



W.C. LITTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FEEL THE PRIDE
NEWSLETTER # 8
April 5, 2018

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Principal's Message:

I recently sent home a letter to all families regarding our Kiss and Ride procedures. I would like to thank all of those drivers who have followed the rules when dropping off your children. We are still experiencing some parents/guardians who are not following the kiss and ride rules. I am attaching a map of our parking lot showing the route in and out of the parking lot to ensure smooth pick up and drop off. The safety of ALL students, staff and visitors to our school is of utmost importance and I appreciate your attention to this very important matter.

At this time I would like to remind all visitors to W.C. Little Elementary School that dogs are not permitted on school property. In the last few weeks a number of dogs have been spotted on the property. Please refrain from bringing your pets to school. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Scott Young
Principal



What's Happening at W.C. Little?

April 5 - County Chess Tournament
April 6 - Spring Photos
April 6 - Grade 8 Grad Photo Re-takes
April 9 - School Council Meeting - Everyone Welcome
April 18 - Hot Dog Day
April 18 - Kindergarten to Gryphon Theatre
April 25 - Grade 5 to Tiffin
April 27 - P.A. Day

Council Corner April 2018

FOLLOW W.C. Little Elementary Parent Council on Facebook or @WCL_Council on Twitter for updates, news and important reminders!

Council will be hosting some exciting new fundraising activities this spring!! Watch out for the following upcoming fundraisers:

- **Big Box Cards** - cancelled
- **Thursday, May 3rd: Kidney clothes** - Your spring cleaning can help our school! The following items will be accepted: clothing, belts, accessories, boots/shoes, outerwear, jewelry, purses, bedding, linens, blankets and drapes. You can support us by making a donation of these items, or by telling friends, family, neighbours and co-workers about our clothing drive - which supports both our school and the Kidney Foundation. Please start collecting!!
- **Wednesday, May 16th: Read and Feed** - Enjoy dinner out at McDonald's and a visit to Chapters in support of our school
- **Wednesday, May 30th: Fun Fair** - We are in need of volunteers in many areas of planning and running the Fun Fair. Please contact

wclittleesfunfair@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out. We will also be requesting donations for silent auction items, so please let us know if you have something to donate.

We are in need of some more volunteers to assist with our food programs. If you have an hour or two, once a month, or once a week, we would love to have you join our team! Please contact wclparentcouncil@gmail.com to learn more.

Food Order Reminders: If you submit your orders through School Cash Online, please note that we DO NOT need you to send in paper forms. If you are not using School Cash Online, PLEASE SEND EXACT CHANGE, as we cannot provide change.

Our NEXT MEETING will be held on Monday, April 9th at 6:30pm in the school library. Please feel welcome to attend!

Register Now for Summer Child Care

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. Twenty schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years of age. 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 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'



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.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!

Parents Invited to Information Session 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. The last session takes place this month:

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals
The event takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

Applications Open for 2018-19 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

Parents/guardians play a vital role in public education, and Ontario's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants are designed to encourage parents'/guardians' involvement in their children's education to support student achievement and well-being. The 2018-19 PRO grant process has been announced and an online application is now available. PRO grants are provided to select applicants who develop projects, events or training in support of parent/guardian engagement. Applications are due by June 5. Find out more:

www.edu.gov.on.ca/enq/parents/.

School Bus Evacuation Training Takes Place April 3 to 6

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, is offering school bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students the week of April 3 to 6. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency. The SCSTC would like to remind all drivers to be extra cautious near school buses and in school bus loading and unloading zones. For more information or if you have questions, visit main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.



Events At Our School in Celebration of International Day of Pink

Our school will be hosting several events during the week of April 9 to 13 in honour of the International Day of Pink, which is Wed. April 11. This day celebrates diversity and promotes standing up to bullying. It is a day of action that started in Nova Scotia when two straight high school students saw that a gay student wearing a pink shirt was bullied. The two students intervened, but wanted to do more. They purchased pink shirts and within a few days got everyone at school wearing pink, standing in solidarity for diversity and standing up against discrimination, gender-based bullying and homophobia. Our school will be recognizing Day/Week of Pink by *[describe events at your school]* on *[dates]*.

Identifying School-Sponsored Trips

All field trip information will be sent home on school and/or Simcoe County District School Board letterhead. This is the best way for parents/guardians to identify supervised and approved trips. There may have been times when community or external groups have organized trips that have been mistaken for

school-sponsored field trips. Parents would be notified of individual circumstances if the school is aware that an external trip is being planned. When in doubt about any trip ask questions of the organizers, including "Who is sponsoring or in charge of this trip?", "Who will be supervising?" and "What are their qualifications?" You can also contact the school if you have any questions about a trip you see advertised that you think may not be school-sanctioned.

Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being on April 14 in Barrie

Parents and/or community members are invited to attend *Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being* on Sat. April 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bear Creek Secondary School, located at 110 Red Oak Dr. in Barrie. This conference is being funded through a Regional PRO grant from the Ontario Ministry of Education and is being presented by the Adoption Council of Ontario. This event is free to attend and lunch is provided. Limited child care is available for children aged three to 12 years. Register at www.adoption.on.ca/events. Questions? Contact pact@adoptontario.ca.



Please Turn Off Your Car While You Wait!

A reminder to please turn your engine off when dropping off or picking up your child from school. Idling cars release exhaust that is harmful to the environment, our health and the health of our students. It's good to get into the habit of turning your car off any time you're stopped and in park for more than 60 seconds. Thank you for doing your part to keep our kids and our environment healthy! For more information to keep you and your family healthy, visit 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*

Stress: Our Kids Get it Too!

