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Upcoming Dates For October & November

October 3rd-9th—Fire Prevention Week

October 11th - Thanksgiving - No School

October 20th - School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

October 22nd - PA Day - No School

Administrators Message:

Hello WC Little Families,

I want start with a thank you to all of our parents and guardians for your support over the past month. Considering how many changes have taken place this fall, our students have done an excellent job adapting to new routines and expectations. Students are learning to play in cohorts again, wash and sanitize hands regularly and walk on certain sides of the hall. I would also like to thank families for your on-going patience during our classroom reorganization process.

Our staff and students were out in full force for this year's Terry Fox Run. Our community raised over \$2100 for cancer research.

You would have received letters from the SMDHU over the last week informing you of positive cases here at our school. These cases highlight the importance of continuing to do the self-assessment daily to ensure your child(ren) are healthy to attend school. Together we can all do our part to keep everyone healthy.

Patrick Miller
Principal

School Times

Supervision Bell	8:15 AM
Period 1	8:30 - 9:20 AM
Period 2	9:20 - 10:10 AM
Nutritional Break	10:10 - 10:30 PM
Outdoor Recess	10:30 - 10:50 PM
Period 3	10:50 - 11:40 AM
Period 4	11:40 - 12:30 PM
Nutritional Break	12:30 - 12:50 PM
Outdoor Recess	12:50 - 1:10 PM
Period 5	1:10 - 2:00 PM
Period 6	2:00 - 2:50 PM
Dismissal	2:50 PM



October Character Attribute

Cooperation - we work together towards shared goals and purposes.

More information about Character Education can be found here:
www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education



Friendly Reminders



The office is a very busy place at WCL. Please ring the door bell once and someone will be with you as soon as they are available.

Emails & Communication

As W.C. Little is growing, we rely on email communication to reach our community quickly and efficiently. It is important to have updated email addresses on file. Please ensure "School Messenger" is not a blocked incoming email recipient and that you read each email entirely as it likely contains important information for you or your student(s).



Phone Calls

Students call home for a lunch, change of clothes, forgotten items, etc. Please be sure to have a voicemail set up on your phone and check all messages before returning calls to the school.

Safe Arrival



Parents and guardians, it is your duty to call the Safe Arrival line (a message can be left at anytime including at night) each time your student will not be attending school. If your student is marked as an unknown absence (i.e. no one called the school or communication was not conveyed to the teacher) then an automated call service will call you and the emergency contact numbers to direct you to call the school. To ensure all of our students are safe and supervised, please be sure to call 705-725-7970 then press #1 for the Safe Arrival line.



After School Pick Up Changes

Please do not call the office to make any changes to your child's pick up arrangements after 2 pm, unless it is a dire emergency. We do understand that changes to your schedule sometimes occur at the last minute, unfortunately the end of the day is very busy in the office, the classrooms may be in various locations (including outdoors), and staff are maintaining Covid-19 protocol to keep students in their cohorts. Therefore we ask for the safety of all our students, to please refrain from making any changes after 2 pm each day.



SCSTC

SIMCOE COUNTY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM

Inclement weather and bus cancellation information reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'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. School staff are expected to plan for such emergencies in order to transition students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather, to their online platforms (Google Classroom and/or SCDSBhub [Brightspace by D2L]) and continue with academic programming. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

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](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.

FEEL THE PRIDE!



Self-assessment

All students and staff will be required to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessment prior to entering SCDSB schools and buildings, using the provincial self-assessment tool. Students or staff with symptoms must stay home from school. To access the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>



Instructions for when children become sick at school

Parents/guardians will be asked to provide multiple contacts who will be available to pick up their child(ren) in the event that they become ill while at school. Children who become ill while at school will not be able to travel on a bus home for the protection of the other riders.



No visitor access

As we transition into the return to school routine this fall, following the direction from our local health authority, the SMDHU, visitors are not permitted within SCDSB schools at this time. Parents/guardians may ring the doorbell at elementary schools to receive assistance (masks are required on school property). Parents/guardians will be asked to call the school's main office at secondary schools to receive assistance. School main office phone numbers will be posted on the doors of school buildings.

Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB



It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at our school and at the SCDSB. Here are some ways to do that:



- Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://wcl.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It is easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.



- Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca.



- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb).

- Follow W.C. Little on Twitter (@WCLittleES) and Instagram (Instagram.com/wclittle_scdsb)



- For school bus transportation, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.



Gifted Screening Process

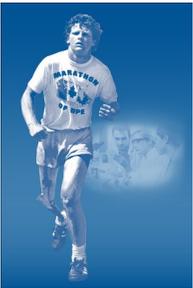
Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program extensions and enrichment. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.

Parents/guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in this school year, who wish to nominate their child for gifted screening, are asked to contact Natasha Ravanese (nravanese@scdsb.on.ca) before October 8th, 2021.

Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent/guardian.

A letter examining the gifted screening process in greater detail will be sent to parents/guardians of students in Grade 3 later in September.

If you require further information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school.



Terry Fox Foundation

Congratulations W.C! You have raised over \$2200 towards the Terry Fox Foundation. We are still collection donations at <http://www.terryfox.ca/WCLittleESBarrie>

Thank you for your continued support!



Lunch Box Lunch Program

Please stay tuned to School Cash Online for a Lunch Program coming soon!

You can only order on School Cash Online, so be sure to create your School Cash account!





School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 18 to 22, 2021. Please visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for information on school bus safety and links to school bus safety resources. Oct. 20, 2021 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.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 3 to 9

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety' works to educate everyone about the different sounds smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.

Information from the National Fire Protection Association website

Have you met Sora?

Our digital ebook/audiobook collection contains over 4,000 titles waiting to be checked out by our SCDSB students. Students simply download the app, use their SCDSB login and start reading for free on their phone or tablet. The collection can be accessed at: meet.soraapp.com.

Supporting your child's math development

Are you looking for ways to support your child in developing their love of math? In class, your child has been learning about how their mindset, experiences and identity have shaped them as a math learner. You can make a difference and support your child's learning by helping them see connections between their everyday experiences and the mathematics concepts they are learning about at school.

Ways to help your child develop their personal connection with mathematics:

- notice and name the math in your day-to-day lives at home
- talk about the ways math is used in your culture
- tell stories about your positive math experiences
- share ways that math has helped you solve problems at work or home
- Identify the beauty of math in nature and at home (in patterns, symmetry, geometric shapes, etc.)

We're planning a Math@Home learning series for parents and want to know what you would like to learn more about! Complete the survey at <https://bit.ly/scdsbmathathome>, and include your email for a chance to win one of three Math@Home prize packs!





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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 3RD - 9TH				
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