

East Oro Public School



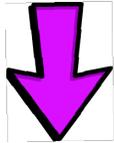
Newsletter



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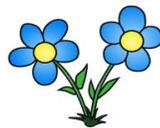
- Optimism -

We are accountable for our actions and we follow through on our commitments.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 3- 6 School Bus Evacuation Training @ EOPS
- April 5, 12 & 19 - Swim to Survive and Gym Grades 2 & 3
- April 6 - Scientists in the Schools Grades 5 -8
- April 10 -11 Dairy Board presentations
- April 11 - **International Day of Pink**
- April 16 - Grades 7/8 to Twin Lakes for Thunderrock
- April 18 - 20 Book Fair in the Library
- April 19 - Health Unit at EOPS for Grade 7 Vaccinations
- April 23 - 11:30am Dress rehearsal for Rock!
- April 24 - 11:30am Dress rehearsal for Rock!
- April 25 - 11:30am Dress rehearsal for Rock!
- 6pm Musical performance of Rock!
- April 27 - P.A. Day
- April 30 - 2pm Character Assembly - Spirit Dress is **Wacky Shirt Day**



Principal's Message

Each year I receive letters from parents requesting specific placements for their children. Staffing as always is in flux at this time of year with retirements, contract changes and transfers. Usually we have a class or class and a half of each grade level and teachers often change schools or grade levels. If you wish to write a letter regarding your child's placement, please indicate how your child learns best. While staff and administration work to place students carefully, we do have to manage numbers and spaces available.

EQAO - The dates for E.Q.A.O., Grades 3 and 6 testing are May 22 - June 4. Please schedule any appointments for your child after school hours these weeks. You can support your child through encouragement and by ensuring that your child receives a good nights sleep and nutritious meals and snacks.

Rock!

East Oro's musical members are getting excited to perform for you. Our performance of "Rock!" is at the school on Wednesday April 25th at 6pm. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair

East Oro will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on April 18th -20th. We are looking forward to adding some new and exciting books to the library!

Girlstrong

We are very excited to participate in Girlstrong this year! We will be starting on Tuesday May 8th!! Our meetings will be from 3:30 - 4:45pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Bus Patroller Training

Congratulations to our newly trained Bus Patrollers. Lauren M., Isabella B., Corbin D., Jordyn S., Drake M., Aurora C., Haley T., Emily B., Hailie Q., Faith S.W., Kiara G., Zach Z., Ava A., and Adam F. Thank you for all you do to keep our buses safe!



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is well underway. If you have a student to register or know of students in our area who will be starting Kindergarten, please register as soon as possible. Students must be born on or before December 31, 2014. Please be advised that a birth certificate/landed immigrant card, immunization records and verification of living in our area is required. Current students enrolled in our program do not have to re-register.



thank you!

East Oro Parent Council would like to thank our teaching staff and families for several very successful fundraisers. Our school Dance-a-thon was a great hit, both in terms of fun and funds raised, and our Turkey Soup event went over very well again this year. A special thank you to Jen Hoffman for her incredible efforts with turkey dinner and turkey soup. Jen will be stepping down from this role for next year.

A reminder that we have our year end school BBQ on Tuesday June 12th 2018.

All of these events rely on our staff and willing volunteers, so we'd also like to take a minute to recognize all the people that give their time and support our events. None would be possible without you!

Our next parent council meeting is May 8th at 6pm in the school library - **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

Thank you on behalf of all members of School Council,

Marny Shekswell and Tara Sutherland



East Oro & Bradford Greenhouses



East Oro PS has just been accepted in the Bradford Greenhouses fundraising program that runs from April 14th - October 14th! Please support East Oro at the checkout by letting the cashier know before s/he begins your order at either the Bradford or Barrie location. The computer will keep track of all the East Oro PS sales and the school will receive a gift card to purchase items at Bradford Greenhouse to spruce up our gardens and school improvements.

Earth Day is coming up! To celebrate, East Oro will be having our annual yard/community clean-up. Stay tuned for the exact date... we need to wait until all of the snow has melted. Students will be asked to bring in a pair of gardening gloves to wear during this school-wide event. Garbage bags will be provided by Pitch-In Canada.



PITCH-IN WEEK
APRIL 22 - 29, 2018

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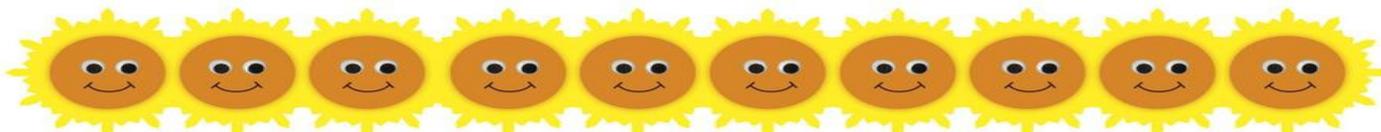


Register now for summer child care

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County. Twenty schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years of age. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information can be found on our website at www.scdsb.on.ca – click on 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

School's in for summer at the SCDSB

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program. Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at www.thelearningcentres.com. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!





East Oro Rocks!!!



Parents invited to information session 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. The last session takes place this month:

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

The event takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

Applications open for 2018-19 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

Parents/guardians play a vital role in public education, and Ontario's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants are designed to encourage parents'/guardians' involvement in their children's education to support student achievement and well-being. The 2018-19 PRO grant process has been announced and an online application is now available. PRO grants are provided to select applicants who develop projects, events or training in support of parent/guardian engagement. Applications are due by June 5. Find out more: www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/.

School bus evacuation training takes place April 3 to 6

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, is offering school bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students the week of April 3 to 6. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency. The SCSTC would like to remind all drivers to be extra cautious near school buses and in school bus loading and unloading zones. For more information or if you have questions, visit main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.

Events at our school in celebration of International Day of Pink

Our school will be hosting several events during the week of April 9 to 13 in honour of the International Day of Pink, which is Wed. April 11. This day celebrates diversity and promotes standing up to bullying. It is a day of action that started in Nova Scotia when two straight high school students saw that a gay student wearing a pink shirt was bullied. The two students intervened, but wanted to do more. They purchased pink shirts and within a few days got everyone at school wearing pink, standing in solidarity for diversity and standing up against discrimination, gender-based bullying and homophobia. Our school will be recognizing International Day of Pink by wearing a pink shirt on Wednesday April 11th

Identifying school-sponsored trips

All field trip information will be sent home on school and/or Simcoe County District School Board letterhead. This is the best way for parents/guardians to identify supervised and approved trips. There may have been times when community or external groups have organized trips that have been mistaken for school-sponsored field trips. Parents would be notified of individual circumstances if the school is aware that an external trip is being planned. When in doubt about any trip ask questions of the organizers, including "Who is sponsoring or in charge of this trip?", "Who will be supervising?" and "What are their qualifications?" You can also contact the school if you have any questions about a trip you see advertised that you think may not be school-sanctioned.

Do you know a youth, aged 15-29, who is looking for a job or to gain work experience?

The Career Centre can help. Services include paid employment training, support with job searches and more, at no cost. Meet with an Employment Consultant today, or visit the Career Centre website at www.barriecareercentre.com for more information, including hours of operation. The Career Centre is operated by the Simcoe County District School Board. This Employment Ontario service is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being on April 14 in Barrie

Parents and/or community members are invited to attend Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being on Sat. April 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bear Creek Secondary School, located at 110 Red Oak Dr. in Barrie. This conference is being funded through a Regional PRO grant from the Ontario Ministry of Education and is being presented by the Adoption Council of Ontario. This event is free to attend and lunch is provided. Limited child care is available for children aged three to 12 years. Register at www.adoption.on.ca/events. Questions? Contact pact@adoptontario.ca.

Please Turn Off Your Car While You Wait

A reminder to please turn your engine off when dropping off or picking up your child from school. Idling cars release exhaust that is harmful to the environment, our health and the health of our students. It's good to get into the habit of turning your car off any time you're stopped and in park for more than 60 seconds. Thank you for doing your part to keep our kids and our environment healthy! For more information to keep you and your family healthy, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Stress: Our kids get it too!

Kids have stress, just like us. Stress is a normal part of life, but our bodies are only made to handle it for short amounts of time. Continued stress can cause feelings of pressure, anxiety and tiredness. It can make it hard for kids to focus in school and can cause them to become sick, get lower grades or make unhealthy choices. It's easy to mistake signs of stress for bad behaviour in your child. You can help them learn to manage stress by staying calm, showing love and talking openly about their feelings. Encourage them to try calming activities like deep breathing or doing something active. If the stress continues, be sure talk to your child's family doctor or health care provider. To speak with a public health nurse, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit website for more information at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day taking place on April 29

YMCAs across Canada are celebrating Healthy Kids Day on Sun. April 29. It's a national day dedicated to improving the health and well-being of kids. The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka is happy to host this FREE event for everyone in the community, offering fun and healthy activities for the entire family to enjoy. Across Canada, most children do not meet the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Rising rates of obesity and related chronic disease tell us that getting kids active should be a top priority for parents, schools, and all Canadians. With summer just around the corner, here are some practical tips on how to keep your kids active and healthy:

1. Rather than heading out on a walk or jog solo, invite your kids to hop on their bicycles, skateboards and scooters and head out with you. You will come back energized and connected knowing that you've set a great example and spent quality time together. Everyone wins!
2. Many communities have free or low-cost youth activities or programs at facilities such as pools, playgrounds, parks, sporting fields, community centres and the YMCA! Ask your child's teacher, contact your local municipality, search online or contact your local YMCA for upcoming events.
3. Depending on the distance and safety factor, consider letting your children walk to school, the library, their friend's house or any other place you would normally drive them to. Some kids may be inspired by tracking their steps with a pedometer. Pedometers are relatively inexpensive and many libraries have them available on loan!

Join the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka on Healthy Kids Day and learn about healthy habits, connect with other parents and get the whole family active together under one roof. For schedules of activities and more information, please contact the YMCA in your community: www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

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