Kids have stress, just like us. Stress is a normal part of life, but our bodies are only made to handle it for short amounts of time. Continued stress can cause feelings of pressure, anxiety and tiredness. It can make it hard for kids to focus in school and can cause them to become sick, get lower grades or make unhealthy choices. It's easy to mistake signs of stress for bad behaviour in your child. You can help them learn to manage stress by staying calm, showing love and talking openly about their feelings. Encourage them to try calming activities like deep breathing or doing something active. If the stress continues, be sure talk to your child's family doctor or health care provider. To speak with a public health nurse, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit website for more information at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

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YMCA Healthy Kids Day Taking Place on April 29

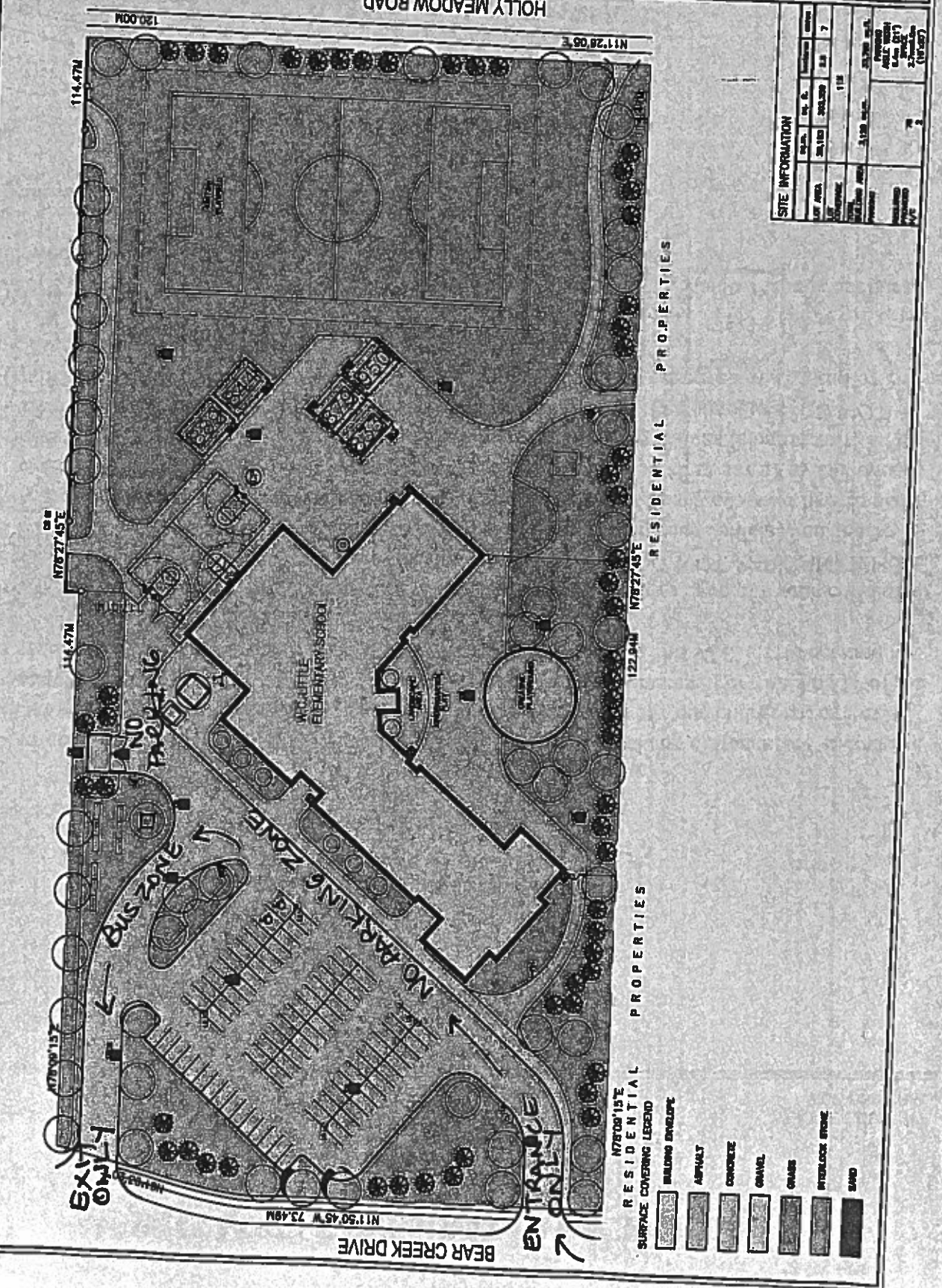
YMCAs across Canada are celebrating Healthy Kids Day on Sun. April 29. It's a national day dedicated to improving the health and well-being of kids. The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka is happy to host this FREE event for everyone in the community, offering fun and healthy activities for the entire family to enjoy. Across Canada, most children do not meet the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Rising rates of obesity and related chronic disease tell us that getting kids active should be a top priority for parents, schools, and all Canadians. With summer just around the corner, here are some practical tips on how to keep your kids active and healthy:

- Rather than heading out on a walk or jog solo, invite your kids to hop on their bicycles, skateboards and scooters and head out with you. You will come back energized and connected knowing that you've set a great example and spent quality time together. Everyone wins!
- Many communities have free or low-cost youth activities or programs at facilities such as pools, playgrounds, parks, sporting fields, community centres and the YMCA! Ask your child's teacher, contact your local municipality, search online or contact your local YMCA for upcoming events.
- Depending on the distance and safety factor, consider letting your children walk to school, the library, their friend's house or any other place you would normally drive them to. Some kids may be inspired by tracking their steps with a pedometer. Pedometers are relatively inexpensive and many libraries have them available on loan!

Join the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka on Healthy Kids Day and learn about healthy habits, connect with other parents and get the whole family active together under one roof. For schedules of activities and more information, please contact the YMCA in your community: www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

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