



W.C. LITTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER # 3

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Principal's Message

I continue to be as visible and involved as possible here at W.C. Little. It is exciting to see so many opportunities offered here at W.C. Little by the staff and it is a true pleasure to be the Principal of W.C. Little. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Ms. Duffett if you ever need to talk. Our doors are always open!

As I detailed in the October newsletter we continue to embrace a growth mindset and the idea that our mistakes are our discoveries throughout the W.C. Little School Learning Plan. Staff and students are enjoying the opportunity to learn in such a way each and every day. As always thank you to our W.C. Little parents for supporting our efforts to improve outcomes for your children.

Sincerely,

S. Young
Principal

Can You Help Us?

The office is looking for donations of gloves and mittens to aid students who have forgotten them at home especially now that the cooler weather has arrived. Any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Remember.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Parents are invited to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly held on Friday, November 11th at 9:00 a.m. in our school gym. Your child will be given a poppy to wear for the day. A white envelope will be sent home for any donations to the veterans poppy fund. The money raised is also used to provide those ex-service personnel and their families in need with dental and eye care, medical

equipment, prescriptions, shelter, clothing and other assistance. Thank you for your donations.

Lost and Found

Please make sure all of your child's belongings are labeled. We will be sending our unclaimed lost and found items to a local charitable organization. Please stop by and have a look at the items in the lost and found box in the front hallway. Thank you!



School Council Update

In order to promote the well-being of our W.C. Little Families, Council will be offering 4 guest speaker nights this year. Our first exciting guest speaker is Jim Willett on Thursday, November 3rd from 6:45 to 7:45 pm... who will be talking about developing well-being through resiliency and confidence. Jim is a story-teller, cancer warrior and an adventure seeker. He has run ultra-marathons on five continents. He has also started dynamic optimism based social movement with a quarter million followers. He is looking forward to sharing his thoughts, ideas and stories about overcoming adversity, facing your fears and achieving your dreams. Childcare is available, so please submit your registration form to the office.

Plan to attend our Read and Feed event on Monday, November 7th. All that day, Chapters in Barrie will donate 10% of sales to W.C. Little, if you let them know at the cash that you are supporting our fundraiser. Start your holiday shopping early! Beat the rush and benefit our school. Throughout the evening, we will have guest readers at Chapters, sharing their favourite stories with you. Don't forget to stop for dinner or treats at Boston Pizza or McDonald's that night too! They will also be donating a portion of your sales back to our school. McDonald's coupons will be sent home the week before our event, so don't forget to bring them that night. This was a really fun, social evening last year, and we look forward to seeing you there☺

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual QSP FUNDRAISER! It was a great success, selling approximately \$14 500.00. We earn 30% to 40% in sales, and the proceeds will be used this year toward a walking trail in our yard, and installation of an automatic water bottle filling station. **All cookie dough will arrive frozen on November 17th, and will need to be picked up between the hours of 2:50 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Other gift items will be available for pick up at the same time.**

Are you curious to learn more about what Council does? Stop by and visit our volunteers at our **booth on Parent-Teacher interview night on November 17th**. Don't forget to purchase your W.C. Little water bottles while you are there!

Do you have a special skill or talent? Can you spare a few hours here and there, and would like to be involved in our school? Our Council would love to have some more volunteers, particularly to help with events and fundraising activities. Please contact us at wclparentcouncil@gmail.com if you would like to learn more.

FOOD ORDERS: If you use school School Cash Online for your food orders, please do NOT send in paper order forms as well. If you are NOT USING School Cash Online, PLEASE SEND EXACT CHANGE, as we cannot provide change.

Our NEXT MEETING will be held on Monday, November 14th at 6:30pm in the school library. Please feel welcome to join us.

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



It's almost winter: Bus cancellation information for parents

Winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County, and with it comes the possibility of severe

weather, challenging winter driving conditions and

possible bus and school event cancellations. All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the **CENTRAL ZONE**. When buses are cancelled, schools are still open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>

For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, follow our school's Twitter account at @WCLittleES or listen to local radio for event cancellation information.

Message from SCDSB Director of Education Kathi Wallace

At the Sept. 28 Board Meeting, it was shared publicly that I will retire as of December 31, 2016. As I'm sure you can imagine, this decision was challenging for me. I love what I do - I have felt this way in every role during my 39 years in this board. It's truly been an honour to serve the students and families of Simcoe County throughout my career. I've had the privilege of working with fantastic staff, parents and community partners. I've been surrounded by skilled, passionate and caring people.

My focus remains on our work as I complete my time here. The Board of Trustees have started the search for a new director. We are also now gathering the results of our strategic planning consultation. The input provided by our staff, students, parents and community members will be invaluable to the board and senior administration, including the new director, as they move the system forward.

I am looking forward with optimism to this next stage of my life. It's a chance to spend some more time with my family. This includes my growing group of beautiful grandchildren who provide that daily reminder of life's wonder and simple joys. It's that same reminder I cherish from my days as a classroom teacher.

Free film screening on Nov. 22: *Most Likely to Succeed*, a documentary

On November 22, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) will hold public screenings of the film *Most Likely To Succeed*. This film examines the history of education, revealing the growing shortcomings of conventional education methods in today's innovative world. The film explores compelling new approaches that aim to transform learning as we know it. To learn more about the film and view a trailer, visit www.mltsfilm.org/.



The following schools will screen the movie:

- Innisdale Secondary School
- Nantyr Shores Secondary School
- Lions Oval Public School
- Nottawa Public School
- Georgian Bay District Secondary School
- Bradford District High School
- Alliston Union Public School

The screenings begin at 6:30 p.m. and the film is 90 minutes in length. Everyone is welcome to attend and the film is appropriate for all audiences (please note that there is one profanity word in the movie). Please pre-register for the event at www.scdsb.on.ca.

High School Information Nights Coming Soon to a High School Near You

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter! Information nights give an overview of what's new and what to expect, and are a chance to ask questions.

Students from our school attend Bear Creek Secondary School. They will be holding their Information night on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

High school is an exciting time—there are so many programs, clubs and activities for students to try. Attend an information night to find out what's offered at your local high school. See the schedule of upcoming information nights at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

Space Still Available in International Language Classes

The Simcoe County District School Board is pleased to offer an International Languages program to students in Grades 1 to 8. This program allows students to develop their first language skills or study a new language.

The Learning Centres offer the following languages:

- Russian, Spanish, Tamil and Ukrainian in Bradford
- Russian, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean and German in Barrie

To register, visit www.thelearningcentres.com or call 705-725-8360.

Safe Schools Tool for Reporting Bullying, Drug Use or Vandalism

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://wcl.scdsb.on.ca>, as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is always our top priority. For more information please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

Message from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit:
you a parent of a JK SK student? Do you worry about your child's eating habits?



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Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP - you answer 17 simple questions to find out what's going well and what to work on to keep your child healthy. Nutri-eSTEP is a questionnaire for parents with children aged 18 months to five years. When you help your young children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. Visit www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP for tips to keep your child healthy with the *Healthy is as easy as 1, 2, 3* fact sheet. For more information, call Health Connection weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or toll free 1-877-721-7520.



Message from the Health Unit: Stay Healthy This School Year!

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or

sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty you can use alcohol based hand rub “hand sanitizer” for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact *Health Connection* at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit’s website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Message from the Health Unit: Misusing Pain Medication is Very Dangerous

One in ten students in Grades 7 to 12 report misusing pain medication, and the majority of them got the drug from someone’s home. Pain medication (opioids) like Tylenol No. 3®, Percocet, morphine and fentanyl can be misused in two ways:

1. If used in ways other than intended by a physician
2. If used by someone it was not prescribed for.

What can you do?

- Keep your medications locked up and out of sight
- Clean out your medicine cabinet regularly and take left over or expired medication to the pharmacy for safe, free disposal.

For more information, visit the health unit’s website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call

Health Connection at 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Calendar of Events

November 3 – Picture Re-Take Day

November 3 – Jim Willett Presentation

November 7 – Chapter’s Read and Feed

November 11 – First Reports Home

November 11 Remembrance Day

November 17 – Cookie Dough Pick Up

November 18 – P.A. Day

November 28 – Grade 7/8 Immunization Clinic

