



W.C. LITTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FEEL THE PRIDE
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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. The safety of ALL students, staff and visitors to our school is of utmost importance and I appreciate your attention to this important matter.

It is looking like the cold weather is back! Big reminder to our families that students are outside unless the wind chill is below -25 as per Simcoe County District School Board protocols. Dressing in appropriate clothing is critical to enjoying the weather! Remember to be extra careful to and from school as the snow can obstruct sightlines.

Do you have any concerns or questions? Please start by discussing with the classroom teacher. Should you need to discuss further, please contact Ms. Aldersey and then myself in order that we may help you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S. Young
Principal

Smile!

Don't forget to bring your smiles to school on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018** as our photographer will be here to take Grade 8 graduation photos!



What's Happening at W.C. Little?

Feb. 5 - School Council Meeting - 6:30 - Library
Feb. 6 - Grade 8 Graduation Photos
Feb. 14 - Intermediates Skiing - Blue Mountain
Feb. 15 - Speech Competition
Feb. 21 - Hot Dog Day
March 12-16 March Break

School Council Corner

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

Keep your eyes open in March for a new fundraiser - BIG BOX cards. This has become a very popular fundraiser, since it is very handy to have beautiful cards on hand when special events arise - and these cards are priced very affordably. Samples of the cards will be sent home with students, so plan to show them to friends and family, or to take them to work to share with co-workers.

Cleaning out your closets? Hold onto any used clothing that you may have, as we will be hosting a Kidney Clothes fundraiser in April.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraisers so far this year! Council has dedicated

this year's fundraising dollars to support many activities in our school, including: enhancing our Eat Well to Excel Program; Daily Physical Activity; Athletics; Dance; Yard Improvements; Technology Enhancements; Literacy and Numeracy programs; Transforming Learning Spaces; Field Trip Subsidies; Classroom Needs; Graduation Ceremonies; Sound System Upgrades for the Gymnasium; and the Gardening Club. We could not support all of these projects without your help.

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.

Have you ever been curious about what Council does? Our NEXT MEETING will be held on Monday, February 5th at 6:30pm in the school library. Please feel welcome to attend!



Now Accepting Kindergarten Registrations!

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten! Elementary schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

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.learningcentres.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 Sessions 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.

Feb. 19

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

National Engineering Month Competition Takes Place March 3, 2018

Students in Grades 5 to 8 are invited to submit a model bridge, catapult or grabber for the National Engineering Month (NEM) event. Models will be tested for design, strength, quality of construction and functionality. Students of any age are invited to attend to check out 3D printers and robots, Raspberry Pi computer coding demos, crystal radio construction and CNC machine coding. The event takes place on March 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastview Secondary School (421 Grove St. E. in Barrie). Lunch will be provided. This event is jointly organized by the Georgian Bay Chapter of OACETT

and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter of PEO, under the banner of NEM Ontario. For more information and to register for this free event, visit <https://nemsimcoe.wixsite.com/nemsimcoe>.

Walking To School is Great for Students!

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

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. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later. 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).

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The Benefits of Youth Leadership Development

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important - it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- encourage outdoor adventures and education
- enroll in camps
- find volunteer and community service opportunities

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

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