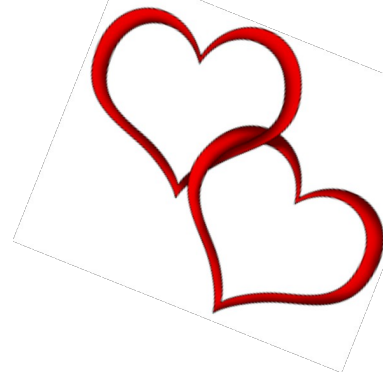




EAST ORO PUBLIC SCHOOL

February Newsletter.



*The Character Trait for February is **Honesty**
- We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner-*

February Dates:

- February 5th - Grade 4s to Geneva Park
- February 7th - Operations Appreciation Day
- February 8th - 9:00am Grad Photos
 - Scientists in the Classroom - Primary
- February 9th - Turkey Soup
- February 13th - It's My Life -
presentation to Grades 7/8
- February 14th - **St. Valentine's Day**
- February 15th - Dance-a-thon
- February 16th - Report Cards go home
- February 19th - Family Day
- February 26th - K.I.D.S. Grade 6
- February 27th - 7pm Speeches at Guthrie P.S.
- February 28th - **Pink Shirt Day**
 - Lion's Public Speaking

Upcoming March Dates:

- March 5 - Family Science Night
- March 6 - 6pm - School Council in the library,
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
- March 15 - Barrie Colts Night
- March 12 - 16 - March break

Principal's Message

First term report cards will go home on February 16th. Reports will reflect 1st 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 or you can follow us on Twitter #EastOroPS. 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.

GIRLSTRONG

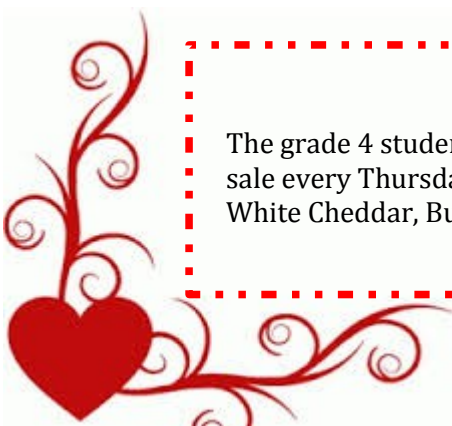
East Oro is excited to participate in the **GIRLSTRONG** program this year! We will begin our sessions in May to get ready for our celebration run on Thursday June 14th. Our coaches this year are Mrs. Fyfe, Ms. Nixon, Mrs. Kearns and Mrs. Langner. We are really looking forward to empowering girls through this healthy living program!

Girls' Intermediate Volleyball

Our girls intermediate volleyball team have been really committed to improving their skills in January! We are looking forward to playing games against area school this month. Our team members are: Taylor P., Paige T., Emily R., Carly P., Victoria G., Audrey H., Ashlyn B., Madison K., Sophia A., Katie A. and Chloe P. Good luck Eagles!!!

Popcorn Fundraiser

The grade 4 students will be doing a popcorn fundraiser starting in February! Popcorn will be on sale every Thursday for only \$1.00 per bag. Four delicious flavours will be available: Dill Pickle, White Cheddar, Butter and Salt and Kettle Corn. Popcorn sales begin on Thursday February 22nd.



Candy Grams



East Oro will be selling Candy-grams again this year to support the **Me to We foundation**. Candy-grams will be 50 cents and are on sale from February 5th to 13th. They will be delivered on Valentine's Day!!! Please help our Social Justice team with this worthwhile endeavor!



**Upper Canada
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NOW ACCEPTING Kindergarten Registrations

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten! Elementary schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

Parents Invited To Information Sessions About Special Education...

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Feb. 19 ~ Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19 ~ Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16 ~ Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst.
No registration required.

Student Survey

A sample version of the student survey is available at www.scdsb.on.ca. A paper copy of the student survey is also available in your school's office. Please call your school if you have questions about how the student survey will be administered.

Parent/Guardian

To complete the SCDSB 2017-2018 School Climate Survey for parents/guardians please go to www.scdsb.on.ca and click on the link to the survey. If you do not have access to the internet and/or prefer to complete a paper version of the survey, copies of the parent/guardian survey are available in your school's office. Questions about the parent/guardian survey can be directed to SCDSB's Research and Decision Support Services team at research@scdsb.on.ca

The information that is collected will be used to help guide our school in creating and maintaining safe and supportive learning environments for all students.

Thank you for your support!



NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH COMPETITION TAKES PLACE MARCH 3

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 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastview Secondary School (421 Grove St. E. in Barrie). Lunch will be provided. This event is jointly organized by the Georgian Bay Chapter of OACETT and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter of PEO, under the banner of NEM Ontario. For more information and to register for this free event, visit <https://nemsimcoe.wixsite.com/nemsimcoe>.

WALKING TO SCHOOL IS GREAT FOR STUDENTS

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning. (Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit)

UPDATE 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, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

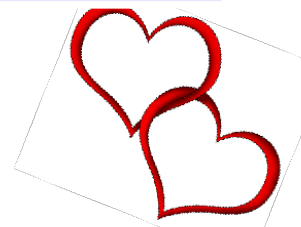
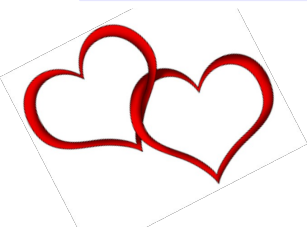
It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).

The Benefits Of Youth Leadership Development

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

1. encourage outdoor adventures and education
2. enrol in camps
3. find volunteer and community service opportunities

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca. Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka



Happy February East Oro Families,

We wanted to provide some news about upcoming and ongoing fundraisers for your awareness. The annual **East Oro Dance-A-Thon** will be taking place on February 15th. Students will have the opportunity to purchase snacks and items from our Glow Store that day with proceeds going directly to the school.

Also, you may not realize but 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:

1. QSP: <https://www.qsp.ca/Store/Storefront?t=65a2a5a3-d774-4d28-a747-550837797cbe>
2. Loveable Labels: <https://www.eastoro.lovablelabels.ca/>
3. Fundscrip: <https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=GUGESJ>

Support Your Group - FundScrip

www.fundscrip.com

Support an existing FundScrip group by entering your group's invitation code and filling out the form - it only takes 30 seconds.

East Oro has reserved a block of tickets for **THE BARRIE COLTS** home game on March 15th against the Ottawa 67s. 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 has gone home or call the school. There will be practice times offered for the students prior to March Break.

Kind Regards, *School Council!*

GET YOUR TICKETS



EAST ORO SKATING SCHEDULE

DATE	12:00-1:00	1:00-2:00
WEDNESDAY JAN 31	MS. NIXON & MR. KEARNS	MRS. FYFE & MR. INGLETON
WEDNESDAY FEB 7	MS. NIXON & MR. KEARNS	MRS. DeBOKX & MRS. FYFE
WEDNESDAY FEB 21	MRS. KEARNS & MR. HOUSE	MRS. MANUEL & MRS. KEARNS
FRIDAY, FEB 23	MR. INGLETON & MRS. MANUEL	MRS. DeBOKX & MR. HOUSE
	Bus will leave @ 11:30 am	Bus will leave @ 12:30 pm
ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR A CSA APPROVED HELMET	Each group will skate for 50 minutes	Each group will skate for 50 minutes