



# FERNDALE WOODS E.S.

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FERNDALE WOODS WEATHER ZONE: CENTRAL

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## IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES

Feb 7 – Junior Speech Finals  
Feb 10 - 100<sup>th</sup> Day – Primary Division  
Feb 14 – Bear Creek SS visit to Grade 8’s  
Feb 15 – CEME Visit for Grade 7 & 8’s  
Feb 17 – Report Cards Home  
Feb 20 – Family Day- no school  
Feb 23 – Falcon Winter Olympics (Feb 24 back up date)  
Feb 24 – Family Movie Night (see school cash online)  
Feb 27 – Grade 8 Grad Photos  
                    Senior Kindergarten Photos  
Feb 28-March 1 – Grade 8 Trip to Haliburton

March 7 – Family Math Night (Tentative)

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

### **Your top eight snow day questions answered**

Bus cancellations and snow days are inevitable in Simcoe County. Each time buses are (or aren't!) cancelled, the SCDSB and the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) receive many questions from students, parents and community members. Check out the *Sharing Simcoe* blog for the top eight questions and answers - visit [www.sharingsimcoe.com](http://www.sharingsimcoe.com) and search for 'snow'. Remember to follow the SCSTC on Twitter @SCSTC\_SchoolBus for bus updates and cancellations.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2013? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning on January 23, 2017, Simcoe County's public schools will be registering children for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. For more information, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) for more information.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE PURCHASES

Popcorn: Ordering starts on Feb 24-Mar 2, for the period March 21-June 20 2017.

Milk: Ordering starts on Feb 27-Mar 2, for the period March 20-June 23, 2017.

Pizza: Ordering starts on Feb 6- 10, for the period Feb. 16-March 9, 2017.

Subway: Ordering starts on Feb 6-10, for period Feb 21 – March 21, 2017.

Movie Night: Feb 3-21, 2017.

Grade 8 Trip: Feb 2-15, 2017.

## STAY HEALTHY THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Colds and influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards or wet

tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty you can use alcohol based hand rub hand sanitizer for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).

### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this winter. Information nights give an overview of what's new and what to expect, and are a chance to ask questions.

High school is an exciting time—there are so many programs, clubs and activities for students to try. Attend an information night to find out what's offered at your local high school. See the info night schedule and more information on the SCDSB's website at [www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool). Our local High school is Bear Creek. If you can't attend Bear Creek information night, please call 705-725-7712 to book an appointment to visit.

### WINTER WEAR



Please ensure that students are appropriately dressed to spend up to 20 minutes outside at lunch time. This may require sending

an extra pair of gloves or mittens and socks. All students are expected to go outside for recesses and we cannot provide additional indoor supervision for those not wishing to go out. In general, a child who is too ill to go out for recess should not be at school. Students will stay indoors at recess if the temperature falls **below -25 degrees C, and regardless of the wind**

**Chill factor if it is reported to be -28 degrees C or colder.**

### SAFE ARRIVAL

When buses are cancelled but schools are open, it is a regular day of learning at Ferndale Woods. The decision to keep a student home when busses are cancelled rests with the parent/ guardian. If your child is not coming to school please **ensure that safe arrival is called. 705-733-5636 Option 1.** Otherwise our secretaries are required to call the parents of all absent students.

Where buses are cancelled to Ferndale Woods (and to other schools in Simcoe County), an automated call is made to **all** absent students except those who have **fully withdrawn** from the Safe Arrival program as recorded in our system. **There is no longer the option for parents to opt out of safe arrival in inclement weather days.** The message advises them to call the Safe Arrival line **only if the student was expected to be at school.** Otherwise, the school will assume that you are aware of your child's absence.

As well, if you know that your child will be late or has a scheduled appointment please call safe arrival. If your child will be absent for 3 days or more please send a note to your child's teacher and the office. Sometimes a classroom teacher may be away and therefore the supply teacher may still mark your child absent, even though the teacher was aware of this absence. Therefore, it's best to cover all bases by letting both the teacher and office know of the upcoming absence.

Thanks for your cooperation in helping us to ensure that our safe arrival system continues to work efficiently.

