



FERNDALE WOODS E.S.

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IMPORTANT APRIL DATES

April 3 - Wendy's Fundraiser Night

Autism Awareness Day – Wear Blue

April 6 – Gr 8's going to Gregg Lerock Concert

April 10- FI After School Program

Grade 7 Vaccinations

April 11 – International Day of Pink-Wear Pink

April 12- Swim to Survive Program

Marcella/McNair

April 16- FHF Championships

April 16-20 – Earth Week

April 19- Swim to Survive Program

Marcella/McNair

April 20- Movie Night Fundraiser

Spring Into Clean Day

MADD Presentation for Grade 7 & 8's

April 26 – Swim to Survive Program

Marcella/McNair

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Starting school in the fall? Kindergarten orientation session on May 9th

This spring, we are hosting an orientation session to welcome new Kindergarten students and their parents to our school. If your child or someone you know will be starting school in September, please be sure to come to the school right away to register. 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. May 9th at 4-5:30. We look forward to welcoming you! For more information, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, click on 'Programs,' 'Kindergarten' and then 'Kindergarten Orientation.'

CHESS CLUB

Congratulations to the students who represented Ferndale Woods at the zone chess tournament recently. 23 Junior and Intermediate students squared off against competition from six other schools and each of our Falcons demonstrated great sportsmanship and character throughout the day. Congratulations to all of them.

Grade 4 – Klevin K., Cooper M., Mason D.

Grade 5 – Cyrus S., Carson M., Brady B., Jackson E., Nikathan R., Minori M.

Grade 6 – Kiana L., Abby L., Saige M., Brice S.

Grade 7 – Sara S., Tessa P., Leah T., Renz L., Artem C.

Grade 8 – Maddie S-F., Maddy V., Hannah B., Stefan M., Owen J.

Four of those students played exceptionally well, finishing in the top three among their grade category. Klevin K., Cyrus S., Sara S., and Stefan M. all qualified to participate in the Simcoe County Elementary Championship.

PARENT INVITATION SESSION ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION

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.

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.

AUTISM AWARENESS

This upcoming Monday April 2, 2018 marks the 11th annual World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD).

Because WAAD officially falls on Easter Monday this year, we will participate can do so on Tuesday April 3, 2017. We will be wearing blue to highlight Autism awareness.

WAAD originated in 2008 as a result of a resolution passed by the United Nations (UN) to bring awareness and reduce the negative stigma associated with autism and highlights the incredible work that has already been done and still needs to be done to ensure people living with autism are provided with opportunities to lead successful and meaningful lives.

Within the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), the prevalence rate of those identified with autism is 1/42 males and 1/189 females (approximately 1000 students), a number that has increased by more than 100% in the past 10 years. We look forward to continuing to increase our Autism awareness through activities next week.

SCHOOL BUS EVACUATION TRAINING

School bus evacuation training takes place on April 3rd

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/.

MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Join us on Friday April 20th in your pajamas, bring a blanket, bring pillows and enjoy our "Family Movie Night" with family and friends. On Friday April 20th we will be screening Universal's film "PADDINGTON BEAR 2" (in English) in our school gym.

Families may purchase tickets online using the school cash online system. Tickets will be available for \$3 each beginning Friday April 13th and will be available until Thursday April 19th.

Each individual attending the movie must have a paid ticket for entry into the gym.

Water, popcorn and treats will be sold before the movie (prices range from \$0.50—\$1.00). Doors will open at 6pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm.

Regardless of age, students must be accompanied by an adult with a paid ticket.

Please note that our school parking lot will fill up and parking is not permitted in the kiss and ride/fire route areas. Alternative parking is available on both sides of Summerset Dr., at the tennis courts on Summerset Dr., on one side of Gore Dr., and behind the school on both sides of Nicholson St. Please observe the parking by-laws when parking for this event to ensure you do not receive a parking ticket.

This event is expected to sell out quickly and additional tickets will not be sold due to gym capacity.

Thanks for considering supporting our school through this fundraiser.

The Staff of Ferndale Woods E.S.

SUMMER CHILD CARE

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.

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.

MADD PRESENTATION

On April 20th, MADD Canada will be coming to present to our Grade 7 & 8 students on the impact of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Two years ago, students had the chance to attend this powerful presentation. It deals with serious content. It is helpful for parents to know about this presentation so they can support their children by answering their questions or listening to their thinking related to this topic.

CREATING SCHOOL COMMUNITIES OF WELL-BEING

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.

WENDY'S NIGHT FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE! Want to take a night off from meal preparations? Come on out to support our school by attending our *Wendy's night fundraiser at the Wendy's Restaurant on Dunlop Street on Tuesday April 3 from 4:30-7:30*. We had so much fun with this successful fundraiser in the fall! The free Frosty's were abundant! The sales from the dining room and the drive-through go towards our Scientist in the School Program.

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

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:

- 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!
- 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.
- 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.

HAITI CONTRIBUTIONS

Ferndale Woods community gives generously to students less fortunate in Haiti. Thank you to all families that sent in school supplies for this cause. They will be delivered this month when a medical team from Barrie visits this economically challenged country.