



FERNDALE WOODS E.S.

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JUNE 2018

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNE

- June 4th - Grade 8's at Camp Olympia (June 4-6)
- June 5th - DS Class at Sportapoolooza at Innisdale
Grade 1's at Elmvale Zoo/Springwater Park
- June 6th - Jump Rope for Heart - 1:50
- June 7th - Swim to Survive - Grade 7's Last Day
- June 8th - Grade 2 FI at Tiffin Centre
Grade 6's at St. Marie Among the Huron
- June 11th - Regional Track & Field at Bear Creek
- June 12th - Ferndale Fun Fair 4:30 - 7
- June 15th - Dental Screening
Primary Play Day
Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at Allandale Heights at 8:00
- June 25th - Grade 8 Graduation - 6:30
Doors Open at 6:00
- June 26th - Ferndale's Got Talent
Kindergarten Celebration 1:30
- June 27th - Report Cards go Home
- June 28th - Last Day of School

Some September Dates

- Sept 4th - First day back to school for all students SK-8
- Sept 6th - First day of school for Junior Kindergartens
- Oct 16th - Family Math Games Night

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 Mr. Collins and Mrs. Forsyth as they are retiring. We wish them all the best as their retirement adventures begin!



We also say "good-bye" to Mrs. Butler, Mme. Michieli and Ms. Zacher who will be heading to other schools. We will miss you! Thank you to Mrs. Sirola, Ms. Buchmayer, Mme. Fortin, Mme. Thomas, Ms. Boasley and Mr. Marcella who are finishing their placements at Ferndale. Some of our students are moving away. We wish you the very best!

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.

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.

KINDERGARTEN ENTRY PROCEDURES 2018

Senior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Tuesday September 4th 2018. They will attend continuously from this time.

All Junior Kindergarten students begin school on Thursday September 6th 2018. 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. Parents are welcome to wait on the landscape stones by the kiss and ride.

SUMMER CHILD CARE

Summer child care options available

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 old. 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.'

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 12th 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. Some activities have a fee and others are free. There will also be vendors at the Fun Fair.

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. Thank you for being so generous with the gift of your time.

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 12th the

Book Fair starts at 4:30 to 7:00 during our Fun Fair. On June 13th & 14th the Book Fair is open from at 9:10-3:30. 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.

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS

2018-19 school year calendars now approved

The Ministry of Education has approved the elementary and secondary school year calendars for the Simcoe County District School Board's 2018-19 school year.

2018-19 Highlights:

- First day of school: Tuesday, September 4, 2018

- First day of school for Junior Kindergarten students: Thursday, September 6, 2018
- Winter Break: December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019
- March Break: March 11 to 15, 2019
- Last day for elementary students: Thursday, June 27, 2019
- Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 26, 2019

You can view the 2018-19 calendars on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca) by clicking on 'Schools' and then 'School Year Calendars.'

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

SCHOOL'S IN FOR SUMMER

School's in for summer at the SCDSB

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program. Summer school program details are on the Learning Centres website at www.thelearningcentres.com. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

CRIMINAL RECORDS UPDATED

Updated criminal record checks required for volunteers

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, and in accordance with the Education Act, the SCDSB requires a complete and up-to-date Criminal Record Check Vulnerable

Sector Screening (CRC-VSS) for all volunteers across the system. If you are a current, approved volunteer and your CRC-VSS is more than five years old, you will be receiving a notification this month indicating that you are required to submit a new CRC-VSS. If you wish to continue as a SCDSB volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. Contact the school principal to obtain a CRC-VSS request letter.
2. Bring your CRC-VSS request letter to your local police detachment.
3. Submit your original and complete CRC-VSS to the school office for review by Oct. 31, 2018.

If you are a current SCDSB employee volunteering in the system, you are required to submit an updated CRC-VSS to the school where you will be volunteering. If you have completed a CRC-VSS within the past six months of the start of the school year for another organization, you may submit that original CRC-VSS for review. If you have questions, please contact the school.

BEFORE & AFTER CHILDCARE

Register now for Before & After School/Child care Programs for September 2018

Register now for this September! Your child's space in the program for the 2018-19 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 offers free glasses for Junior Kindergarten students

The Eye See...Eye Learn program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeyelearn.ca. The program is available for current JK students until June 30, 2018.

SAFE KIDS WEEK

Safe Kids Week is June 4 TO 8

This year's theme focuses on concussions at home, at play and on the road:

- Help reduce the likelihood of head injury, like concussions, during sports, recreation and unstructured play by encouraging your child to use correctly fitting protective equipment and to follow safety rules.
- Teach children about wearing the right helmet for the activity. For example: bike helmets can be used for cycling, in-line skating and scootering, but skateboarding helmets should be used for skateboarding as they cover the back of the head better.
- Recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion, which can happen even without a direct hit to the head and without losing consciousness. If your child does have signs of concussion, remove them from the activity and seek medical care.
- Be sure to inform your school principal if your child sustains a concussion, either on or off school property.
Learn more at www.parachutecanada.org.

KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION

Please join us on Tuesday, June 26 at 2:15 p.m. for our End of Year Kindergarten Celebration. This will be an outdoor event filled with fun learning activities. Parents, Grandparents and younger siblings of our current Kindergarten students are welcome to attend. Please arrive by 2:15 p.m. at your child's Kindergarten door. Thank you for a wonderful year of learning together! **Unfortunately, there will not be parking on site so please be sure to park in a legal parking spot on the road or at the city park. We cannot have any cars in the bus lanes/kiss and ride.**

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE LIBRARY

Ferndale has a wonderful group of student library monitors who are instrumental in helping with daily chores such as signing books in and out. In addition, to the student monitors we are looking for a couple of parent volunteers who can assist with other important tasks such as book repair and cataloguing. If this is of interest to you or you know of someone in

the community who might be interested please have them contact Mrs. Woodrow Hewitt(swoodrowhewitt@scdsb.on.ca).

FALL INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Register now for fall International Language Programs

The SCDSB offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enrol your children in this program to learn a new language, understand a new culture or to extend their knowledge of their first or second language, every student can benefit from this program. The Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) offers Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 15 (classes are dependent on student enrollment). There is no charge for this program. Most classes fill quickly on a first come, first served basis. Register your child by visiting www.thelearningcentres.com and clicking on 'Elementary Student.'

LICENCE 2 RIDE CITY OF BARRIE TRANSIT

12-15* year olds, can ride for free on Barrie Transit and play for free at the City's 3 Recreation Centres from July 1-September 3 with the Licence 2 Ride.

*applicants date of birth must be Jan 1 2003 - December 31st 2006.

***Quantities are limited, so apply for yours starting June 1st.

Visit barrie.ca/Transit for details

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