A reminder to all parents that students should not arrive at school prior to 8:30 a.m., as school yard supervision does not begin until that time.

### LEADERSHIP SKILLS

#### Developing leadership skills in your kids

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children learn lessons along the way that significantly impact them later in life. The right words at the right time can make all the difference. Here are some ways you can teach your

children how to develop leadership skills at a young age:

- Encourage team activities: Identify your children's interests and encourage their participation in group activities. Whether it's participating in afterschool sports or joining the school band, children learn valuable lessons about teamwork through these activities.
- Enrol in camp: Overnight and day camps are filled with opportunities to participate in team-building activities and build self-confidence. Once youth reach a certain age, they can also become counsellors, where they'll be tasked with leading groups of younger children – the ultimate leadership experience!
- Find volunteer and community service opportunities: firsthand experience is one of the best ways to teach leadership skills to children. Look for local opportunities that will welcome youth helpers and volunteers in your community.

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers Youth Leadership Development programs for youth in grades 5 to 12. Participants in our leadership programs often adopt healthier lifestyles, become volunteers in their community, make new friends, earn volunteer hours for school, acquire training certifications, travel to other countries and gain an understanding of their potential impact on their community.

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and opportunities, visit <http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/ymca-youth-leadership-development/>.

## PEACEFUL HOUSEHOLD

### **Kids fighting? Here are some tips for a more peaceful household**

It's common for children to disagree or argue at times. They may fight or get aggressive with when things don't go the way they want, or if they feel jealous or competitive, especially with siblings. So what can you do to stop fighting before it starts?

- Let your child know what behaviour you expect by explaining rules for playing with others, such as "be gentle" and "keep your hands and feet to yourself."
- Praise your child when they are playing well with others.
- Help children to solve problems before fights start.

Remember, you and other adults play a big role in setting expectations and teaching children better ways of behaving. For more tips, call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 and talk to a public health nurse about the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program or visit [www.tripleontario.ca](http://www.tripleontario.ca).

## GRADE 8 INFORMATION

### **Student information notice for parents of Grade 8 students (elementary schools only)**

As students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. Select student information will be shared at different times as appropriate. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII of the Education Act. All information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact *Mrs. Chris Samis*, Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at *Ferndale Woods ES*.

### RAISE THE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Help Support Our Special Education Program and School Presentations On Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> proceeds from Domino pizza sales go to Ferndale Woods. Be sure you tell them you are a Ferndale Family.

Locations:

-South West Barrie, 490 Mapleview Dr W (705) 728-0330

-South East Barrie, 411 Huronia Rd (705) 722-5000,

- North Barrie, 20 Bell Farm Rd (705)726-0230

\*This special can be ordered for pick-up or delivery. Delivery area is limited.

Delivery charge does apply\*

### 100<sup>TH</sup> DAY

Hip-Hip –Hurray! Happy 100<sup>th</sup> day!!  
Hoorah! C'est le centieme jour de l'ecole.  
On Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>, many primary classes will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school! We have been anxiously counting up to the arrival of this day.

Ask your child how s/he celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.

### OPERATIONS APPRECIATION DAY

Feb. 8 is Operations Appreciation Day in the Simcoe County District School Board. We celebrate and recognize our custodians and operations maintenance employees for the great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean. We'd like to say thanks to Mr. Grant, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gibbons.

### FERNDALE MOVIE NIGHT

Come join us on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> for the Showing of Moana, doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the movie starts at 6:30. Admission is \$2.00. Please order your tickets on Cash Online to reserve your spot as there is a limit on how many people can attend this function due to the space in our gym.

### CHANGING A MINDSET

### CHANGING OUR MINDSET!

<b>Instead of....</b>	<b>Try Thinking...</b>
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
<b>I give up</b>	<b>I'll use a different strategy</b>
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
<b>This is too hard</b>	<b>This may take some time</b>
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
<i>I just can't do this</i>	<i>I am going to train my brain</i>
I' ll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
<b>Plan A didn't work</b>	<b>There's always Plan B</b>
My friend can do it	I can learn from them

