



**W.C. LITTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Principal's Message:

Thank you to all who returned the parent input forms for the 2018/2019 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 wish everyone a safe summer holiday! The school office will reopen on August 27, 2018.

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!



On **Tuesday, June 19th**, we will be hosting **Paul Davis** who will be presenting to students and parents on **Social Networking and Online Safety**. Topics include:

Snapchat/Instagram/Facebook/Smartphones and Digital Trails/Cyberbullying/Texting and Sexting/Online Gaming and Online Security. Paul has delivered his message to 430,000 students, along with the Ontario Provincial Police, Department of Defence and Border Service. Paul will be delivering age appropriate sessions to the students during the day, and **parents and community members are invited to come at 6:30 pm** to learn about these topics so you can support your children to be accountable and responsible in the digital world. Please join us for this event.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **Kidney Clothes Fundraiser!** You brought in over 2300 lbs. of used clothing, which helped to raise over \$300 for our school. It was a fun event, and we appreciate everyone who pitched in to

build that mountain. Funds raised from this event will be put to good use by our school teams.

Big thanks as well to everyone who came forward and made our annual Read and Feed night another great success! Our final numbers aren't in yet, but it looks like we raised over \$700 through Chapters and McDonalds, and we had some lovely new books donated to our school library. Funds raised from this event are earmarked for enhancements to the sound system in our gymnasium.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered your time to support Council activities, including our Food Program volunteers, fundraising helpers, Fun Fair volunteers, and through our Council team. We couldn't do what we do without you. All of our volunteers help to make W.C. Little such an amazing school community.

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. In particular, a **Volunteer Food Program Coordinator is needed** for 2018/19 school year. This position is great for someone who wants to volunteer for the school, but either has little ones at home, or is unable to be at the school for other reasons, like a crazy work schedule. All this position entails, is

collecting volunteer forms from the office at the start of the school year and calling/emailing potential volunteers to see what they would like to help with (i.e. milk, pizza or hot dogs). This might take about an hour in total, spread over a few days, depending on how quickly you get a hold of people. If this is something you might be interested in please email wclparentcouncil@gmail.com and someone would be happy to chat with you about this 'behind the scenes' but oh so vital position.

Thank you to everyone who has helped support our various fundraising efforts in 2017-2018. We have raised over \$27,000 this year which has been dedicated to enhance our school in so many ways! Funds raised through Council support many projects, including: playground upgrades and improvements; technology upgrades; classroom equipment and resources; literacy, math and STEM resources; athletic equipment and programs; arts programs and clubs; special education support; 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.

Our final meeting for this school year is on **MONDAY, June 4th** 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.

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.

If parents are interested in having their children tested for Gifted in September, please notify your child's classroom teacher by the end of June.

2018-19 School Year Calendars Now

Approved

The Ministry of Education has approved the elementary and secondary school year calendars for the Simcoe County District School Board's 2018-19 school year.

2018-19 Highlights:

* First day of school: Tuesday, September 4, 2018

* First day of school for Junior Kindergarten students: Thursday, September 6, 2018

* Winter Break: December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019

* March Break: March 11 to 15, 2019

* Last day for elementary students: Thursday, June 27, 2019

* Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 26, 2019

You can view the 2018-19 calendars on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca) by clicking on 'Schools' and then 'School Year Calendars.'

Updated Criminal Record Checks Required for Volunteers

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, and in accordance with the Education Act, the SCDSB requires a complete and up-to-date Criminal Record Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CRC-VSS) for all volunteers across the system. If you are a current, approved volunteer and your CRC-VSS is more than five years old, you will be receiving a notification this month indicating that you are required to submit a new CRC-VSS. If you wish to continue as a SCDSB volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. Contact the school principal to obtain a CRC-VSS request letter.
2. Bring your CRC-VSS request letter to your local police detachment.
3. Submit your original and complete CRC-VSS to the school office for review by Oct. 31, 2018.

If you are a current SCDSB employee volunteering in the system, you are required to submit an updated CRC-VSS to the school where you will be volunteering. If you have completed a CRC-VSS within the past six months of the start of the school year for another organization, you may submit that original CRC-VSS for review. If you have questions, please contact the school.

Register Now for Fall International Language Programs

The SCDSB offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enrol your children in this program to learn a new language, understand a new culture or to extend their knowledge of their first or second language, every student can benefit from this program. The Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) offers Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 15 (classes are dependent on student enrollment). There is no charge for this program. Most classes fill quickly on a first come, first served basis. Register your child by visiting www.thelearningcentres.com and clicking on 'Elementary Student.'

