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FEEL THE PRIDE!

W.C. Little Elementary School

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Dear WC Little Families,

I want to start by thanking **all** of you for your support and patience over the course of this year. Our school community came together with resilience, generosity and gratitude to give our students and staff an opportunity to make this year a memorable one.

Back in the fall, I shared this graphic and I think that in many ways we have given this school year the chance to be a great one. We all learned new ways of learning and living in this new world. It has been a tough year for our community with many hardships, sad times and losses - but we did it together. While we begin to recover from the past year, I am hopeful that the summer and the 2021-22 school year will be filled with new opportunities and possibilities.



This is the time of year where we get to welcome some new staff and sadly say good-bye to others who made WC Little a great place to be. Joining us in September are Mrs. Dhaliwal and Mrs. Boate and I know you will welcome them with open arms. Leaving us at the end of June are Ms. Hofmann, Ms. Fraser, Ms. Nolan, Ms. Parrish, Ms. Brown, Ms. Calladine. We will miss them all and wish them all the best! Also leaving this June is Mr. Walsh who is retiring after a 21 year career in teaching. We wish Mr. Walsh all the best in this next stage!

I also want to thank the staff here at WC Little. Our front office staff kept all of us organized and been the first contact in supporting our students, families and staff. Mrs. Shave and Mrs. Cant have been indispensable this year. Our custodial staff are also an integral part of our school. This year, they ensured to follow new cleaning protocols and were readily available to assist us in ensuring the health and safety for all. Thank you so much Mrs. Hadley, Mr. Duck, Ms. Jenkins and Mr. Lloyd. Our Educational Assistants, Dedicated Early Childhood Educators, Special Education Resource Teachers, Teachers and all our support staff have all done a tremendous job this year to make the most out of difficult circumstances.

Thank you to the WCL Community for a great year and have a safe and happy summer!!

Patrick Miller
Principal

SCDSB Family Updates and Contact Information

As we continue to plan for the 2021-2022 school year, we encourage you to visit the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca) and social media channels (@SCDSB on Facebook and Instagram and @SCDSB_schools on Twitter) for updates and information over the summer months. If you have recently changed your email address, have a new telephone number or have moved, please contact the school directly to update your information on file so that we can communicate with you effectively, efficiently and securely!

Register Now for Before and After School Programs for September 2021

Register your child(ren) now for the before and after school program at our school for the 2021-2022 school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2021 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by June 30, 2021. Please contact S.E.E.D.S at 705-726-3770 to register your child(ren).

Register Now for Summer Child Care

Child care programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party child care operators in some SCDSB schools. To support your child care needs, some operators offer child care over the summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after.

Days of Awareness and Recognition Taking Place in June, July and August

Throughout the year, there are many awareness days that focus on different causes and recognition. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has developed a list of these days as a guide for schools. Schools may participate in recognizing some or all of these days in various ways. This list is not exhaustive. Following are the days of awareness and recognition that the SCDSB will recognize during the months of June, July and August:

May 30 to June 5	National Accessibility Week
June	Pride Month
June 20	Father's Day
June 27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day
July 15	World Youth Skills Day
July 30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
August 9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
August 12	International Youth Day

Character Attribute for the Month of June

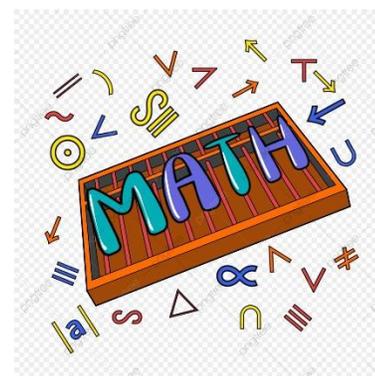
Responsibility - we are accountable for our actions and we follow through on commitments.

More information about character education can be found here:

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education.

Take Math Outdoors this Summer!

Are you looking for ways to promote and extend your child's math learning in the summer? Take math outside! Many of the everyday summer activities that your child engages in provide opportunities for making math practical through meaningful math explorations!



Number

- Count collections of objects found in nature or on a scavenger hunt
- Calculate rates and speed during running, biking and obstacle races
- Estimate the heights and lengths of natural and manmade objects outside.

Algebra

- Find examples of growing and shrinking patterns in nature
- Code your friend. One person is the coder and the other is the robot. The coder must instruct the robot on how to navigate a path or do a dance around the yard.

Spatial

- Use a park map to plan a route and travel to a new location

- Go on a shape hunt and find shapes in the natural environment
- Examine leaves and other objects to find symmetry
- Estimate and determine elapsed time of road trips and adventures

Data

- Keep a tally of the different types of birds that come to the feeder
- Track and graph daily temperatures over time
- Track the growth of plants in a vegetable garden and examine how they change over time

Financial Literacy

- Determine a budget and calculate the costs to refresh a garden
- Set up a lemonade stand and determine costs and sales goals
- Donate gently used outdoor items that you are done with for others to enjoy

Have fun adding some math joy to your outdoor experiences this summer!

COVID-19 Vaccination for Youth 12 - 17 years of age

As of May 23, 2021, youth aged 12-17 years of age are eligible to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment through the provincial booking system (www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/), the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line (1-833-943-3900) or at select pharmacies administering the Pfizer vaccine (www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/). To book an appointment online, these individuals must already be 12 years old as of the date of their booking.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Get Outside and Play!

Active play does more than help kids to achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity they need every day, it supports their development in many ways - especially when the play is outdoors, self-directed and fun. This allows kids to test boundaries and problem-solve, develop social skills and resolve conflict, and learn to control their emotions and behaviour. Encourage activities that support physical distancing and that fall within current provincial or municipal COVID-19 prevention guidelines.



Active play outdoors in the fresh air and nature also helps to improve mood and lower stress. Support your child to play outside with friends in the neighbourhood and at your local park as much as possible.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District health Unit

Hot Weather Has Arrived!

Help your child stay cool during the day by giving them plenty of water and encouraging them to drink even if they are not thirsty. Kids don't sweat from their bodies as easily as adults, so they can become dehydrated quickly. Dress them in lightweight, light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and don't forget to put sunscreen on before they head outside.



For more tips to help your family stay cool this summer, visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-7217520 or 1-877-721-7520.