



FERNDALE WOODS E.S.

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JUNE 2017

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNE

- June 1st - EQAO
Swim to Survive- Grade 7's
- June 2nd - EQAO
- Grade 1's going to Elmvale Zoo
- June 5th -Swim to Survive-Grade 3's-Mme. McNair,
Mme. Mackenzie
- June 6th -Junior/ Intermediate Track and Field
Running Events Only
- June 7th - Rain Date for Track and Field
Welcome to Kindergarten 3:30-5
- June 8th - Grade 7's going to King's Wharf
Track and Field Rain Date
Grade 6 Pow Wow Springwater
DS Class Sportsaploozza
- June 9th - PD Day
- June 12th - Regional Track and Field at Bear Creek
- June 13th - Grade 6's Golf Trip to the Wilds
- June 14th - Dental Screening Grade 2's & 8's
Outdoor Education for Kindergartens (at
school)
- June 15th - Dental Screening Grade 2's & 8's
Volunteer Tea 10:25-11:05 in the library
- June 20th - Fun Fair 4:30-7:00
- June 22-23- Grade 8's at Olympia
- June 23rd - Primary Play Day in the Afternoon
- June 27th - Grade 8 Graduation - 6:30
Doors open at 6:00
Kindergarten Celebration 1:30
- June 28th - Rain Date for Kindergarten Celebration
- ### Some September Dates
- Sept 6th - First day back to school for all
students SK-8
- Sept 8th - First day of school for Junior
Kindergartens

ARE YOU MOVING?

Just a reminder to advise the office if you are moving over the summer and will not be returning to Ferndale Woods E.S.

RETIREMENTS AND GOODBYES

As the end of the school year approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our generous parent volunteers and school council, our dedicated teaching and support staff and our supportive parents for sharing their talents and being so committed to our students and our school. We are saying goodbye to Mrs. Trojan and Mrs. Hopper-Gross as they are retiring. We wish them all the best as their retirement adventures begin! Some of our families will not be returning and you will also be missed.



The staff and students of Ferndale would like to wish our grade 8 students good luck as they head to high school. Be your best and take advantage of the academic and extracurricular opportunities ahead.

KINDERGARTEN ENTRY PROCEDURES 2017

Senior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Tuesday September 5th, 2017. They will attend continuously from this time.

All Junior Kindergarten students begin school on Thursday September 7th, 2017. They are to attend continuously from this time.

SCHOOL YARD DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Please ensure that you are not on the school yard between the start and end of the school day. Anyone doing so must be an approved volunteer who is working that day, staff or student.

SUMMER CHILD CARE

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 Jennifer at the YMCA Daycare at 705-733-3833. For the full listing of child care centres in the SCDSB, visit www.scdsb.on.ca and click on 'Schools' and then 'Before & After School Care.'

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to drop by our lost and found (located in the old milk room), or ask your child to check the lost and found before the end of the month to see if you can locate any lost items. The remainder will be donated to a local charity immediately after the last day of school. Also there are jewellery, sunglasses, housekeys, stuffies and odds and sods in the office on Mrs. Hennessy's desk please come by to see if anything belongs to you.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL & FUN FAIR



We are gearing up for our annual Fun Fair on June 20th from 4:30 to 7:00.

This family event is activity-based and there is plenty of food, including the Kiwanis Club of Barrie barbecue, Domino's Pizza and the Ice Cream Truck. There will be a variety of activities available, such as Party Tyme, Photo Booth and Community Sports Organizations. Some activities have a fee and others are free. There will also be vendors at the Fun Fair and Ferndale t-shirts will be available for purchase. We will be visited by Zach from "Zach makes Tracks" who is raising money to support children's mental health at RVH and Nathan from "Nathan's Walk" who is raising money for Parkinson's Research.

Volunteers are also needed to help out at the Fun Fair. Please contact Alice Leach if you can help at aliceleach@rogers.com.

We will be having a Vendor Village. If you would like to participate in setting up a table please contact Alice Leach at aliceleach@rogers.com.

Thanks to all council members and parent volunteers who made this council year so successful. Our volunteers have supported special lunches, fundraisers, student learning and so much more. You are quarterbacks for our school and we thank you.

SCHOOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



It's about books! It's about children! It's about fun! It's about our Scholastic Book Fair - a special time for our school community. On June 20th the Book Fair starts at 4:30 to 7:00 during our Fun Fair. On June 21st the Book Fair is open from at 8:45-3:30. This is the perfect time to explore affordable books and products with your children. Proceeds from this event benefit our school directly in book profits. Students will visit the fair during class time during which they

will be allowed to purchase books. Our Book Fair accepts Visa, Cash, MasterCard and Debit.

**PLAN AHEAD WITH THE 2017-2018
SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

The Ministry of Education has approved the Simcoe County District School Board elementary and secondary school year calendars for the 2017-2018 school year. School starts on Tues. Sept. 5, 2017. The Holiday Break takes place Dec. 25, 2017 to Jan. 5, 2018, and March Break is March 12 to 16, 2018. The last day for elementary students will be Thurs. June 28, 2018. To view the full calendar for next school year, visit www.scdsb.on.ca - 'Schools' - 'School Year Calendars.'

Senior Kindergarten (Year 2) students will start school on Tues. Sept. 5, 2017. Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) students will start school on Thurs. Sept. 7, 2017. They will attend continuously from this time.