Community Involvement Hours - Opportunity for High School Students Who Speak an International Language

Do you speak Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu or Vietnamese? The SCDSB is currently looking for high school student volunteers to help support the Saturday morning international language classes for students in Grades 1 - 8. The classes run from 9 to 11:30 a.m., starting Sept. 15, at the Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) and the Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E., Suite 200). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the program coordinator, Amanda Hickling, at ahickling@scdsb.on.ca

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.Eyeseeeylearn.ca. The program is available for current JK students until June 30, 2018

Canada Education Savings Programs are Available to Help Fund Your Child's Education

The Government of Canada encourages Canadians to use Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP) to save for a child's post-secondary education, which includes full- or part-time studies at a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university or in an apprenticeship program. Employment and Social Development Canada administers two education savings incentives linked to RESPs:

* **Canada Education Savings Grant** - a basic grant of 20% on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a RESP (this grant is available to all eligible Canadians regardless of their family income), as well as the additional amount of Canada Education Savings Grant.

* **Canada Learning Bond** - available for eligible Canadian children from low-income families born in 2004 or later and provides an initial payment of \$500 plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000. Personal contributions are not required. For more information, visit: www.canada.ca/education-savings.

Register now for Before & After School Programs for September 2018

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2018 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by June 30, 2018. Please contact S.E.E.D.S to register your child(ren).

Summer Child Care Options Available

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 old. 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 are 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!



Safe Kids Week is June 4 to 8



This year's theme focuses on concussions at home, at play and on the road:

* Help reduce the likelihood of head injury, like concussions, during sports, recreation and unstructured play by encouraging your child to use correctly fitting protective equipment and to follow safety rules.

* Teach children about wearing the right helmet for the activity. For example: bike helmets can be used for cycling, in-line skating and scootering, but skateboarding helmets should be used for skateboarding as they cover the back of the head better.

* Recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion, which can happen even without a direct hit to the head and without losing consciousness. If your child does have signs of concussion, remove them from the activity and seek medical care.

* Be sure to inform your school principal if your child sustains a concussion, either on or off school property.

Learn more at www.parachutecanada.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Keep Your Kids Healthy, Active and Engaged This Summer

Summer is the time for kids to get outside and grow. But for some kids, exposure to activities that stimulate the

body and mind ends with the school year. Studies show 90 per cent of children ages five to 11 years old in Canada do not meet their minimal physical activity requirements. We know that having an active lifestyle in the early years is essential to healthy child development and has a positive impact on mental health. Here are a few tips on how to keep your child's mind and body active this summer:

* Learn a new skill! Over the summer months, there is a wide variety of programs to keep children and youth active. Whether outdoors or in a facility like the YMCA, swimming is a summer time favourite. Consider signing your child up for swimming lessons, giving them the confidence they need to be safe in and around the water.

* Unplug and enjoy the outdoors! Did you know that the average Canadian child spends almost eight hours a day in front of a screen? Research tells us that when children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Look for opportunities for your child to get connected with nature.

With some creativity and advanced planning, parents can keep their children's minds and bodies active this summer! To learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskota.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

Sun Safety at School for our Students



Educators and caregivers at school have been noticing a lot of pink faces and shoulders on students who may need to take a bit of extra caution avoiding sunburn. As with any other safe and positive choices about health, children learn best by example. This includes modelling and teaching the habits that keep your children safe in the sun. We are strongly encouraging families of the younger children to model these practices by working with them on their independent application of sunscreen before the school day. Providing sunscreen in the school bag for the students to re-apply independently during the day is also recommended prior to their outdoor breaks. A sun-protective hat with a brim is also recommended. A spill proof and "less messy" option for school bags is the "glide stick" form of sunscreen now available, which looks like a deodorant stick and is easily applied to the face and body. Neutrogena's "Ultra Sheer Face and Body Stick" is easily available at Walmart and Shoppers. The latest guidelines from Health Canada include the following:

Cover up. When the UV Index is 3 or higher, protect your skin as much as possible. Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts, pants, and a wide-brimmed hat made from breathable fabric. When you buy sunglasses, make sure they provide protection against both UVA and UVB rays.

Limit your time in the sun. Keep out of the sun and heat between 11 a.m. and 3

p.m. The UV index in Canada can be 3 or higher during those times. When your shadow is shorter than you, the sun is very strong. Look for places with lots of shade, like a park with big trees, partial roofs, awnings, umbrellas or gazebo tents. Always take an umbrella to the beach.

Use the UV Index forecast. Tune in to local radio and TV stations or check online for the UV index forecast in your area. When the UV index is 3 or higher, wear protective clothing, sunglasses, and sunscreen, even when it's cloudy.

Use sunscreen. Put sunscreen on when the UV index is 3 or higher. Use sunscreen labelled "broad spectrum" and "water resistant" with an SPF of at least 30.

Drink plenty of cool liquids (especially water) before you feel thirsty. If sunny days are also hot and humid, stay cool and hydrated to avoid heat illness. Dehydration (not having enough fluids in your body) is dangerous, and thirst is not a good indicator of dehydration

What's Happening?

June 1 - P.A Day

June 5 - Jump Rope for Heart

June 11 - Track and Field Regionals

June 13-15 - Gr. 8 to Muskoka Woods

June 14 - Volunteer/Character Assembly

June 25 - Gr. 8 Graduation

June 28 - *Last Day of School*

September 4 - *First Day of School*

