



W.C. LITTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Principal's Message

We wish all of our families a relaxing and safe March Break from Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 17, 2017. Have fun with this opportunity of spending time together as a family! I would like to thank all of the families that have donated mittens, hats, snow pants and boots this winter to aid those students who require clothing throughout the day for various reasons. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

S. Young
Principal

School Council Corner

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

We hope that those parents who attended the guest speaker event with Amber McAuley really enjoyed the experience. Council was excited to present another parent resource talk, as part of the PRO Grant that we received.

Keep your eyes open this spring for our McMillan's frozen baked goods and meat fundraiser - just in time for the barbeque season!

Does your family eat at Boston Pizza? Write our school name on the back of your receipt and deposit it in the box provided at Boston Pizza and we will receive a portion of the receipt sales back for our school!

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, March 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Please feel welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!
~ E. Sararas on behalf of W.C.L. School Council

W.C. Little Speech Competition

Congratulations to all of our speakers at this year's W.C. Little Speech Competition.



Junior Speakers

3rd - Erin T. (Gr. 5)
2nd - Tyler M. (Gr. 5)
1st - Nyla N. (Gr. 6)

Intermediate Speakers

3rd - Autumn W. (Gr. 8)
2nd - Hannah G. (Gr. 8)
1st - Sabrina G. (Gr. 8)

Nyla and Sabrina went on to compete at the Regional Competition at Goodfellow P.S. against eight other

SCDSB schools. W.C. Little is very proud to announce that both girls were awarded first place for their speeches at the Regional level! Congratulations for bringing home the gold for both Junior and Intermediate speeches this year!

~ Mrs. Odette, Teacher-Librarian

Events at Eastview Secondary School in April Open To All Parents

On April 10 at 7 p.m., Eastview Secondary School will host a screening of the film *Screenagers*, a study of growing up in the digital age. Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston created *Screenagers* to probe into the vulnerable corners of family life to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. This presentation will help parents learn how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

On April 12 at 7 p.m., the school welcomes financial literacy expert Robin Taub, the author of the best-seller, *A Parent's Guide to Raising Money-Smart Kids*. Her presentation will cover why it's important to teach kids about money, as well as the challenge of being a good financial role model. She will explain how to address money-related topics with young kids, pre-teens, teenagers and emerging adults.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend the above events. For more information, please contact Eastview Secondary School at 705-728-1321. The school is located at 421 Grove St. E. in Barrie.



SCDSB Media Fest: What Does Being a Great Canadian Look Like?

Students are invited to submit an entry for the 2017 SCDSB Media Fest. This media festival is open to all

Simcoe County District School Board students and can include images, audio and video. For more information, visit www.scdsbmediafest.com. The submission deadline is April 3.

Student Information Notice for Parents of Grade 8 Students

As students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. Select student information will be shared at different times as appropriate. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII of the Education Act. All information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact *Mr. Chris Samis*, Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at *W.C. Little E.S.*

Is Your Child Turning Four This Year? It's Time to Register for Kindergarten

Our school is now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

March is Nutrition Month - Tips for Packing a Healthy School Lunch

A school lunch should give children the energy and nutrients they need to be ready to learn, be more alert and perform better at school. When planning lunches keep these tips in mind:

- include one serving from at least three of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide
- rather than buying pre-made lunch kits, make your own healthy "lunch kit" with divided



containers and small 'bite-sized' cheese cubes, left over chicken chunks, veggie sticks or fruit slices

- get your kids to eat more veggies! Send cucumber coins, zucchini sticks and pepper strips with dip
- fill whole wheat or multi grain wrap/pits/tortilla shells with your child's favourite foods such as hummus and grated carrot or sliced turkey with mustard
- water is the healthiest choice to quench thirst

Looking for more information to help keep you and your family healthy? Call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-5720 to speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



Get Outside To Play on March Break

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. 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

Feel Like Your Teen Is Always On?

Ever consider how all those minutes your teen spends sitting using electronic devices, watching TV or even playing video games add up every day? By replacing some of their screen time with physical activity, you will be helping them to become healthier, reduce stress and be more likely to feel happier and more confident. Here are some ideas to suggest to your teen:

- organize a pick-up game of baseball, ball hockey or basketball
- check out a local nature trail with friends
- try something new like disc golf!

Set a goal to limit screen time to less than two hours each day.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

What's Happening at W.C. Little?

March 8 - Gr. 6 Ski Day

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March 13 - 17 - March Break

March 29 - Hot Dog Day

April 12 - Raise the Dough Fundraiser