

East Oro Public School

October Newsletter

October Dates:

October 3 - Meet the Teacher 4- 6pm
October 8 - Happy Thanksgiving
October 11 - X-country running at Mount St. Louis
October 12 - X-country running rain date
October 15 - Bus Patroller Training
October 16 - County X-country running
October 18 - QSP assembly @ 12:30pm
October 22 - P.A. Day
October 26 - Character Assembly @ 2pm Funky Hair Day
October 31 - Hallowe'en - Black and Orange Day

November 10 - Craft Show/Tea Room/
Bake Sale/ Poinsettia Sales

Character Trait for October is

Cooperation

We work together towards shared goals and purposes.
Our character assembly is Friday October 26th @ 2pm.
The spirit dress is Funky Hair Day.

Principal's Message

Thank you to the East Oro community for your patience as we reorganized the school. Both staff and students will benefit with the smaller class sizes. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Leah Crooke to East Oro as our new Grade 1/2 teacher. Mrs. Crooke comes to us with several years of teaching experience. Please say 'hello' to her at Meet the Teacher!

At Meet the Teacher on October 3rd, we begin the process of signing up for interviews on November 22nd and 23rd. Sign up sheets will be outside the office.

If you need to call the school to sign up, please call Mrs. Barnett at 705-487-2047

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council elections were held at our first meeting. The results were:

Co-Chairs: Marny Shelswell and Tara Sutherland

Secretary: Sue Weir

Fundraising: Amie Lavigne

Treasurer: Jen Krynicki

Please join us at future meetings on: November 6, January 15, March 5 and May 7. All meetings are in the East Oro library from 6- 7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome!

Reminder



For Parents Picking Students Up at the End of the Day

If you're picking students up at the end of the day, please pick them up at the cedar hedge promptly at 3:30pm.

Hallowe'en

On the "ghoulish" afternoon of Wednesday October 31st, many "spooktacular" activities will be taking place at East Oro. The Primary division will be having parties in their classrooms with healthy treats. More details to follow from the classrooms. To help make the afternoon a howling success, please keep any facemasks, swords or other weapons at home.

Since this is a ghostly month, we ask that you monitor the treats students are sent to school with. This can be an exciting time, but also a dangerous time for some of our students.

Please remember that any product containing nuts or a by-product are not permitted at school.

KNITTING CLUB

Our East Oro knitting club will be collecting knitted squares this year to give to patients of Hospice and Local Hospitals. If you would like to knit up some squares, we'd gladly accept them here at the school OR we're also looking for donations of all types of yarn. We will be looking for some crocheters in the spring who will be able to assist us in joining up our knitted squares to form the blankets. This is an outreach project and a community project. Only the garter stitch can be used.

****ANY TYPE OF YARN CAN BE USED...AS LONG AS THE SQUARE MEASURES 7inches by 7inches****

Flag Football

The East Oro Co-Ed Flag Football Team is in full swing. Students from Grades 7/8 have competed in 2 games thus far with 6 more to go. In their first game, the Eagles knocked off Coldwater 14-0. In their second games, the Eagles went down early, but then roared back to score two late touchdowns, but unfortunately it wasn't enough to get the victory and now sit 1-1 on the season. In games three and four the Eagles are set to square off again against Harriett Todd and Marchmont PS. The Eagles are hoping to be successful enough to make the competitive area tournament, with a chance of moving on to the County level if they finish as the first or second place team.

Stay tuned for more action as it comes!
Coach Kearns and Coach Nixon

Cross Country

Coaches Ingelton, Kearns and Langner are very excited about the turnout this year for Cross Country! We are practicing three days a week to prepare for our race at Mount St. Louis Moonstone on October 11th. Keep being active Eagles, it will pay off!

WE-Day Toronto

We were lucky enough to attend WEDay Toronto on Thursday September 20th. A group of student leader were inspired by Marc and Craig Kielburger, Pinball Clemons, Margaret Trudeau and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. We heard how students all around Ontario are changing the world through acts of kindness and actions geared towards positive social change.

DAILY NEWS

School Council members invited to Connections event on Oct. 23

School council members are invited to join us at Connections, the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) school council development and networking event.

When: Tues. Oct. 23, 4 to 7 p.m.

Where: SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Hwy. 26, Midhurst

Participants can gather tips and important information to help you in your role on school council, contribute to group discussions, browse booths and enjoy snacks from our approved vendors, and network with fellow school council and Parent Involvement Committee members. This year, we welcome Jacqui Strachan, Communications Director, People for Education, who will discuss fundraising and equity within a school council. Register at www.scdsb.on.ca/connections. Register by Oct. 16 for your chance to win a \$500 parent engagement grant for your school. The winner(s) will be drawn at the event. You must be in attendance to win the prize.

School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'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.

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place October 22 to 26, 2018. 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. 24 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/.

Want to be a volunteer at our school? Here's what you need to know

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. This school year, we are implementing a new online Volunteer Portal. SCDSB Community Apps (<http://communityapps.scdsb.on.ca>) is a new online portal that allows you to begin the process for volunteering at our school. Here is some information to share as we've been receiving some questions:

1. Only NEW volunteers or those who received a letter in June indicating you require an updated Criminal Background Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (5-year renewal) are able to register as a volunteer on the Community Apps website at this time.
2. If you're a current, approved school volunteer, you can still volunteer at our school for the time being. You should have recently received a letter with your access code. This code will allow you to register as a volunteer on the Volunteer Portal through the Community Apps website.



Dear Parents,

I would like to personally invite you to join me in making a difference in the lives of the children at East Oro Public School by supporting us in the upcoming Indigo Adopt a School program!

There are three ways that our community can support our school online at adoptaschool.indigo.ca:

1. Book Bonus: For every two books you donate to our school online, the Love of Reading Foundation will donate a bonus book, up to 100 books!*

2. Tell a Story, Give a Story: Every time you post a story to our Adopt a School profile, the Love of Reading Foundation will donate one book in support of our school library, up to 20 books!

3. Adopt a School Story Contest: “Heart” your favourite story to help a school for a chance to win* big! The five most-loved stories in each province will be entered in a random draw for a chance to win a \$2,500 Indigo eGiftcard to purchase books for their adopted school. The remaining four top “hearted” schools in each province will win a \$500 Indigo eGiftcard to purchase books! Choose wisely because you only get one shot to “Heart” a story!

Please note that 100% of all online donations directed to our school will go towards supporting our students and school library! However, our school has not been adopted by an Indigo, Chapters or Coles store this year, so donations made in-store will not go to our school.

Our school is going to receive every dollar raised to support our library and a 30% discount off books when we shop at Indigo, Chapters and Coles using program donations.

Please visit adoptaschool.indigo.ca from September 15 to October 7 to show your support for our library! I look forward to surprising the staff and children at East Oro Public School with all the new library books this year!

Sincerely,

Judy Kirk

It's time to 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. 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).

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

October is International Walk to School Month

Get in on the fun and be part of this worldwide event! Encourage your child or teen 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. Walking or cycling allows kids to enjoy the outdoors and get their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Learn more:

<http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/international-walk-to-school-month/>.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



Vaping: What's the harm?

E-cigarette vaping is being promoted as less harmful than smoking cigarettes, but that doesn't mean it is harmless. Far from it! Studies are underway to determine the long term risks of vaping. What is known, however, is that vaping is becoming more popular with Ontario students. They risk becoming addicted to the nicotine found in the many flavours of e-juices available with attractive smells and tastes. Vaping, like tobacco, is banned on school property at all times, but the newer vaping devices can be easy to disguise and use without attracting attention. It's important we work together at school and home to talk about vaping and encourage our kids to make healthy, vape- and tobacco-free lifestyle choices. Find out more at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

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Reorganization balances class sizes to support your child's success

Each September, our school starts off with a certain number of classes and teachers - these numbers are based on estimates made the previous spring about how many students will be enrolled during the next school year. As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education has class size goals that all school boards are required to meet. When the Simcoe County District School Board organized its schools in the spring, they adhered to this expectation. Each September, the board compares actual enrolment numbers to the numbers projected by the board in the spring. At times it is necessary to reorganize classes. After reorganization, some students may move to another class in order to balance class sizes. In some cases, it may be necessary to move teachers to a new school. If your child was affected by a change, you should have received a letter with details following reorganization. Please be assured that these changes will not affect the quality of education your child will receive at East Oro P.S. Our staff have the skills, training and resources to work effectively with students in a variety of settings.

Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with SchoolCash Online

We have made it easy for parents to make their school purchases from the convenience of their own home. Whether it's lunch days, field trips or school wear, we have it online for you! Follow these three steps to get started:

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

It's safe, fast and convenient. Contact the office with any questions.

Parent Portal gives parents real-time access to attendance, 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 will be provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, you can visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 7 to 13

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on three fundamental actions people can take to be fire-safe:

- LOOK for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.