



**W.C. LITTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**FEEL THE PRIDE**  
**NEWSLETTER # 9**  
**May 1, 2018**

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**Principal's Message:**

Now that our nicer weather has finally arrived many of our students are riding their bikes or skateboards to school. We ask students to keep skateboards at home. We also ask that bikes be locked safely on to the bike racks. Please remember not to ride your bikes on school property. We ask that students walk their bikes on the sidewalk / roadway and then ride them safely and properly home. And of utmost importance, please remember to always **wear a bicycle helmet!**



Sincerely,

S. Young  
Principal

**Scholastic Book Fair**

Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! Classes will be visiting the book fair during the school day!

Tues, May 1 - Open until 3:00 p.m.  
Wed. May 2 - Open until 3:00 p.m.  
Thurs. May 3 - Open until 6:00 p.m.  
Fri. May 4 - Open until 3:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

~ V. Odette, Teacher-Librarian

**What's Happening at W.C. Little?**

May 1-4 - Scholastic Book Fair  
May 2-3 - Clothing Donation Drive  
May 4 - Gr. - 7 Needles  
May 7-11 - Education Week  
May 7 - Music Monday  
May 7 - School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.  
May 15 - Youth Speak Presentation Gr. 5-8  
May 16 - Art Walk and Read and Feed 4:00 - 8:00  
Chapters/McDonald's  
May 17 - Gr. 4 to Medieval Times  
May 18 - P.A. Day  
May 23 - Kindergarten City Bus Tour  
May 23 - Hot Dog Day  
May 24 - Gr. 5 to Simcoe County Museum  
May 25 - Jump Rope for Heart - more details to follow  
May 29 - Track and Field  
May 30 - Fun Fair  
May 31 - Welcome to new Kindergarten Orientation

**And Looking Ahead ...**

June 1 - P.A. Day

**School Council Corner**

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



Our **Kidney clothes** fundraiser is coming up soon. Your spring cleaning can help our school! The clothing drive will occur on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018** at the **WC Little Kiss and Ride** in the

**afternoon from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm and on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at the WC Little Kiss and Ride in the morning from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and on Thursday, May 3, 2018 in the parking lot on Holly Meadow Road from 6:30 am to 9:00 am in the morning.**

The following items will be accepted: clothing, belts, accessories, boots/shoes, outerwear, jewelry, purses, bedding, linens, blankets and drapes. You can support us by making a donation of these items, or by telling friends, family, neighbours and co-workers about our clothing drive - which supports both our school and the Kidney Foundation. **We are looking for anyone who might be able to loan us a wagon (child's or garden) to assist us with moving bags of clothes, and a few volunteers to assist us during the drop off times.**

Please email [wclparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wclparentcouncil@gmail.com) if you can help with either of these things. Thank you for participating!!

Our annual **Art Walk and Read and Feed** is occurring on **Wednesday, May 16th from 4pm to 8pm**. Enjoy dinner out at McDonald's and a visit to Chapters in support of our school. Student artwork will be on display throughout Chapters, and staff volunteers will be reading their favourite stories in the children's area.

Our **Fun Fair** is coming up on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. **We are in need of volunteers** in many areas of planning and running the Fun Fair. Please contact [wclittleesfunfair@gmail.com](mailto:wclittleesfunfair@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out. We are **requesting donations for silent auction items**, so please let us know if you have something to donate.

On **Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**We are in need of some more volunteers to assist with our food programs.** If you have an hour or two, once a month, or once a week, we would love to have you join our team! Please contact [wclparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wclparentcouncil@gmail.com) to learn more.

Our **NEXT MEETING** will be held on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the school library. Please feel welcome to attend.

~ **Emily Sararas - on behalf of W.C. Little School Council**

### **EQAO**

During the month of May we will be having EQAO Assessments done with our Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 students. This year our Gr. 3 testing will be held on Wednesday May 23, Thursday May 24 and Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 a.m. each morning until 12:30 p.m.

Our Gr. 6 students will be tested on Monday, May 28, Tuesday, May 29, Wednesday, May 30 and Thursday, May 31 from 8:30 .m. until 12:30 p.m.

Parents please refrain from signing out students during this time frame.

### **YouthSpeak Presentation**

On Monday, May 15, 2018 we will be having a YouthSpeak presentation in our gym for Grades 5-8. YouthSpeak is a mental health awareness program that focusses on well-being, helping students

identify signs of mental health and substance use problems, reduce stigma, promote help-seeking behaviours and self-regulation tools.

