



FERNDALE WOODS E.S.

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FERNDALE WOODS WEATHER ZONE: CENTRAL

February 2018

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES

- Feb 6 – Junior Division Speech Competition starts at 11:30 in the Gym
- Feb 7 – Operations Appreciation Day – Wear Navy
- Feb 12 – Pasta Lunch starts today
- Feb 13 – VIP Grade 6's
- Feb 14 – Grade 7 & 8's – Oliver at Georgian College
- Feb 16 – Winter Olympics
Report Cards go Home
- Feb 19 – Family Day no School
- Feb 20 – VIP Grade 6's
- Feb 26 – Grade 8 Grad Photos
- Feb 26-28- Gr 1 to 4 - FI Chef à l'école
- Feb 27 – VIP Grade 6's
- Feb 27 & 28 – Grade 8's to Trip to Haliburton
- Feb 28 – Rare Disease Awareness – Wear Jeans

RETIREMENTS

We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs. Julie Cain and Mrs. Sherry Smith as they are retiring this month.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Now accepting Kindergarten registrations
Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten! Elementary schools are now registering 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.

RARE DISEASE AWARENESS

Wear That We Care Day in support of Rare Disease Awareness on Wednesday February 28th. Please wear jeans in support of Rare Gene awareness. Every student in the school will be receiving a blue jean ribbon to wear. To learn more about this please check these websites:

<https://www.rarediseaseday.org/downloads#print>

<https://img.rarediseaseday.org/2015/flyer-rdd-print.pdf>

<http://img.rarediseaseday.org.s3.amazonaws.com/2018/infopack-2018.pdf>

FERNDALE WINTER OLYMPICS

The Falcon Winter Olympics on February 16th are quickly approaching. It will be especially exciting with 2018 being an Olympic year! Students are asked to come well-prepared to spend time in the great outdoors. They will participate in the Falcon Houses. Students are encouraged to dress warmly, wear their colours and to show spirit, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout this special event. We ask the community to be understanding as some use of outdoor speakers will be required.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

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.

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.

OPERATIONS APPRECIATION DAY

February 7th 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 would like to say thanks to Mr. Grant, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Gaudet and Mrs. Godin.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The benefits of youth leadership development

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 and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- encourage outdoor adventures and education
- enrol in camps
- find volunteer and community service opportunities

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

WALKING TO SCHOOL IS GREAT FOR STUDENTS

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

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/immsonline to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).



