



W.C. LITTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FEEL THE PRIDE
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Principal's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with your friends and families! A big thank you to W.C. Little students and



families for donating to the W.C. Little Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. With your generosity items were donated to the Bayside Mens Shelter (Salvation Army) where it was enthusiastically received and put towards their efforts to feed over 160 people. Thank you to Mrs. Aldersey for delivering the items and thank you to Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Mullings and Mr. Thomson for loading the items in to the car! Well done W.C.!

I am pleased with the Kiss and Ride and the support you offer to all those who use our busy parking lot. Please remember that when staff who are on Kiss and Ride duty identify a problem or concern it is for the safety of our students. Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

I would like to thank everyone for coming out to our Meet the Teacher evening on Wed. October 4, 2017. Please remember to make sure you sign up for the student led parent teacher interviews that will take place on November 16 and 17, 2017.

Please remember to call the safe arrival line at 705-725-7970, ext. 1 if your child will be late or absent. Your child's absence is our number

one concern.

Sincerely,

S. Young
Principal

What's Happening at W.C. Little?

Oct. 12 - Cross Country Meet
Oct 13 - QSP orders due
Oct. 18 - Flag Football Regionals
Oct. 19 - Pizza Day
Oct. 20 - P.A. Day
Oct. 25 - Hot Dog Day
Nov. 6 - Picture Re-Take Day
Nov. 14-17 - Scholastic Book Fair in our Library
More exciting details to follow!

School Council Corner

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

There are lots of exciting ways that your School Council is supporting the students of W.C. Little this year. However, WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS! We need volunteers for help in a variety of roles, especially in assisting with our food programs, which are a significant part of our fundraising plan. Volunteer forms went home recently. You can express your interest in volunteering by returning the form to the school

office, or by emailing our Council team directly at wclparentcouncil@gmail.com.

Our annual QSP FUNDRAISER has launched, offering magazine subscriptions, frozen cookie batter, gift items, and chocolate treats! There are even more options available online at QSP.CA! Did you know that orders can be placed from anywhere in Canada at QSP.CA and shipped anywhere in Canada?!?! This is a great way to send gifts to friends and family who live in other areas. Please share your flyers with family, friends, and coworkers. Our campaign ends on **Friday, October 13th**, so please submit your orders as soon as possible. We earn 30 to 40% on sales - SO EVERY ORDER COUNTS. All cookie dough orders will arrive frozen on **November 17th**, and will need to be picked up between the hours of 2:50 and 6:00pm. Our gift items will be available for pick up at the same time.

Are you signed up for School Cash Online? All your food orders can be made using credit card or authorized withdrawals from your bank account. It is easy and convenient - so you won't need to send cash or order forms to school with your children. If you are not using School Cash Online, PLEASE SEND EXACT CHANGE, as we cannot provide change.

Thank you to everyone who has attended the first meetings of the year in September and October. Our new Council Executive was voted upon in September. Congratulations to our new team! Laura Starret is our new Council Chair, Michael McPherson is our new Treasurer, and Emily Sararas is our new Secretary.

Have you ever wondered what the School Council does? Our NEXT MEETING will be held on Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm in the school library. Please feel welcome to join us.

Pay for Field Trips, Lunch Days, etc. with School Cash Online

If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for School Cash Online. This is our preferred method of payment for all school fundraising including lunch days and field trips. School Cash Online allows you to pay with your debit or credit card. Follow these steps to get started:

1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or from our school website click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through echeck or credit card

The School Cash Parent Helpdesk is available 24/7 to help you with registration, password recoveries or any other payment issues. Call the helpdesk at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.

Picture Re-Take Day

A reminder that picture re-take day is on Monday, November 6, 2017! Smile!

Parent Portal Gives Parents Real-Time Access to Attendance and Grade Information

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID was provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

Halloween Candy

A reminder with Halloween approaching 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.

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 16 to 20. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County



Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, will offer bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students.

During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation.

Wed., Oct. 18 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely. For more information, visit the SCSTC website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.

