

November 2017 **NEWSLETTER**

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From the office...

Where has the time gone? November already? This month our staff and students will participate in a presentation by Errol Lee to promote character development. There is more information about this event later in the newsletter.

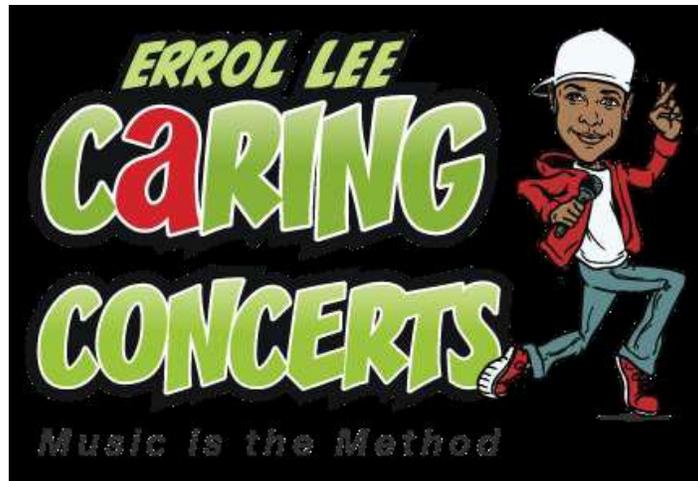
Progress reports will go home on Friday, November 10th. Opportunities to meet with the teacher and discuss your child's progress will take place during the week of November 13th. If you haven't signed up for a conference time yet, please contact your child's teacher. It is important to work together to support your child's learning.



*Thank you Terry Fox families and friends
for your generous contributions to the
Kidney Foundation clothing drive.*

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 1ST Colts Assembly
- November 3rd Last Day for Coat Donation Drive
- November 9th Primary Remembrance Day Assembly 9 a.m.
- November 11th Barrie Colts School Fundraiser
- November 15th Photo Retake Day
- November 17th PA Day (no school for students)
- November 17th QSP Magazine Fundraiser ends today
- November 20 – 24th Bully Prevention Week
- November 24th Errol Lee Assembly JK – GRADE 8 (9 – 10 a.m.)
- November 28th Grade 8 Transition Day at Eastview Secondary School
- November 30th Terry Fox "Chapters Night"



Errol Lee will be visiting **Terry Fox** on **Friday, November 24, 2017**. Your child(ren) will be participating in a Caring Concerts presentation with singer-songwriter Errol Lee.

Kinder to GR 8 - *The HERO Club* The theme of this concert is kindness and respect as a form of caring. Kids will learn to be confident in who they are, the importance of standing up for yourself and others and the pitfall of being a bystander. This concert presentation will have kids believing, it is cool to care! Supports inclusion, character education, bullying prevention and the zones of regulation. Ask your child(ren) about the message, music and fun! Your child(ren) will be eager to share and demonstrate what they have learnt!

Caring Concerts combine singing, dancing and motivational messages into a comprehensive educational experience specifically designed to teach, nurture and model positive character traits. Our goal is to ultimately build character and encourage self-discipline and assist youth to become caring, kind and respectful citizens of their families, schools and their communities. The founder of Caring Concerts Errol Lee is a multi-award winning singer-songwriter and advocate for youth. He grew up in very difficult and challenging circumstances; however, he uses those experiences as lessons in how to live a life of integrity. Errol is a devoted husband and loving father of three talented boys and two gifted girls.

Like you, we believe, it is cool to care!



Winter's Coming...

Bus cancellation information reminder

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. Our school is in the Central zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, follow our school's Twitter account at @TFTitans or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

Eye See...Eye Learn program offers free glasses for 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.



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 the Eastview Secondary School information night on Thursday, February 22nd (6:30 – 8 p.m.) to find out what's offered. Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

QSP magazine fundraiser runs until November 17th. Check out www.qsp.ca Our online code is 3740537.

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://ter.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>.

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.

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, 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 November 5 to 11

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 and www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/gdoo-sastamoo-kii-mi/.

Voluntary self-identification of First Nation, Métis 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 > Programs > First Nation, Métis & Inuit Education.

Information from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

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. 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.

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/immonline to update your child's record, or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

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://parentactionondrugs.org>

www.drugfreekidscanada.org

www.camh.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 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.

Celebrate peace in your community: Peace Week is November 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)