

June 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

June 4—	Welcome to kindergarten 1:30- 2:45pm
June 5,6—	Dorothy in Wonderland Musical 6pm
June 7—	Hawaiian day wear socks and sandals
June 10—	Kindergarten creative café
June 11—	Area track and field day
June 12—	SK vision screening
June 12, 13—	Grade 5 & 6 Camp Wenonah
June 13—	Ultimate Frisbee tournament Grade 7/8
June 14—	Grade 1/2 Tiffin Center
June 17—	Grade 7/8 Toronto Trip
June 18,19—	Grade 8 three pitch tournament
June 24—	Wear titans colour (blue/green)
June 25—	Grade 8 graduation
June 26—	Wear red and white
June 26	Report cards go home
June 27—	Last day of school for students

Safe Arrival Phone Number :

(705) 727-4267 press 1

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Summer camp can play an important role in your child's growth and development

To many people, summer camp might appear like nothing more than fun and games. However, a recent study shows that camp is a setting for positive youth development where invaluable life skills are acquired and nurtured. Here are five critical life skills that are fostered at camp:

1. Emotional intelligence - At camp, children learn how to cope with others in various social situations. Talk to any camp alumni and you'll likely hear how some of their most meaningful friendships and lessons on how to get along with others came from camp.
 2. Personal development – Camp provides a safe environment, allowing children to freely learn how to take risks, overcome challenges, and develop and grow their capabilities.
 3. Increased physical activity – Summer camp is a great way for kids to stay active all summer and ensure they are surrounded with great role models and supportive friends.
 4. Self-confidence – Camp pushes children out of their comfort zone and exposes them to new activities and experiences. Campers gain confidence by exploring different activities and discovering new hobbies and passions.
- Independence – At camp, children learn the responsibility of making their own decisions with the safety net of insightful counsellors in a safe environment. Camp provides peer support that allows children to discover new facets of themselves and overcome their need for constant parental dependency.

To learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

Register now for fall International Language Programs

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enroll 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, Ojibwe, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Dari, Mandarin, Russian and Tamil. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m., starting Sept. 14 (classes are dependent on student enrollment). Beginning in September, we are also offering Spanish and Mandarin classes on Monday nights. These classes take place at the Barrie Learning Centre starting Sept. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. There is no charge for the Saturday or Monday 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



Register now for Before and After School Programs for September 2019

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2019 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2019**. Please contact the YMCA at (705) 726-6421 ext. 250 to register your child(ren).

Get outside and play

Active play does more than help kids to achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity they need every day, it supports their development in many ways especially when the play is outdoors, self-directed and fun! This allows kids to test boundaries and problem-solve, develop social skills and resolve conflict and learn to control their emotions and behaviour. Active play outdoors in the fresh air and nature also helps to improve mood and lower stress. Support your child to play outside with friends in the neighbourhood and at your local park as much as possible.

2019-20 school year calendar now approved

The Ministry of Education has approved the school year calendar for the Simcoe County District School Board's 2019-20 school year.

2019-20 highlights:

- First day of school: Tuesday, September 3, 2019
- First day of school for Year 1 Kindergarten students: Thursday, September 5, 2019
- Winter Break: December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020
- March Break: March 16 to 20, 2020
- Last day for elementary students: Thursday, June 25, 2020
- Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 24, 2020

View the full 2019-20 calendar by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca and clicking on 'Elementary', 'Planning for School' then 'School Year Calendars'.

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. 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 'Elementary', 'Planning for School', then 'Childcare (Before & After).'

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 Simcoe County District School Board (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!

School Council Corner

School Council would like to thank all parents, students, teachers and staff with all the support this 2018/2019 school year. We had a busy year fundraising for the new Sound and Projection System in the gym. Here are some of the fundraisers that helped meet our goal – Pizza, Milk, Lunch Lady, Fresh from the Farm, Barrie Colt hockey games, Snow Valley coupon books, and Dance – a – Thon.

We are a group of parent/guardian volunteers whose focus is to support the school and its community through fundraising events and activities. Some of our ongoing efforts include Eat Well to Excel, pizza lunches and the milk program.

Last Day for Lunch Lady is June 21, 2019

School Council has arranged for the **Lunch Lady** to sell hot and cold meals to our students every **FRIDAY**. The Lunch Lady offers a variety of meals and snacks including vegetarian, gluten-free and halal. All ordering /payments are done online through www.thelunchlady.ca The deadline for ordering is Wednesdays by midnight and lunches are delivered on Fridays for the 2nd break. Orders can be cancelled by the parent up to 8am the morning of delivery due to illness. Any questions about the Lunch Lady program can be directed to **Lisa Stratton at 705-294-5020** or at bar-rie@thelunchlady.ca Remember to "Like" our **School Council Facebook page Terry Fox Elementary School Community** for updates on events that are happening within the school and community. This page is not affiliated with staff or administration.

We can always use feedback or new ideas for fundraising, Please send an email to councilchairter@scdsb.on.ca or come out to school council next year – you do NOT need to be a voting member to come out to meetings.

The meeting Dates for the 2019/2020 school year are October 7, November 4, January 13, February 3, April 6 and May 4

Have a safe and fun summer from Terry Fox School Council

Hot weather is on the way!

Help your child stay cool at school by giving them plenty of water and encouraging them to drink even if they're not thirsty. Kids don't sweat or release heat from their bodies as easily as adults, so they can become dehydrated quickly. Dress them in light weight, light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and don't forget to put sunscreen on before they leave home in the morning.

For more tips to help your family stay cool this summer, visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Healthy celebrations

Classroom and school celebrations are great opportunities for children to practice the healthy eating messages they learn in the classroom. Help us teach the importance of healthy eating by choosing healthy foods to send in the next time your child's class is celebrating. Here are a few ideas:

- watermelon slices, box of clementine's or fruit kabobs
- homemade mini muffins with whole wheat flour and grated carrots or apple
- whole grain crackers, cubes of lower fat cheese and grapes
- a veggie platter
- chocolate-dipped strawberries for a sweet treat

Looking for more information to help keep you and your family healthy? Call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

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