



FERNDALE WOODS E.S.

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FERNDALE WOODS WEATHER ZONE: CENTRAL

MARCH 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 3 – PA Day
- March 6 – Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament at Nottawasaga Pines
- March 7 – Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament at Joan of Arc
 - Area Chess Tournament at Angus Morrison Fuel Up Night Fundraiser
- March 8 – Falcon Winter Olympics
- March 9 – Weather date for the Winter Olympics
- March 10 – Dance-A-thon
- March 13-17 – March Break
- March 28 – Family Math Night 5:30- 7:00
FHF Championships today in the Gym
- March 29 – Grade 7's HEP B and HPV Dose 2 Needles
Grade 8 Girls Only HPV Dose 2 Needles

DOGS ON SCHOOL 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.

SPEECHES

13 students participated in the Ferndale junior division speech competition recently.

Congratulations to:

Grade 4 – Leah P., Belle D., Sophia H., Carson M., Mikayla K., Alya N.

Grade 5 – Evyn M., Julie C., Aislyn S., Olivia F., Gavin P.,

Grade 6 – Leah T., Hanna P.

Judges selected Carson M. as the junior division champion. He then went on to take part in the area competition at Forest Hill Public School, where Carson finished in the top half of all participants.

Congratulations to all our speech contestants.

LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to check our Lost and Found if your child has lost an item (maybe more!).

Some smaller items, such as keys, jewelry, glasses etc. are turned in to the office. Any items not picked up are donated to a charitable organization.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018



Is your child turning four in 2017? Kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 school year began on January 23rd and is ongoing.

Please drop into the office for a registration package if you have a child (born in 2013) entering kindergarten in September. We will require your child's proof of birthdate (original Canadian birth certificate, Certificate of Canadian Citizenship, Canadian Passport, Permanent Resident Card/Record of Landing, Statement of Live Birth –(long version), Record of Immunization and proof of address.

DANCE-A-THON

Our annual Dance-a-Thon with DJ Jamie will take place on Friday March 10th. Please help us to raise funds to run our **extracurricular activities**. It is through this fundraiser that we are able to run intramurals clubs and school teams at Ferndale. Pledge forms have been sent home already.



We will be selling Glow items the day of the dance-a-thon for \$2, including light up rings, bracelets and wands. Pre-order forms are going home with pledge forms. **Kindergarten and grade 1 students will only be able to purchase orders by pre-ordering.**

Put on your dancing shoes and come out and have some fun.

If you are an approved volunteer and would like to help out at the Dance-a-Thon or with the Glow Store, please contact Alice Leach @ aliceleach@rogers.com

Dance-a-thon Schedule:

First Block (8:45-10:25) - Grades K, 1

Middle Block (11:05-12:45) - Grades 2,3,4

Last Block (1:25-3:00) - Grades 5,6,7,8

MATH FAMILY NIGHT

The Power of Thoughts!

The way parents talk about ability and learning can have powerful effects on their kids' beliefs. Below are three ways parents can instill a growth mindset. And remember, developing a growth mindset in yourself and in your kids is a process that takes time. Have a growth mindset about developing a growth mindset!

- Recognize your own mindset: Be mindful of your own thinking and of the messages you send with your words and actions.
- Praise the process: Praising kids for being smart suggests that innate talent is the reason for success, while focusing on the process helps them see how their effort leads to success.
- Model learning from failure: When parents talk positively about making mistakes, kids start to think of mistakes as a natural part of the learning process.

Join us on March 28 at 5:30 pm for "Magnificent Math Mindset" a great night of interactive, positive math experiences in partnership with your student(s)!

A showcase of student math-based art will be on display! Look for the registration form this week!

MAKING THE MOST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

In order to promote the best learning environment possible, we ask that parents keep school day interruptions to a minimum. Planning in advance and maintaining regular communication through the agenda will help maintain a harmonious and smooth day at school.

- Dropping off items– parents are not permitted to go to their child's classroom to drop off items, check-in, etc. If you need to see your child for some reason or would like to drop something off during the school day, you must check-in at the office. Please put items on the table outside the office with their names on it and the office staff will call your child down to pick up.
- Speaking with the teacher – if you have questions, we encourage you to speak to your child's teacher, but we recommend that you arrange discussion for either before or after school hours. In addition, if you are making a change to your child's regular routine, please make these arrangements well in advance and communication changes with your child's teacher in writing.
- Last minute messages and arrangements – our office is quite busy during the day and so we urge you not to rely on us to get last minute messages to your child, unless it is an emergency.
- PLEASE check messages before calling the school when you see a missed call on your phone. Because all of our phone calls route through our main office phone number, it is VERY time consuming for office staff to investigate the origin of the call. Rest assured that staff will always leave a message and will encourage your child to do so also.

EVENTS AT EASTVIEW

Events at Eastview Secondary School in April open to all parents

On April 10 at 7 p.m., Eastview Secondary School will host a screening of the film *Screenagers*, a study of growing up in the digital age. Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston created *Screenagers* to probe into the vulnerable corners of family life to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. This presentation will help parents learn how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

On April 12 at 7 p.m., the school welcomes financial literacy expert Robin Taub, the author of the best-seller, *A Parent's Guide to Raising Money-Smart Kids*. Her presentation will cover why it's important to teach kids about money, as well as the challenge of being a good financial role model. She will explain how to address money-related topics with young kids, pre-teens, teenagers and emerging adults.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend the above events. For more information, please contact Eastview Secondary School at 705-728-1321. The school is located at 421 Grove St. E. in Barrie.

DO YOU KNOW A GREAT CANADIAN

SCDSB Media Fest: What Does Being a Great Canadian Look Like?

Students are invited to submit an entry for the 2017 SCDSB Media Fest. This media festival is open to all Simcoe County District School Board students and can include images, audio and video. For more information, visit www.scdsbmediafest.com. The submission deadline is April 3.

INFORMATION FOR GRADE 8 PARENTS

Student information notice for parents of Grade 8 students -

As students' progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition. 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 Mr. Chris Samis Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at Ferndale Woods E.S.

FUEL UP NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Our next Fuel-Up Night will be held on March 7 at the Mac's Convenience Gas Store at the corner of Ferndale and Ardagh. We will send brochures home soon for more information. Through your participation earlier this year, we were given \$1000.00 from Macs. This money goes a long way to support leadership and student recognition at Ferndale. Say "Fill 'er Up!" on March 7th.