

October 2018 Newsletter

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Important dates:

Oct 8	Thanksgiving holiday
Oct 15	Flag football regionals @ Steele St. P.S.
Oct 17	Grades 5-8 Student vote
Oct 22	PD Day, no school for students
Oct 23	Picture day
Oct 31	Grade 7, 8 girls' immunization
Oct 31	Wear orange and black clothing day

We would like to welcome Mme. Racine to our school! She is our Elementary Student Success Teacher. Mme. Racine will be working with our grade 7 and 8 students to develop their success pathways that will help guide them into secondary school. For the next four weeks, she will be introducing all intermediate students to "My Blueprint." This tool helps to connect who they are and some career pathways they may be interested in. It is also a portfolio tool where students can compile featured math and literacy work for future career purposes. Welcome Mme. Racine!

Parent Portal gives parents real-time access to attendance, and grade information

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID has been provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, you can visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with SchoolCash Online

We have made it easy for parents to make their school purchases from the convenience of their own home. Whether it's lunch days, field trips or school wear, we have it online for you! Follow these three steps to get started:

Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or visit our school website and click on "Pay Fees". Register and add your child to the newly created account. View and purchase items through bank transfer or credit card.

It's safe, fast and convenient. Contact the office with any questions.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 7 to 13

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on three fundamental actions people can take to be fire-safe:

- LOOK for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
- LISTEN for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.
- LEARN two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

It's time to 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. 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

October is International Walk to School Month

Get in on the fun and be part of this worldwide event! Encourage your child or teen to walk or cycle to and from school if you live close by and team up with others to make the trip more fun. If you usually drive your child to school, try getting them to walk part of the way. If your child takes the bus, walking to and from the bus stop is a great way to add physical activity minutes into the day. Walking or cycling allows kids to enjoy the outdoors and get their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Learn more: <http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/international-walk-to-school-month/>.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Terry Fox School Council

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. Our focus this year with the fundraising will be to raise money for a new Sound and Projection System in the gym!

We have started off this year with **Fresh From the Farm** fundraiser - which is a healthy and profitable fundraiser that returns 40% of sales back to the school and supports local Ontario farmers. There are two bundles that can be purchased.

Bundle A - 5lbs white potatoes, 3lbs sweet potatoes, 3lbs carrots and 3lbs onions - \$14

Bundle B - 8lbs Empire Apples - \$15

Fresh From the Farm fundraiser is running now until October 10th - you can ONLY order on School Cash Online (schoolcashonline.com)

Terry Fox ES will be invading the Molson Center on **November 10th** for the **Barrie Colts vs. Ottawa 67's** - tickets are \$21, with \$6 from every ticket sold going back to the School. Tickets will be available on School Cash Online and Order Form (Cheques only). Watch for more information to come home.

The Milk program is also starting up on October 15th - with orders on **School Cash Online** due on Thursday October 4th, or if you CHOOSE not to use School Cash Online you can pick up an order form in the School Office or request a form to be sent home. Paper copies are due Friday October 5th. Milk for the 2018/2019 school year will run from October 15th - June 7, 2019 - in 6/7 week blocks and excludes holidays and PA days. There are two options.

Option A: Monday through Friday (5 days a week excluding holidays & PA days)

Option B: Tuesday and Thursday (2 days a week excluding holidays & PA days)

Milk: 2% White or 1% Chocolate

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 are always looking for new volunteers and all parents are always welcome at our meetings.

Next School Council meeting is November 5, 2018 at 6:30pm in the library. Please contact us at councilchairter@scdsb.on.ca

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school!

This school year, we are implementing a new online Volunteer Portal. SCDSB Community Apps (<http://communityapps.scdsb.on.ca>) is a new online portal that allows you to begin the process for volunteering at our school. Here is some information to share as we've been receiving some questions:

- Only NEW volunteers or those who received a letter in June indicating you require an updated Criminal Background Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (5-year renewal) are able to register as a volunteer on the Community Apps website at this time.
- If you're a current, approved school volunteer, you can still volunteer at our school for the time being. You should have recently received a letter with your access code. This code will allow you to register as a volunteer on the Volunteer Portal through the Community Apps website.

School Council members invited to *Connections* event on Oct. 23

School council members are invited to join us at Connections, the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) school council development and networking event.

When: Tues. Oct. 23, 4 to 7 p.m.

Where: SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Hwy. 26, Midhurst

Participants can gather tips and important information to help you in your role on school council, contribute to group discussions, browse booths and enjoy snacks from our approved vendors, and network with fellow school council and Parent Involvement Committee members. This year, we welcome Jacqui Strachan, Communications Director, People for Education, who will discuss fundraising and equity within a school council. Register at www.scdsb.on.ca/connections.

Register by Oct. 16 for your chance to win a \$500 parent engagement grant for your school. The winner(s) will be drawn at the event. You must be in attendance to win the prize.

Want to be a volunteer at our school? Here's what you need to know:

