hidden in locations throughout our community. If you find one, perform one kind act, then hide the bell for someone else to find. Share on social media using #YMCAPeaceWeek with the location where you found the bell, your kind act and encourage someone else to do the same!

Visit <http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/ymca-international/peace-week/> for more information.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka ([www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca))

**REMINDER FOR VOLUNTEERS**



Just a reminder to our dedicated volunteers, if you have not done so already, please contact Mrs. Andrea Newburn, ([anewburn@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:anewburn@scdsb.on.ca) or 705-725-7980 ext. 25057) to arrange a time for your volunteer orientation. This orientation is mandatory for all new and seasoned volunteers.

**MAPLEVIEW HEIGHTS FALL BOOK FAIR**

The book fair is coming! Mapleview Heights book fair will be here on November 14th, 2017 to November 21st, 2017. Watch for more information about dates and times coming soon!

