



# FERNDALE WOODS E.S.

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## **IMPORTANT APRIL DATES**

- April 3 – Swim to Survive Gr 3 - Mrs. Alcombrack,  
Mr. Ayres, Mrs. Pool
- April 3 - Autism Awareness Day – Wear Blue
- April 5-24 - Big Box Fundraising Event Starts
- April 7 – Ktgn’s- Field Trip to Georgian College to  
see PigMania (Please don’t be late as the  
bus leaves at 9)
- April 10 – Swim to Survive Gr 3 – Mrs. Alcombrack,  
Mr. Ayres, Mrs. Pool
- April 12 – Pink Day – Wear Pink for Anti-Bullying
- April 13 – Ferndale Falcon Spirit Day
- April 14 – Good Friday – No School
- April 17 – Easter Monday – No School
- April 24 – Arts Night
- Swim to Survive Gr 3 – Mrs. Alcombrack,  
Mr. Ayres, Mrs. Pool
- April 25 – Gregg LeRock Concert - French  
Immersion Grades 1 to 4

## **Big Box Cards Fundraiser**

Returning to our school this year, the Big Box of Birthday Cards is a set of **33 ALL BIRTHDAY** cards for the low price of \$33. These cards are excellent quality and are an exceptional value! Please consider buying a box to support our technology and field trip fundraising. Cards will be sent home on April 5<sup>th</sup> with the youngest/only child in each Ferndale family. Please use the included order form to buy (sell) as many boxes as you wish. Payment can be made through school cash online, with cash, or by cheques payable to “Ferndale Woods”.

If you buy at least one box of cards, the box that was sent home is yours to keep. If you choose NOT to buy any cards, please return the complete box in re-saleable condition.

If you don’t want any cards to come home please sign and return the OPT OUT form.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **School Council News & Dance-A-Thon**

Thanks to all of our Ferndale families for coming out and participating in our annual Dance-a-Thon. The students had a fantastic time! We raised \$3395.00. The money raised will go towards athletics and co-curricular activities.



## **Annual Ferndale Fun Fair**

We are currently planning our Annual Ferndale Fun Fair for June 20<sup>th</sup> 2017.

This popular annual event that boosts an attendance of 500+ runs from approximately 4-7pm. This fun family event is a great way to celebrate the school year. Please mark the date on your calendars. More details will be coming.

## **Kindergarten Orientation**

**Starting school in the fall? Kindergarten orientation session on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

This spring, we are hosting an orientation session to welcome new Kindergarten students and their parents to our school. Come experience what life is like in Kindergarten! Explore areas of the program, meet Kindergarten educators and have the chance to ask questions. Our school’s session takes place on Wed. June 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 to-5:00. We look forward to welcoming you! For more information, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca), click on ‘Programs,’ ‘Kindergarten’ and then ‘Kindergarten Orientation.’

School start dates for September 2017 are as follows:

- Senior Kindergarten (Year 2) students will begin school on Tues. Sept. 5.
- Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) students will begin school on Thurs. Sept. 7

### **Parent Workshops**

#### **Parent workshops to help understand Individual Education Plans**

The Simcoe County District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee and Special Education Department are offering informational workshops for parents/guardians to enhance collaboration between parents and schools in the development of a student Individual Education Plan (IEP). These workshops are free to attend and open to all interested parents/guardians.

Workshops take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m.:

April 11: Lions Oval PS - 25 Brant Street West, Orillia

April 12: Bear Creek SS - 100 Red Oak Drive, Barrie

April 13: Mundy's Bay PS - 340 Sixth St., Midland

April 18: Chris Hadfield PS - 211 West Park, Bradford

April 19: Alliston Union PS - 211 Church St. North, Alliston

April 20: Admiral Collingwood ES - 15 Dey Dr, Collingwood

#### ***Moving to Find Balance: Free Parent Forum on April 25 offered by Seasons Centre***

Seasons Centre for Grieving Children is presenting an educational forum for parents called *Moving to Find Balance: Resilient Children and Youth Connecting Physical Activity to Mental Health*. This event, free for all parents, will explore how you can incorporate more activity in your own life, how you can encourage children to get moving and how to access family-friendly local resources that are low or no cost. The event takes place on April 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Liberty North Events Facility (100 Caplan Ave. in Barrie). The evening forum is free to attend, but you must register. For details, visit <http://www.grievingchildren.com/events/signature-events/>