During the Grade 5 assembly, the presenter will discuss Making Connections for Healthy living discussing personal safety and injury prevention. This will cover how a person's actions, either in person or online, can affect reputation (e.g. negative actions such as name calling, making homophobic or racist remarks, mocking appearance or ability, excluding, bullying, sexual harassment (including online activities such as making sexual comments, sharing sexual pictures or asking for such pictures to be sent); positive actions such as praising, supporting, including and advocating).

During the Grade 6 assembly, the presenter will discuss human development and sexual health. They will address the effects of stereotypes, including homophobia and assumptions regarding gender roles and expectations, sexual orientation, gender expression, race ethnicity or culture, mental health, and abilities, on an individual's self-concept, social inclusion, and relationships with others, and propose appropriate ways of responding to and changing assumptions and stereotypes.

During the Grade 7 and 8 assembly the presenters will discuss personal safety and injury prevention. They will assess the impact of different types of bullying or harassment, including the harassment and coercion that can occur with behaviours such as sexting, on themselves and others, and identify ways of preventing or resolving such incidents (e.g., communicating feelings; reporting incidents involving themselves or others; encouraging others to understand the social responsibility to report incidents and support others rather than maintaining a code of silence or viewing

reporting as "ratting"; seeking help from support services; learning skills for emotional regulation; using strategies for defusing tense or potentially violent situations).

YouthSpeak assemblies and workshops are an effective way to introduce/launch mental health awareness dialogue and initiatives with a school environment. They are all connected to grade appropriate updated Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

### **Register Now for Before and 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 Child Care telephone number 705-716-6945 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](http://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 can be found on the Learning Centres website at [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://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!

### **Parents Invited to Information Session about Special Education on May 16**

The Simcoe County District School Board is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education and how to support students with special education needs. The last session takes place this month:

**Date:** May 16

**Time:** 6 to 7 p.m.

**Location:** SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst

**Topic:** Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic Individual Education Plan (IEP) Goals  
No registration is required. You can also join this session from home via Google Meet using this link: [meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp](https://meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp). Those joining via Google Meet will need to 'mute' while watching the session to avoid audio feedback. Parents are welcome to type in questions using the chat option in Google Meet during the event.

### **Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Expo takes place May 17**

The Simcoe County District School Board's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition on May 17. There are two parts to the event - a day session for Grade 8 students only and an evening portion open to the public. From 5 to 7 p.m., the public

is welcome to attend to speak to employers and industry experts. The Expo takes place at the Elmvale Community Arena, located at 14 George St. in Elmvale. For more information, email [edo@simcoe.ca](mailto:edo@simcoe.ca).

### **Ontario Schools Celebrate Education Week from May 7 to 11**

Each year during the first week of May, schools across Ontario celebrate Education Week. It's a great way to recognize the amazing things happening in our schools. This year's theme is *Equity in Action*. To promote the great strides made in valuing equity, diversity and inclusiveness, our school is [detail your school's activity/activities for Education Week]. Follow and share Education Week *Equity in Action* activities on Twitter using #EdWeekON2018.

### **Applications open for 2018-19 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants**

Parents/guardians play a vital role in public education, and Ontario's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants are designed to encourage parents'/guardians' involvement in their children's education to support student achievement and well-being. PRO grants are provided to select applicants who develop projects, events or training in support of parent/guardian engagement. Applications are due by June 5. Find out more: [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/).

### **Stay safe in the sun**

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. As the weather gets warmer, follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm
- apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the label instructions
- apply sunscreen to any exposed areas of skin - nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc.



- reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours and after sweating or swimming
- wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses
- if possible, avoid being in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- when you're outside, look for shade

For more sun safety tips, visit

[www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### **Summer Camp Can Be a Life-Changing Experience**

According to a recent study from the University of Waterloo, the positive development that children and youth experience at summer camp results in sustained behavioural changes at home, school and in the community. Friendships blossom, self-confidence emerges and independence grows - helping children and teens build resilience to help them face new challenges throughout their lives. Here are four life skills fostered at summer camp:

- **Increased independence and self-confidence** - Camp is the perfect place for kids to practice making decisions for themselves without parents and teachers guiding their every move.
- **Making new friends and being part of a positive group** - Free from the social expectations pressuring them at school, camp encourages kids to relax and make friends easily.
- **Increased environmental awareness** - When children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to "unplug" from technology and enrich their perception

of the world, while enjoying the great outdoors.

- **Improved attitudes towards physical activity** - Children spend so much time indoors these days and mostly sitting down. A recent Statistics Canada study found that only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 got the recommended hour a day of exercise they need. Summer camp is a great way for kids to get outside and move.

The benefits of camp are plenty - from life lessons beyond the classroom to appreciating nature and building confidence and leadership skills. Learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka camps at [YMCASummerCamp.Ca](http://YMCASummerCamp.Ca).

*Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka*