As was previously communicated, the school board has changed start and end times to support transportation needs. Our school day will be as follows:

Morning Bell- 9:10 am

First Nutrition Break- 10:50-11:30

Second Nutrition Break- 1:10-1:50

Afternoon Dismissal Bell- 3:30

**SUMMER LEARNING-SCHOOL'S IN FOR
SUMMER**

HIGH SCHOOL:

There's still time to register for summer school

Summer school credit courses are available this July through in-person classes and eLearning. New this year are full credit grade 9 and 10 courses at Bear Creek Secondary School in

Barrie. The in-person courses at Bear Creek will run July 4 to 28 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Limited school bus transportation is provided from all areas of Simcoe County. Details are on the Learning Centres website:

www.thelearningcentres.com. Students can also get information from the school or from any of the SCDSB's Learning Centres. Online registration for current SCDSB students is available through the student portal. eLearning registration is supported through high school Guidance Offices. Non-SCDSB students can register using the forms on the website.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS:

There will be opportunities for students currently in grades 2,3,6,7,8 to participate in summer learning programs that include numeracy, physical education and technology activities. Stay tuned for more information!

FIRST RIDER PROGRAM

First Rider program gives students the chance to ride a school bus

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) welcomes students to take part in the experience of riding on the school bus for the first time through their First Rider program. This program, offered in the summer, teaches school bus safety for first-time school bus riders and includes a ride on a real school bus. This FREE program is provided by the SCSTC, in partnership with school bus operators, to educate students and their families about the rules and responsibilities on and around the school bus. The sessions start in late August at school locations across Simcoe County. Parents/guardians and students attending school in Simcoe County may attend any of the sessions. For more information and session dates/times, visit the SCTSC website at: main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the 'Safety' link.

BEFORE & AFTER CHILDCARE

Register now for Before & After School/Child care Programs for September 2017

Register now for this September! Your child's space in the program for the 2017-2018 school year will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted by June 30, 2017. Please contact Jennifer at the YMCA Daycare at 705-733-3833 to register your child(ren).

EYE SEE EYE PROGRAM

Eye See Eye Learn program offering free eye exams, glasses for JK students - deadline is June 30

Your child may have a vision problem. Only an optometrist knows if your child sees to the best of their ability. Get them a comprehensive eye exam, covered for children under 19 years-old with their Ontario Health Card. The Eye See...Eye Learn® program offers one free pair of glasses to this year's Junior Kindergarten (JK) students with their OHIP-covered eye exam, if prescribed by a participating optometrist. Learn more at www.EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca. The deadline for this year's JK students to receive free eye glasses is June 30.

FIRST NATIONS, METIS AND INUIT EDUCATION POLICY

Ministry of Education seeks online engagement regarding implementation of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework

The Ontario Ministry of Education is working with researchers to gather feedback and input to inform the development of the Third Progress Report on the implementation of the *First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework*. Students, parents/guardians and families, teaching and nonteaching staff, Indigenous communities, organizations and

partners, and school boards are invited to participate in an online survey and/or online focus groups to capture successes and help to identify promising practices and opportunities to provide further support to enhance the achievement and well-being of Indigenous students.

To learn more, visit the SCDSB website, click on 'About Us', 'News', and look for the article entitled "Ministry of Education seeks online engagement regarding implementation of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework."

SAFE KIDS WEEK

Safe Kids Week is June 5 to 11

Did you know that a properly fitting helmet reduces the risk of head injuries like concussions by 85%? Teach your children to wear a helmet that fits properly while wheeling and riding. Help prevent injuries by teaching your children the skills they need to wheel and ride safely. For tips, visit www.parachutecanada.org. We have helmets at the school to give you if your child does not have one already.

KIDS MINDS AND BODIES HEALTHY

Keeping kids' minds and bodies healthy this summer

All parents want their children to grow up healthy. Being healthy means lots of things - growing up strong and active, making connections, developing positive relationships with others, and learning to make good, responsible decisions. Here are some tips on how to keep your child's mind and body active this summer.

- Summer programs - over the summer months there are a wide variety of programs to keep children and youth active. Whether outdoors or in a facility like the YMCA, swimming is a summertime favourite. Consider signing your child up for swimming lessons, giving them the confidence they need to be safe in and around the water.

- Summer day camps - summer camp is a great opportunity to introduce your child to "physical literacy." This means getting



table being active, so a game such as soccer confident to say teaches children a fun and supportive

Looking for child care for your youngster, make sure the centre is health conscious and provides nutritious meals to ensure children develop in a positive environment. Try to find a centre that incorporates a "Play to Learn" curriculum and make sure the staff observe and document your child's daily activities. A good child care centre should feel like home away from home while providing the tools to help children reach their full potential.

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers child care and summer programs for children of all ages and abilities. To learn more about the programs being offered this summer, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WORK THIS SUMMER?

The Simcoe County District School Board's Career Centre is ready to help at no cost to you.

The Career Centre has experienced, professional Employment Consultants available to help job searchers prepare for and find work. Visit the Career Centre for resources, including the use of computers, internet, printer, fax, information sessions, job board and online postings. No appointment necessary and the Centre is open Monday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information on the services available, visit barriecareercentre.com or call 705-725-

8990. This Employment Ontario service is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

In an effort to determine how many homes may have potentially received this newsletter, it would be appreciated if you could respond to this email to advise if you did include it in your newsletter. A simple "yes" or "no" is all that is needed!

BIG BOX FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all our Ferndale families who helped to make our Big Box Cards fundraiser a success! Together, we raised over \$4000 which will be used to purchase more technology (Chrome Books) and help with the costs of field trips. We couldn't have done it without your support.

Congratulations to the following who won appreciation prizes in a random draw.

Pizza Party - Mrs. Reynold's class and Mrs. Trojan's class
 iPod - Mikah B.
 \$25 Toys R Us - Cassie S.
 \$25 Mastermind Toys - Isabella S.
 \$25 Boston Pizza - Peyton C.
 \$25 iTunes - Alex P.

Congratulations to all!!!!

PIZZA AND MILK

The last day for pizza is June 15th and the last day for milk is June 23rd. There is NO SUBS FOR JUNE.

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