

# East Oro Public School

## February 2019 Newsletter

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Character Trait for February is

## HONESTY

- We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner-

### February

#### Dates:

Jan. 29 - Skating

Jan. 30 - Skating

Feb. 7 - Skating

- Dental Screening

FDK, Grades 2 and 7

- 9am Grad Photos

Feb. 8 - Skating

Feb. 15 - Dance-a-thon

- Reports go Home

Feb. 18 - Family Day

Feb. 22 - Chess Tournament

Feb. 26 - Colts Assembly 10am

-Turkey soup day

Feb. 28 - Primary Students to Georgian College

- 2pm - Character Assembly -

Spirit Dress is Funky Hat Day

Mar. 16 - Colt Game!



### Principal's Message

First term report cards will go home on February 15th. Reports will reflect 1<sup>st</sup> term achievements. Please pay attention to the Learning Skills boxes. Good attitude, effort and skills are reflected in these boxes. Please check the report card carefully for next steps. Teachers have been working to build in next steps to extend learning opportunities for your child.

We are almost half way through the school year. Attendance should be regular for students to be successful. Please support our children by reading the teachers' communication home, outlining classroom assignments and topics. Nightly reading and/or math review with your child(ren) will ensure a solid understanding of lessons taught at school.

To help do our part in being environmentally friendly, we've decided to promote our newsletter electronically. **The newsletter can be found on our school web page at <http://eor.scdsb.on.ca> On Facebook if you join East Oro Public School.** Feel free to take a photo of the dates or any other part of the newsletter you wish so you have it handy. If you require a hard copy, we will have a few available in the office.

### Candy Grams!

The Social Justice team is selling candy grams from February 6th to 13th. They are 50 cents each. We are attaching a prepackaged, nut free treat to each message. All money raised will be donated to the **Me to We movement**. Thank you for supporting our global fundraising efforts!

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EastOro/>

# School Council

Happy February East Oro Families,

We wanted to provide some news about upcoming and ongoing fundraisers!

- ✓ The annual East Oro Dance-A-Thon will be taking place on Friday February 15th. Students will have the opportunity to purchase snacks and items from our Glow Store that day with proceed going directly to the school.
- ✓ Our Loveable Labels, Fundscrip and QSP Magazine campaigns are ongoing throughout the year with a percentage of proceeds continuing to help the school. The links for each are included below:
  - ✓ Loveable Labels: <https://www.eastoro.lovablelabels.ca/>
  - ✓ Fundscrip: <https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=GUGESI>
  - ✓ QSP: <https://www.qsp.ca/Store/Storefront?t=65a2a5a3-d774-4d28-a747-550837797cbe>
- ✓ Support Your Group - FundScrip group by entering your group's invitation code and filling out the form - it only takes 30 seconds
- ✓ February 26 is Turkey Soup Day! All proceeds go towards Turkey Dinner in December 2019.
- ✓ Charlie the Horse representing the Barrie Colts will be coming to East Oro on February 26th for an assembly! East Oro has reserved a block of tickets for the Colts home game during March break, March 16<sup>TH</sup>!! . East Oro will be singing O Canada to start the game. If you can represent us for the singing of our National Anthem, please indicate on the ticket order form that is coming home shortly or call the school.

## KNITTING CLUB

The knitting club have been very busy knitting up squares. We are now looking for someone who could crochet the squares together to form blankets for Hospice and Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. Please contact the school if you can help out. We are still collecting knitted squares too. They should measure 7 x 7 inches and be in the garter stitch.

Also, we are looking for yarn in our school colours, burgundy and gray. Any type of yarn in these colours is most welcome as we will be using the loom to weave a banner for our school office.

Thank you for your help!

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2015? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning Jan. 28, 2019, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year. New this year, the registration process begins online! Visit [https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/kindergarten](https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten) for more information.

## **PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2019 to June 2020).

Starting Jan. 21, input can be provided by visiting [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca), hovering over 'Elementary,' or 'Secondary,' then 'Planning for School,' and clicking 'School Year Calendar.' All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input.

The deadline to submit input is Feb. 15.

## **HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Our partner in providing homestay to the SCDSB's international students, Canada Homestay Network (CHN), is recruiting host families to welcome international students into their homes.

Host families help international students realize lifelong dreams, and benefit from a unique experience with another culture. As a host, you also receive an allowance to offset expenses.

Learn about a current homestay family here or get more details about the program on the Canada Homestay Network website.

## **ENTERING GRADE 9 NEXT YEAR? GET A STEP AHEAD WITH SUMMER SCHOOL!**

Attention graduating Grade 8 students! Did you know you can earn a high school credit before you start Grade 9? Students entering Grade 9 are eligible to reach ahead and take Civics and Career Studies online during the month of July. Simply download and complete the Summer School registration form from [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com), have your principal sign the front and drop it off at your local Learning Centre. Grade 8 grads are also eligible to reach ahead and take part in Civics and Careers or Canadian Geography EduTravel courses. Registration information for these programs can also be found on The Learning Centres website.

