



W.C. LITTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Principal's Message

Thank you to all who returned the parent input forms for the 2017/2018 school year.

All student placements are tentative until the 3rd week of September. At the end of June students will receive a letter from the school identifying which classroom they will be in for their tentative September placement. This letter will also have a map to identify the appropriate entry and exit for doors for your child. Our school day will also continue on the same schedule for next year.

I would like to wish Ms. M. Turner a Happy Retirement as she officially retires at the end of June! We wish you good health and happiness Ms. Turner! Enjoy!

I wish everyone a safe summer holiday! The school office will reopen on **August 28, 2017**.

Sincerely,

Scott Young
Principal



Council Corner

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

We need volunteers this coming fall for our Food Programs. Our food programs are an important part of our annual fundraising plan - the kids love our food offerings - and parents love that they don't have to make lunches! However, to run our food programs next fall, we will need new volunteers to help coordinate the program, organize orders, and assist with distribution of the food at the school. Please contact wclparentcouncil@gmail.com to learn more.

Plan to attend our annual **FUN FAIR** on Thursday, **June 8th from 4:30 pm to 7:00pm!** This is a community event, and you are welcome to invite your friends and family. Activities to include: carnival games for all ages, community representation, yummy food, and a silent auction. For all of this to happen, we need you! **Volunteers are needed** to make the fun fair a success. Without volunteers, we will not be able to have this event for our kids and community. Do you have your own business or know someone who does? We are also **looking for donations for the silent auction**, including: golf packages, jewellery, paintball packages, movie tickets, oil changes, rustproofing, car detailing, sports items/memorabilia, art pieces, summer activities. Contact us at wclittleesfunfair@gmail.com for more information about volunteering for the Fun Fair or to make a donation to the silent auction.

Thank you to everyone who has helped support our various fundraising efforts this year. We have raised over **\$17,500** this year which has been dedicated to enhance our school in so many ways! Funds raised through Council support many projects, including: equipment upgrades, like the new automatic water fountains; playground upgrades and improvements; technology upgrades; classroom equipment; literacy resources; athletic equipment and programs; arts programs and clubs; new learning opportunities, like the new tower gardens; and so much more. Your support makes a difference to our students. Thank you!

Our **QSP** magazine, gift and cookie dough fundraiser will be returning this fall. Have you been receiving **renewal notices for your magazines?** You can log into **QSP.ca** now, or in the fall to make all of your renewals, and still support our school.

You can support our fundraising efforts all summer long every time you eat at **Boston Pizza**. Just write WC Little ES on the back of your receipt and deposit it in the box provided at the reception area of the restaurant. 10% of the pre-tax portion of your bill will be donated to our school.

Please note a change in date - our final meeting for this school year is on **TUESDAY, June 6th** at 6:30 pm in the school library. Please feel welcome to attend. Have you ever wanted to be a part of our School Council team? Watch for a form coming home in the first week of September to register as a member, or to nominate next year's Council executive.

Are You Moving?

Just a reminder to advise the office if you are moving over the summer and will not be returning to W.C. Little Elementary School.

Lost and Found

Please come by the office before the end of June if you cannot locate any lost items. We currently have 4 pairs of glasses and some sunglasses and jewellery. Please stop by if it belongs to you. Thank you!

Gifted Screening Process

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.

Parents/Guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in the next school year, who wish to nominate their child for gifted screening are asked to contact Ms. Ravanese **before June 17, 2017**.

Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent/guardian. A letter examining the gifted screening process in greater detail will be sent to parents/guardians of students in Grade 3 in September. Parents/Guardians will still have the opportunity for nominating their child in September and October.

If you require further information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school.

Library News!

All library books are due back to the library by Thursday, June 8, 2017. Please ask your child to check their backpacks, desks or at home for any



books that need to be returned to the school!
Enjoy the summer and please keep on reading!
~ V. Odette, Teacher Librarian

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.

First Rider Program Gives Students the Chance to Ride a School Bus

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) welcomes students to take part in the experience of riding on the school bus for the first time through their First Rider program. This program, offered in the summer, teaches school bus safety for first-time school bus riders and includes a ride on a real school bus. This FREE program is provided by the SCSTC, in partnership with school bus operators, to educate students and their families about the rules and responsibilities on and around the school bus. The sessions start in late August at school locations across Simcoe County. Parents/guardians and students attending



school in Simcoe County may attend any of the sessions. For more information and session dates/times, visit the SCTSC website at: main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the 'Safety' link.

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 more information, please contact S.E.E.D.S. 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 Before and After School/Child care 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 S.E.E.D.S. to register your child(ren).

Eye See Eye Learn Program Offering Free Eye Exams, Glasses for JK students - Deadline is June 30, 2017

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.

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."



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.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

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.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka (www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca)

What's Happening?

June 5 - Volunteer Tea

June 8 - Fun Fair

June 9 - P.A. Day

June 14-16 - Gr. 8 to Muskoka
Woods

June 27 - Gr. 8 Graduation

June 29 - Last Day of School

Sept. 5 - First Day of School