New Path Offering Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-in Clinics

In response to the increasing wait times for child and youth mental health services, and the increased need for such services, New Path has undertaken a service redesign that will provide more timely and responsive services to children, youth and families in Simcoe County. New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Bradford, Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia.

Children, youth and families requesting service from New Path no longer need to call and complete an intake; they can simply attend one of the local Walk-In Clinics and will receive a single session intervention that day. Should

children or youth require further service, New Path will continue to offer a wide variety of community and school-based services as well as residential service and women's service. For further information, including the clinic locations, days and hours, visit www.newpath.ca or contact New Path's central intake department at 705-725-7656.

Fire Prevention Week is October 8 to 14: Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!

Fire Prevention Week runs from Oct. 8 to 14. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" Smoke and fire spread fast. There's no time to figure out how to escape

AFTER a fire starts. All households should have working smoke alarms and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in the family BEFORE there's a fire. Find out more at: www.nfpa.org/fpw.



LGBTQI2S Junior Youth Connection for Kids Aged 12 to 15

The Gilbert Centre is offering a new drop-in and social program for LGBTQI2S identified youth to connect, explore and learn. Meetings take place on the first and third Friday of every month from 5-7 p.m. at 80 Bradford Street in Barrie. For more information, please call Ve Tao, Youth Support Worker at 705-722-6778 x109, visit lgbtyouth.ca or email vet@gilbertcentre.ca.

Translating Legal Issues for Frontline Workers and Members of the Trans Community

The Gilbert Centre, in partnership with The Community Legal Clinic, The Law Foundation of Ontario, and The Mediation Centre, is offering training on navigating human rights and the law for transgender people in Simcoe County. Topics will include trans inclusivity training, human rights, housing, employment, income support and family law. Register at www.gilbertcentre.ca/translating-legal-issues/. The training is offered in Collingwood Oct. 12 to 13.



October is International Walk to School Month

Did you know that October is International Walk to School month? It's a great way for children to get

their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day and also gives parents and staff a chance to be part of a worldwide event that celebrates the many benefits of walking. Here are some ideas:

- Encourage your child to walk or cycle to and from school if you live close by and team up with others to make the trip more fun
- If you usually drive your child to school, try getting them to walk part of the way
- If your child takes the bus, walking to and from the bus stop is a great way to add physical activity minutes into the day

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



Dogs/Pets on School Property

This is a reminder to all visitors to W.C. Little School that dogs are not permitted on school property. Please refrain

from bringing your pets to school. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Healthy Classroom Celebrations

Classroom and school celebrations are great opportunities for children to practice the healthy eating messages they learn in the classroom. Help teach the importance of healthy eating by choosing healthy foods to send in the next time your child's class is celebrating. Here are some ideas:

- Send a tray of watermelon slices, orange slices, apples or fruit kabobs

- Make homemade mini muffins with whole wheat flour and grated carrots or apple
- Send a tray of whole grain crackers, cubes of lower fat cheese and grapes
- Send a veggie platter - get creative by arranging it in fun shapes
- Prepare chocolate dipped strawberries for a sweet treat



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.

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Tips for a Healthy Halloween

The month of October is upon us and that means Halloween is just around the corner! For many children, this can be an exciting time of year as they get their costumes ready and their buckets out to fill with candy! Halloween can also be a tough time for parents to keep their kids' diets healthy and balanced. Here are some helpful 'tricks' to help you and your family have a healthy Halloween this year!

- Walk door to door when trick or treating. It will burn calories and also tire the kids out - potentially limiting the amount of houses you will hit before the end of the night. Try making a competition out of who can walk the most steps.
- Plan a party. Make the focus of your party fun activities instead of sugary treats. Include Halloween games such as a costume or dance contest, or pumpkin carving.
- Trade the candy collected for non-edible treats like books, small toys or arts and crafts materials. You can also consider offering to buy back some of the candy, providing your kids with some extra spending money as a reward.

- Before your kids venture out in their costumes, make sure they eat a healthy meal.

Visit your local YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka for some fun Halloween activities for the whole family to enjoy!

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(www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca)