



W.C. LITTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER # 3

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Principal's Message:

This is a reminder that students will be going outside for nutrition breaks and it is critical that they are dressed for the weather. This means hats, mittens and snow jacket and pants. And along with the cold weather comes a reduction in parking spots in our parking lot. It is imperative that Kiss and Ride flows smoothly and safely. Please allow our Kindergarten parents to use the area closest to their doors. Other parents please park and wait farther down the Kiss and Ride closer to the main doors to meet your children. Thank you for your continued support of the Kiss and Ride procedures.

Sincerely,

Scott Young
Principal

Office Calls

Please refrain from calling the school office during the day with last minute plan changes. The school office is a very busy place and we cannot ensure that any changes will be relayed to your child in time. Please make necessary arrangements with your child in the morning before heading out to school. Thank you for your understanding!

Halloween Candy

A reminder with Hallowe'en now past we are asking parents not to send any treats in your

child's lunch bag that contain nuts. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Friday, November 10th at 9:00 a.m. in our school gym for students in Grades 1-8. 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.

What's Happening at W.C. Little?

Nov. 6 - Picture Re-Take Day
Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly - Gr. 1-8
Nov. 14-17 - Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 16 - QSP Fundraiser Pick Up
Nov. 17 - P.A. Day
November 24 - Little Jammers Assembly

School Council Corner

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

We would like to **thank all of the volunteers** who have stepped forward to help with our food programs. Your support makes a difference in our school!! However, there are still plenty of ways that **we need help**, particularly with our food programs, events and fundraising activities. If you have a few hours to spare, and would like to be involved, please contact us at

wclparentcouncil@gmail.com to learn more.

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual **QSP FUNDRAISER!** It was a great success, selling approximately \$18,000.00. We earn 30 to 40% on sales, and the proceeds will be used to support resources and projects at our school to benefit our students. **All cookie dough will arrive frozen on November 16th, and will need to be picked up between the hours of 2:50 and 6:30pm. Gift items will be available for pick up at the same time.**

Council completes various fundraising events throughout the year - and you can expect to see some returning favourites like Read and Feed, Raise the Dough, and the end of year Fun Fair. You can also expect to see a new fundraiser through **Kidney Clothes**. Details will follow, but for now, **hang onto any clothes that you might wish to donate.**

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 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Please feel welcome to join us.

Friendly Reminder Regarding Watching After School Sports In our Gymnasium!

This is a reminder to parents and guardians that students who would wish to stay after school to watch sports in our gymnasium **MUST** have a parent present with them for safety sake. Thank you!



Bus Cancellation Information Reminder

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 remain 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 before 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 your local radio station for event cancellation information.

Safe Arrival

Our school has moved to an automated safe arrival system. The first parent/guardian listed in the student file will receive an automated call on days **when buses are cancelled** if their child isn't at school. **The recording will tell you that you do not need to call the school back unless your child should be at school.**



High School Information Nights Coming to a School Near You!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights

happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered at Bear Creek Secondary School. Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

SCDSB Online 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 our top priority. For more information, visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

SCDSB's New Holy Days and Holidays Calendar Now Available

The students and staff of the SCDSB represent a rich diversity of faith traditions. The Holy Days and Holidays calendar helps identify some of the important days of commemoration, however it isn't designed to be a complete listing of religious days. Students and staff from a particular faith background may or may not be absent from school on these special days. If they do attend, certain accommodations may be required.

To view the July 2017 - December 2018 calendar, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, click on 'Schools,' 'School Year Calendars' and then 'Holy Days and Holidays Calendar.' You can also learn more the significant faith dates that the SCDSB recognizes.

Treaties Recognition Week Takes Place Nov. 5 to 11

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's Nov. 5 to 11. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty 5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty.

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties and www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/gdoo-sastamoo-kii-mi/.

Voluntary Self-Identification of First Nation, Métis or Inuit Ancestry

Self-identification is a personal choice to disclose First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry. The choice to self-identify is up to you and does not require proof of documentation (i.e. no status card), regardless of where you live. Self-identification is confidential, securely stored and used only to support First Nation, Métis and Inuit student success. Self-identification helps schools support the needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and their achievement. Student achievement data is collected and protected with other confidential data used to help improve student achievement.

To self-identify your child as First Nation, Métis or Inuit, check off the First Nation, Métis or Inuit box on the school registration form and write in details if applicable. The SCDSB is committed to meeting the learning needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit

students through responsive programming and services. Past activities have included: the inclusion of First Nation, Métis and Inuit focused resources in schools; school based pow wows; dedicated First Nation, Métis and Inuit student advisors and cultural awareness training for school staff. To learn more about First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education, visit www.scdsb.on.ca > Programs > First Nation, Métis & Inuit Education.

November 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week

Nov 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week. The SCDSB will be marking this week by providing schools with a variety of resources to increase awareness and education among staff and students. We hope that your child will share some of what they are learning this week and we have included some helpful resources to support you in conversations you might be having with your kids:

- www.participation.com/en-ca/programs/unplug-and-play
- <http://parentactionondrugs.org>
- www.drugfreekidscanada.org
- www.camh.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.Eyeseeyelearn.ca.

Volunteer With Big Brothers Big Sisters and Our Schools

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Barrie & District is proud to partner with the SCDSB to run three mentoring programs for students. Volunteers are welcome to apply to mentor students for as little as one hour per week. Call BBBS Barrie at 705-728-0515 or visit www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie to find out more. The Orillia (705-325-3151), Georgian Triangle (705-445-2330) and North Simcoe (705-526-5051) BBBS locations also welcome volunteers for their in-school mentoring programs.

OHIP+ Provides Free Prescription Drug Coverage for Children

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrollment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus.

Nutri-eSTEP Can Help Your Family Encourage Healthy Eating Habits

Are you a parent of a Kindergarten student? Do you sometimes worry about your child's healthy eating? Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP. You answer 17 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 of age. When you help your children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. 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.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

It's Time to Update Your Child's Immunization Records

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up to date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. It's easier than ever to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record, or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Celebrate Peace in Your Community: Peace Week is Nov. 18 to 25

November is a month of reflection and gratitude. The sight of poppies and wreaths serve as a reminder of the brave men and women who have fought for peace and freedom.

The month of November also celebrates a nationwide YMCA initiative called Peace Week, from November 18 to 25. This is a time when we can celebrate the presence of peace in our local and global communities. Peace Week offers activities and opportunities for people of all ages to explore peace from personal, community and global perspectives. Simple actions like sharing, being patient or smiling and saying hello can have a far greater impact than we think.

As an advocate for peace, the YMCA invites everyone to be part of the conversation. Share something you do to foster peace in your home,

school, workplace or community. Join in spreading kindness throughout our community with "Be Kind Bells." These bells will be hidden in locations throughout our community. If you find one, perform one kind act, then hide the bell for someone else to find. Share on social media using #YMCAPeaceWeek with the location where you found the bell, your kind act and encourage someone else to do the same!

Visit <http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/ymca-international/peace-week/> for more information. Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka (www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca)