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NEWSLETTER

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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. Just a reminder that the parking lot to the west of our school is NOT on Terry Fox property. If you must drop off or pick up your child using a vehicle, please be respectful of one another and ensure that you are doing your part to maintain a safe area for our students.



Let's Help the Barrie Police raise money for Special Olympics!

If the Terry Fox Elementary School community can raise \$538.00 Mr. Hennigar and Mr. Michie have agreed to **"take the plunge"**. For every \$2.00 that students bring in, they will be given a paper torch to put their name on and put up on the wall outside the office.

This is a great community event and one that will help a very worthwhile cause – Special Olympics – Go Titans!!!



We have a busy month Titans! Please check the list for important dates

February 5 Grade 8 Cross country ski trip/Grade 5 Swimming/School Council Meeting
February 7 Operation Appreciation Day/Grade 3 Swim to Survive
February 9 "Be Olympic" Day
February 10 "TAKE THE PLUNGE" 1 p.m. at Centennial Beach in Barrie
February 12 Grade 5 Swimming
February 14 Grade 2 Swimming
February 15 Bboyizm Performance
February 16 Report Cards Go Home, "Be Olympic" Day
February 19 Family Day
February 20 Grade 7 Swimming
February 21 Grade 3 Highland Nordic Outdoor Center/Grade 2 Swimming
February 22 Grade 7 trip to Wasaga Nordic (please note: this is the rescheduled date)
February 23 First Ice Hockey game/ "Be Olympic" Day
February 26 Grade 5 Swimming
February 27 Grade 7 Swimming
February 28 Character Assembly "Honesty and Integrity" and PINK Shirt Day/Grade 2 Swimming

Grade 8 Transition Dates

February 12th Eastview Guidance Department presentation for students @TFES
February 12th Transition meetings for students with IEPS @TFES
February 22th Grade 8 Parent Night 6:30 pm @ Eastview
Early March Course selections due
Graduation Monday, June 25th @TFES in the gym

Terry Fox Swims!!

Please check the following list carefully to see if your student's class will be participating. Please make sure your student has their bathing suit and towel packed for swimming!!

Grade 2's will be swimming **Wednesday's** beginning **February 14th** until **April 11th**

Grade 3 Swim to Survive will be **January 24th** and **31st** and **February 7th**

Grade 5's will be swimming **Monday's** beginning **January 15th** until **March 5th**

Grade 7's will be swimming **February 20th** and **27th** and **March 6th**



Terry Fox Elementary School would like to take a moment to recognize the safety patrollers who volunteer their time to keep our school zone safe. Today we announced the Captain of the Safety Patroller team as Zainab J., Assistant Captain Uzair Q., and an honorable mention to Jordan F. Thanks again for all your hard work!

GO CANADA, EH!

Friday, February 9th, 16th, and 23rd are "**Be Olympic**" days at Terry Fox. Wear red and white to support our athletes as they represent Canada at the Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Games. We'll be celebrating the Olympics in all sorts of special ways at Terry Fox. Let's paint the town RED (and WHITE)!



Coming soon

Terry Fox E.S. is excited to welcome the Prologue performance of Bboyizm at our school on Thursday, February 15th. The performance is free to students. Thank you for the wonderful contributions from our community during our previous art shows. It is the funds raised from these shows that allow us to enjoy performances like our Percussion Quartet from last school year with a focus on music and Bboyizm this school year with a focus on dance. The performance got great reviews! It will demonstrate the evolution of the dance.

B-boying and B-girling (breakdancing) is a dance form born in the early 1970's, which now has a significant international following and reputation. In addition to its roots in Funk music and contemporary African American culture, the acrobatic aspects of B-boying make it one of the most unique dances in the world. The founder and artistic director of Bboyizm, Yvon Soglo (a.k.a. Crazy Smooth) is known as one of Canada's top street dancers. His professional experience includes instructing Cirque du Soleil acrobats and performing at the Nancy Jazz Pulsations Festival in France. The dance company's motto "Dance to express! Not to impress" speaks to the idea that if one is truly expressing oneself honestly, their dance will most likely be impressive. It should be a fun experience!

Auditions for the Talent Show are coming soon!

This year we will be presenting the annual Terry Fox Talent Show in the evening so that our talented students can invite their friends and families. We will be charging a small entrance fee for audience members to fund raise to update our sound system and to purchase some new microphones. The auditions will be held in March. We ask that all students auditioning come prepared. They need to be well-rehearsed, in costume (if possible), have the music they need (the link or the title and artist) and singers must use a karaoke version of the song). We are looking forward to seeing this year's new crop of talent.

It's time to register for kindergarten!

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning January 22nd 2018, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

School's in for summer at the 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 can be found on the Learning Centres website at www.learningcentres.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!

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.

February 26

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.

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>.

The 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
- enroll 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.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

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).

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit