

EAST ORO PUBLIC SCHOOL

JANUARY NEWS

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ANNIVERSARY DATES

Jan. 1 - Happy New Year!

Jan. 8 - Back to School!

Jan. 10 - Boys' Basketball Tournament at Twin Lakes

Jan. 16 - School Council 6-7:30pm Everyone Welcome!

Jan. 17 - Twin Lakes Parent Info Night for Grade 8 parents

Christmas Cheer

Thank you families for supporting East Oro's Christmas Cheer drive this year. We are so proud of the contribution we made to our community to help families in need. We raised over 1000 items!

Girls' Volleyball

Tryouts for the Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Team will continue into January. Listen carefully to the announcements for dates and times.

Thank you to Ms. Nixon and Mrs. Languer for coaching!

KNITTING CLUB

Mrs. Hunt would like to start a knitting club for Intermediate students. She is in need of donations of wool and knitting needles. If you can help out, it would be greatly appreciated!

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights are happening this winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: @Twin Lakes Secondary School on Wednesday January 17th from 7-8:30pm. Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS THIS MONTH

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDsBI Beginning Jan. 22, our elementary schools will register 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.

Boys' Basketball

Tryouts have been completed for the Intermediate Boys' Basketball Team.

Listen carefully to the announcements for practices and game times. Best of luck at your tournament on January 10th @ Twin Lakes!

Thank you to Mr. Kearns for coaching.



Library News

We are looking forward to some fun reading programs in the new year! Battle of the Books will be starting for Grades 4-8 and Blue Spruce will be starting for Grade 3 students.

Happy new year

Character Trait for January is Honesty

~ we behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner ~

Provide input on proposed 2018-19 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. 2018 to June 2019). Starting Jan. 9, input can be provided by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca, then clicking the link on the 'School Year Calendars' page under the 'Schools' menu. 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 Jan. 31.

ATTEND A FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHT; REGISTRATION OPENS IN JANUARY

The SCDSB offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

Information sessions take place in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. Information session dates are posted at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Mon. Jan. 22, until 9 p.m. on Wed. Jan. 24, 2018 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered. Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically. Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application.

Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

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.learningcentres.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!

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.

Jan. 22

Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessments

Feb. 19

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

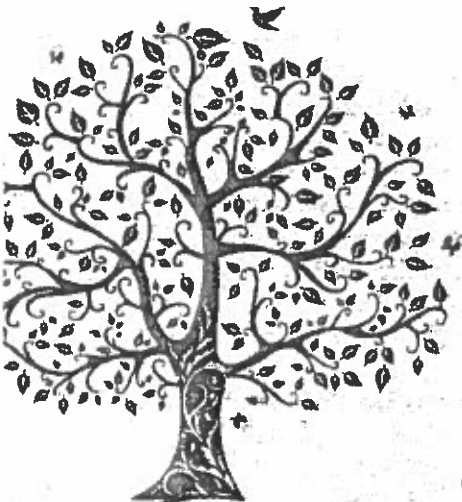
March 19

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.



OHIP+ Provides **FREE** Prescription Drug Coverage For Children

Beginning Jan. 1, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrolment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus.

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/immunize to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520



5 Healthy New Year's Resolutions For Your Family

Some of the top New Year's resolutions across all age groups for 2017 were eating healthy, getting in shape and reducing stress. So, how do you set and achieve a resolution to be healthier? It's been proven that the key to success is setting small goals which require steps towards a larger goal. Here are some New Year's resolutions that families can work on together in 2018:

1. play outside for 30 minutes together as often as possible, regardless of the weather
2. find opportunities for the entire family to be physically active together
3. schedule in physical activity or play time to the calendar, an evening walk or fitness class,
4. pick a fun run/walk or 5K to do as a family – sign up, train and participate together
5. have more family dinners together and involve children in preparing meals as much as possible

For more information about programs offered at the Y for the whole family, please visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH?

Health Connection offers free, confidential health information from nurses and health inspectors on:

- how your child is growing, parenting tips, fast and healthy meals, safe food and water, common illnesses,
- keeping kids safe, fun family activities
- health unit programs such as vaccinations & dental care
- community resources for parenting, mental health, addictions, quitting smoking or financial help

Contact Health Connection at 1-705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/>. If English is not your first language, we have a telephone interpretation service.

Just Love Yourself



RVH Film Festival Welcomes Student Submissions

Barrie's Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has partnered with the Simcoe County District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and Unity Christian High School to offer students, classes and schools the opportunity to participate in RVH's annual Film Festival in two external categories:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6
- Grade 7 and up

This year's theme is

"Making mental health matter - how are you making a difference?"

Students and classes are invited to make a two-minute video showing how they promote mental health. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 5. Voting will take place from Feb. 16 to 26 and those with the winning entries will be invited to an awards ceremony on March 8. Find out more and submit your video at:

www.rvh.on.ca/SitePages/rvhfilmfestival.aspx.

Changes To Ontario Early Years Centres Effective Jan. 1

In February 2017, the Ontario government announced the transformation of the delivery of early years programs for children and families. Starting in January, Ontario Early Years Centres, Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, Child Care Resource Centres and Better Beginnings, Better Futures centres will collectively be known as EarlyON Child and Family Centres. These EarlyON Child and Family Centres will be open to all families across Ontario, and provide support, parenting programs, personal connections and a network of resources as well as play- and inquiry-based programs for young children.

Effective January 1, Child and Family Programs currently in schools will be relocated to the community. These four agencies will now manage EarlyON Child and Family Centres in Simcoe County:

- OEYC Simcoe North, www.oeycsimcoenorth.ca
- Simcoe Community Services, www.simcoecommunityservices.ca,
- E3 Community Services, www.e3.ca
- La Clé (Francophone), www.lacle.ca

For specific days and hours of operation, please contact your local lead agency. Information can be found by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca - 'Schools' - 'Before & After School Care.'