Parents/guardians invited to information sessions about special education

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting a series of information sessions for parents and guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs. Topics include building a plan for the summer, understanding the Special Equipment Amount (SEA) and applied behaviour analysis (ABA).

Sessions will take place at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. Participants may also access the sessions online via Google Meet. More information, including dates, times and links to register, are online at [https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special\\_education](https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education).



## NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH COMPETITION TAKES PLACE MARCH 23

Students in Grades 5 to 8 are invited to submit a model bridge, catapult or grabber for the National Engineering Month (NEM) event. Models will be tested for design, strength, quality of construction and functionality.

Students of any age are invited to attend to check out 3D printers and robots, Raspberry Pi computer coding demos, crystal radio construction and CNC machine coding.

The event takes place on March 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Georgian College, and is jointly organized by the Georgian Bay Chapter of the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter of the Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO), under the banner of NEM Ontario. For more information and to register for this free event, visit <https://nemsimcoe.wixsite.com/nemsimcoe>.

## IS BEDTIME STRESSING YOU OUT?

Kids need 10-12 hours of sleep every night, but sometimes getting them to bed can be frustrating. You can help create a regular sleep schedule for your child by setting a clear bedtime and sticking to the same time every night. Start getting ready an hour before bed; turn off the TV, computers and phones. Spend quality time talking or reading stories to help them unwind. Agree on how many you'll read before you start! Keep their room dark, cool and quiet - a nightlight is fine. Remember, making sure your child gets enough rest will help improve their mood, behaviour and ability to learn. For more bedtime tips, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse, or visit the health unit website at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).

## YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD

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. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include:

- Diphtheria, tetanus, polio and pertussis
- Measles, mumps and rubella
- Meningococcal
- Varicella (chickenpox) (for those born in 2010 or later)

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).

\*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

## CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

During the winter months, hectic schedules and snowy weather often result in a decrease in the number of blood donations. Canadian Blood Services (and all those in need of donations) want to remind you to be part of Canada's lifeline this winter and give the gift of life.

You can book online at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca). Look for a clinic in your area!

\*Information provided by Canadian Blood Services



SKATING SCHEDULE	12:00-12:50	1:00-1:50
DATE		
TUESDAY JAN 29 <sup>TH</sup>	deBokx & INGLETON	NIXON & MR. KEARNS
Wednesday JAN 30 <sup>TH</sup>	LANGNER & BEECH	FYFE (HUNT) CROOKE
Thursday FEB 7 <sup>TH</sup>	LANGNER & INGLETON	deBokx & FYFE (HUNT) MRS. KEARNS
Friday FEB 8 <sup>TH</sup>	CROOKE & BEECH & MRS. KEARNS	NIXON & MR. KEARNS

**ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR A CSA APPROVED HELMET, EACH GROUP WILL SKATE FOR 50 MINUTES.**

## EXERCISING TOGETHER CAN MAKE YOUR FAMILY STRONGER AND HEALTHIER

Families that exercise together get stronger in more ways than one. Getting your daily dose of exercise not only helps to prevent health risks, it builds strong muscles and bones, develops positive body image, supports mental health and strengthens the family bond.

With so many great reasons to get moving, why aren't Canadians doing it more often? One of the most common barriers reported is time. This is also one of the biggest roadblocks to spending quality time together as a family. With Family Day just around the corner, why not plan a weekend of activities that gets the whole family outside and moving! Here are some tips to help make family fitness fun for everyone.

- ✓ Put family first: Make the focus of family fitness about family time. Use this time to connect with one another, share stories, discuss interests, check in on the day or just make each other laugh.
- ✓ Take classes together: Ask your local health and fitness centre about yoga or aerobics classes offered to parents and kids. If your little one is too young to participate, look for child-minding or parent and tot programs.
- ✓ Plan outdoor activities: Set aside one day every weekend to do something active as a family such as sledding, skating or hiking. Don't forget to splurge on some healthy snacks after a good workout!
- ✓ Surround your family with active people: Healthy habits can be contagious! Surround your family with active people who enjoy healthy lifestyles and you'll be more likely to make those same choices!

The YMCA is a great place to meet families who support healthy lifestyles. Start a new family tradition by celebrating Family Day weekend at YMCA Geneva Park's FamWide weekend. A wide range of outdoor and indoor activities are offered to family members of all ages, such as cross-country skiing, skating, snowshoeing, family games and more. For more information about YMCA Geneva Park's FamWide weekend please call 705-325-2253 or email [Geneva.park@sm.ymca.ca](mailto:Geneva.park@sm.ymca.ca).

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find the sunshine

**BE**  
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