### **Safe Schools**

#### **New Safe Schools tool to report bullying, drug use or vandalism**

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://fer.scdsb.on.ca>, as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with a teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being are always our top priority. For more information, please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>

### **Summer Childcare**

In partnership with community child care operators, we are pleased to support your child care needs, offering full-day child care programs for children (aged JK to 12 years) in select schools across Simcoe County this summer. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. A fee subsidy may be available to families who qualify. For more information, please contact the YMCA Daycare. For the full listing of childcare centres in the SCDSB, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) and click on 'Schools' and then 'Before & After School Care.'

### **Dogs on Property**

This is a reminder to all visitors to Ferndale Woods E.S. that dogs are NOT permitted on school property. In the last few weeks a number of dogs have been spotted on the property. Please refrain from bringing your pets to the school. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. You are welcome to wait with pets at the property perimeter.

## Events at Eastview S.S.

### Events at Eastview Secondary School in April open to all parents

On April 10 at 7 p.m., Eastview Secondary School will host a screening of the film *Screenagers*, a study of growing up in the digital age. Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston created *Screenagers* to probe into the vulnerable corners of family life to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. This presentation will help parents learn how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

On April 12 at 7 p.m., the school welcomes financial literacy expert Robin Taub, the author of the best-seller, *A Parent's Guide to Raising Money-Smart Kids*. Her presentation will cover why it's important to teach kids about money, as well as the challenge of being a good financial role model. She will explain how to address money-related topics with young kids, pre-teens, teenagers and emerging adults.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend the above events. For more information, please contact Eastview Secondary School at 705-728-1321. The school is located at 421 Grove St. E. in Barrie.

## Chess Club

27 Students represented Ferndale Woods at the zone chess tournament at Angus Morrison P.S. Each of them earned a spot on the school team by displaying a high degree of skill during our chess club meetings over the winter months.

Congratulations to each of the following students:  
Grade 4 - Sydney D, Kailee H, Carson M, Cyrus S, Nik R, Shenelle W.

Grade 5 – Abby L, Saige M, Gavin P, Kailey P, Brice S.

Grade 6 – Renz L, Sara S, Cam S-K, Leah T, James W, Makayla W

Grade 7 – Hannah B, Gavin E, Allison M, Stefan M

Grade 8 – Paige B, Logan L, Riley S, Lana S, Ethan W

Four of our students, (Hannah B, Kailee H, Cyrus S, and Sara S) finished in the top three at the zone competition, earning a spot at the Simcoe County Elementary Championship Tournament. Congratulations to all our Falcon Chess Experts!!!

## Parent Lending Library

Our Parent Lending Library is NOW OPEN!!

Check out the following titles available to borrow from our parent lending library! Email [jpeltoniemi@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:jpeltoniemi@scdsb.on.ca) with the book title you wish to borrow, your child's name and teacher's name! You can also send this information request to your child's teacher.

Happy Reading!!

-Math Games and Activities from Around the World

-Parents Matter: Supporting your child with math K-8

-Student and Parent friendly guide to 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade math

-Wacky word problems: Games and activities that make math fun

-How many ways can you make 5: Parents guide to exploring math with children's books

-Mathematical Mindsets

-Creating Lifelong math and science learners

-Bedtime Math

-The boy who loved math

-Winning the math homework challenge

-Common Core Math for Parents for Dummies

-The everything kids math puzzle book

-Parents and teachers guide to rescue your math student now

-Number Sense and nonsense

-The Math Book

-Amazing Visual math

-What's Math got to do with it

-Secrets of Mental Math

-Games for Math

-The book of perfectly perilous math

-Eyes on math

-Middle school math for parents

-Math lab for kids

**Upcoming dates for School Cash Online  
purchases**

-Pizza dates May 4, 11, 18, 25 (Thursday's)

Ordering starts on line April 18-27

-SubWay date May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30(Tuesday)

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-Popcorn dates May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30(Tuesday)

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