

June 2017 NEWSLETTER

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From the Office...

Where has the time gone? It's hard to believe it is the month of June. The weather is finally warming up and classes are encouraged to take advantage of the outdoors for learning opportunities. There are several exciting events happening at Terry Fox this month including Track and Field, Welcome to Kindergarten, camp trips, spirit days and our Wendy's Night fundraiser.

Students and their families are encouraged to spend time together this summer enjoying the weather, reading good books, making connections from their learning in the classroom to their summer experiences and visiting family and friends.

Mrs. Wall will be leaving us at the end of June to join her new school family at Mapleview Heights. We wish her all the best!

IMPORTANT DATES

June 2 Track and Field
June 5-7 Grade 8 @ Camp Olympia
June 7 Wendy's Night (Bayfield) 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
June 8 Welcome to Kindergarten
June 9 P.A. Day (no school for students)
June 12 Volunteer Appreciation (10 – 11 a.m.)
June 12-14 Grades 5/6 @ Camp Wenonah
June 15 Regional Track and Field
June 16 Sunglasses & Hawaiian Day
June 19 Patroller Appreciation
June 19 Character Assembly
June 27 Grade 8 Graduation
June 28 Pink Shirt Day
June 29 School Colours Day
June 29 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!

Is your child turning four this year?

It's time to register for Kindergarten. Our school is now registering children for kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization.

Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information

**TERRY FOX WELCOME TO
KINDERGARTEN**

JUNE 8TH 1:25 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.



School Council Corner

School Council is 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 (snack program), pizza lunches and the milk program.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring into Wellness event! Once again it was a huge success!

We are always looking for new volunteers and all parents are always welcome at our meetings. If you are interested in joining council next year, meetings will be held Monday evenings next year, 6:30-8:30 on September 18, October 2, Nov 6, Dec 4, Feb 5, Apr 9, May 7.

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to get involved - councilchairter@scdsb.on.ca

We are looking for volunteers to water the school garden over the summer. (July 16-22, July 23-29, July 30-Aug 5, Aug 6-12, Aug 13-19, Aug 20-26, Aug 27-Sept 2) If you are available to help out for a week at a time, please contact us councilchairter@scdsb.on.ca.

Approved school year calendar for next year

The Ministry of Education has approved the Simcoe County District School Board elementary and secondary school year calendars for the 2017-2018 school year. School starts on Tues. Sept. 5, 2017. The Holiday Break takes place Dec. 25, 2017 to Jan. 5, 2018, and March Break is March 12 to 16, 2018. The last day for elementary students will be Thurs. June 28, 2018 and the last day for secondary students will be Wed. June 27, 2018. To view the full calendar for next school year, visit www.scdsb.on.ca – ‘Schools’ – ‘School Year Calendars.’

Senior Kindergarten (Year 2) students will start school on Tues. Sept. 5, 2017. Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) students will start school on Thurs. Sept. 7, 2017. They will attend continuously from this time.

Ministry of Education seeks online engagement regarding implementation of *First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework*

The Ontario Ministry of Education is working with researchers to gather feedback and input to inform the development of the Third Progress Report on the implementation of the *First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework*. Students, parents/guardians and families, teaching and nonteaching staff, Indigenous communities, organizations and partners, and school boards are invited to participate in an online survey and/or online focus groups to capture successes and help to identify promising practices and opportunities to provide further support to enhance the achievement and well-being of Indigenous students.

To learn more, visit the SCDSB website, click on ‘About Us’, ‘News’, and look for the article entitled “Ministry of Education seeks online engagement regarding implementation of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework.”

There's still time to register for summer school

Summer school credit courses are available this July through in-person classes and eLearning. New this year are full credit grade 9 and 10 courses at Bear Creek Secondary School in Barrie. The in-person courses at Bear Creek will run July 4 to 28 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Limited school bus transportation is provided from all areas of Simcoe County. Details are on the Learning Centres website: www.thelearningcentres.com. Students can also get information from the school or from any of the SCDSB's Learning Centres. Online registration for current SCDSB students is available through the student portal. eLearning registration is supported through high school Guidance Offices. Non-SCDSB students can register using the forms on the website.

Summer child care available at select SCDSB schools

In partnership with community child care operators, we are pleased to support your child care needs, offering full-day child care programs for children (aged JK to 12 years) in select schools across Simcoe County this summer. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. A fee subsidy may be available to families who qualify. For the full listing of child care centres in the SCDSB, visit www.scdsb.on.ca and click on 'Schools' and then 'Before & After School Care.'

Register now for YMCA Before & After School Programs for September 2017

Register now for this September! Your child's space in the program for the 2017-2018 school year will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted by June 30, 2017. Please contact the YMCA at 705-790-1488 to register your child(ren).

Eye See Eye Learn program offering free eye exams, glasses for JK students – deadline is June 30

Your child may have a vision problem. Only an optometrist knows if your child sees to the best of their ability. Get them a comprehensive eye exam, covered for children under 19 years-old with their Ontario Health Card. The Eye See...Eye Learn® program offers one free pair of glasses to this year's Junior Kindergarten (JK) students with their OHIP-covered eye exam, if prescribed by a participating optometrist. Learn more at www.EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca. The deadline for this year's JK students to receive free eye glasses is June 30.

Safe Kids Week is June 5 to 11

Did you know that a properly fitting helmet reduces the risk of head injuries like concussions by 85%? Teach your children to wear a helmet that fits properly while wheeling and riding. Help prevent injuries by teaching your children the skills they need to wheel and ride safely. For tips, visit www.parachutecanada.org.

Keeping kids' minds and bodies healthy this summer

All parents want their children to grow up healthy. Being healthy means lots of things – growing up strong and active, making connections, developing positive relationships with others, and learning to make good, responsible decisions.

Here are some tips on how to keep your child's mind and body active this summer.

- Summer programs - over the summer months there are a wide variety of programs to keep children and youth active. Whether outdoors or in a facility like the YMCA, swimming is a summertime favourite. Consider signing your child up for swimming lessons, giving them the confidence they need to be safe in and around the water.
- Summer day camps – summer camp is a great opportunity to introduce your child to “physical literacy.” This means getting kids to feel comfortable being active, so when asked to play a game such as soccer at recess, they are confident to say “yes.” Summer camp teaches children how to be active in a fun and supportive environment.
- Child care - when looking for child care for your youngster, make sure the centre is health conscious and provides nutritious meals to ensure children develop in a positive environment. Try to find a centre that incorporates a “Play to Learn” curriculum and make sure the staff observe and document your child's daily activities. A good child care centre should feel like home away from home while providing the tools to help children reach their full potential.

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers child care and summer programs for children of all ages and abilities. To learn more about the programs being offered this summer, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.