



FERNDALE WOODS E.S.

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MAY 2018

IMPORTANT MAY DATES

- May 1st - Swim to Survive Gr 3- Alcombrack,
Ayres and Poole's class - PM
- May 3rd - Swim to Survive Gr 3 - Alcombrack,
Ayres and Poole's class - PM
- May 9th - Kindergarten Orientation 4-5:30
- May 10th -Swim to Survive Gr 3- Alcombrack,
Ayres and Poole's class - PM
-Volunteer Tea -10:50
- May 15th -Intermediate Track & Field
- May 16th - Junior Track & Field
- May 17th - Swim to Survive Gr 3-Alcombrack,
Ayres and Poole's class - PM
Grade 8's Trades Expo in Elmvale -PM
- May 18th - PA DAY - NO SCHOOL
- May 23rd -30th - EQAO Grade 3's and Grade 6's (gr
3 1st block & gr. 6 2nd block)
Grade 8's - Motown the Musical
- May 24th -Swim to Survive - Gr 7's
- May 31st - Swim to Survive- Gr 7's

Grade 8 Graduation - Monday June 25th

HELP PREPARE YOUR CHILD TO WRITE THE EQAO TESTS

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Students in elementary and secondary schools across Ontario write provincial assessments in reading, writing and mathematics

each year. The assessments are developed and scored by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). They reflect regular school tasks. Each student that completes a provincial assessment receives an

Individual Student Report (ISR) which describes the student's achievement. School and board achievement data is used to improve teaching practices and to support student learning. This year's EQAO testing for Grade 3 and 6 students at Ferndale Woods E.S. takes place from May 23rd to 30th. **Please avoid scheduling appointments during this time and encourage your child to do their very best.**

Further information about the provincial assessments, including resources to help prepare your child for the test, can be found at www.eqao.com.

SCHOOL YARD DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

In ensuring safety and adequate space, please remember that the school yard is for students, staff and volunteers during the school day. With the warmer weather, parents are arriving early. The outdoor classroom is an important part of the school day.

VOLUNTEER TEA

Ferndale Woods is fortunate to have many volunteers who contribute **meaningfully** to student learning. Our wonderful volunteers supervise on field trips, help in classrooms, read with students, participate in school council and organize fundraisers **to name just a few ways in which they support student learning**. In recognition of their contribution to the Ferndale Woods School Community, volunteers are invited to attend our annual volunteer tea on Thursday, May 10th at 10:50 in our school library. **All volunteers are welcome to attend! Please RSVP by calling the office if you are able to join us.**

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2018-19



We will soon begin to organize students into classrooms for next year. This process is very complex and time-consuming. Several factors are taken into consideration in the careful placement of each child. Some parents have asked how classes are made up. We take into account the following: the professional view of the child's teacher from the previous year; Ministry of Education, Simcoe County District School Board and teacher contract guidelines about class size and staffing formulae; combinations of students related to social factors (friendships, number of years with the same teacher, etc.); emotional needs; academics; balance of boys and girls; degree of special needs; behavioural concerns; and, parent requests made on a legitimate basis (e.g. health issues). Placement options are very limited by the factors listed above.

FERNDALE WOODS FUN FAIR

Ferndale's Fun Fair is booked for
Tuesday June 12th from 4:30-7:00 p.m.
SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for exciting events and spectacular activities at our annual Ferndale Fun Fair. 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.

We will be having a Vendor Village, if you would like to participate please contact Alice Leach at aliceleach@rogers.com. If you would like to volunteer for the Fun Fair please contact Alice Leach at the above email.

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thank you to Mrs. Cremers for running basketball clinics for our junior girls. Many students have had the chance to develop their basketball skills through this inclusive approach. We appreciate your leadership Mrs. Cremers.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Mental Health Week, May 1 to 7

The Canadian Mental Health Association invites us to participate in Mental Health Week. Our school will be participating in special activities regarding positive mental health during this time.

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.'

ARE YOU MOVING?

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



LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is overflowing with lots of items. Please feel free to come in and check it out as the items will be cleared out by May 22nd.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Register now for Before & After School Programs for September 2018

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2018 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2018**.

Please contact Krista Barr at the YMCA Daycare at 705 733 3833.

GRADE 8 TRANSITIONS

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.

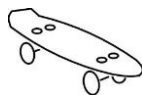
The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under

Sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII, of the Education Act. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times.

Please contact Superintendent Dawn Stephens, Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at Ferndale Woods.”

BICYCLES, HELMETS AND SKATEBOARDS

Now that our nicer weather has arrived, many of our students enjoy riding their bikes or skateboards. We ask students to keep skateboards at home. We remind everyone that bikes are to be locked safely in the bike racks. After school, bikes are not to be ridden through our school yard. Instead, we ask that students walk their bikes to the sidewalk/roadway area and then ride them safely and properly home. Please remember to **ALWAYS WEAR A BICYCLE HELMET. WE HAVE HELMETS IN THE OFFICE TO GIVE TO STUDENTS. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD STOP BY RIGHT AWAY IF THEY REQUIRE A NEW HELMET.**



JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Junior Boys Basketball team has been practicing a lot and working hard this season. They have played several games against other schools and shown a huge improvement in their skills. A big thank you to Mr. Roy who has been an amazing help with coaching and helping the boys and myself this season! Good luck at the Division tournament boys! Mme Hamley

SPRING INTO CLEAN

Thank you for any and all students, staff, parents and volunteers who helped clean up our yard and surrounding neighbourhoods. Thanks also to Catherine and Lily for helping with our front flower beds in the fall. The tulip bulbs that they planted and starting to bloom!

INFORMATION SESSION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Parents invited to information session about special education on May 16

The Simcoe County District School Board is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education and how to support students with special education needs. The last session takes place this month:

Date: May 16

Time: 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst

Topic: Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic Individual Education Plan (IEP) Goals

No registration is required. You can also join this session from home via Google Meet using this link: meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp. Those joining via Google Meet will need to 'mute' while watching the session to avoid audio feedback. Parents are welcome to type in questions using the chat option in Google Meet during the event.

SKILLED TRADES EXPO

Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Expo takes place May 17

The Simcoe County District School Board's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition on May 17. There are two parts to the event – a day session for Grade 8 students only and an evening portion open to the public. From 5 to 7 p.m., the public is welcome to attend to speak to employers and industry experts. The Expo takes place at the Elmvale Community Arena, located at 14 George St. in Elmvale. For more information, email edo@simcoe.ca.

ARTRAGEOUS

Thank you to Mrs. K. White, Mme. Halwani, Ms. Crouteau, Ms. Villani and Ms. Subotic for organizing a fabulous night of art and music. Artrageous entertained parents and students with live music by Sophie Hockley-Jones and Mackenzie Long, also thank you to Samantha Long for taking the photos. The halls were lined with beautiful artwork from many different grades. Thank you to all of the staff who supported by selling popcorn and contributing artwork.

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp can be a life-changing experience

According to a recent study from the University of Waterloo, the positive development that children and youth experience at summer camp results in sustained behavioural changes at home, school and in the community. Friendships blossom, self-confidence emerges and independence grows – helping children and teens build resilience to help them face new challenges throughout their lives. Here are four life skills fostered at summer camp:

- **Increased independence and self-confidence** – Camp is the perfect place for kids to practice making decisions for themselves without parents and teachers guiding their every move.
- **Making new friends and being part of a positive group** – Free from the social expectations pressuring them at school, camp encourages kids to relax and make friends easily.
- **Increased environmental awareness** – When children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to “unplug” from technology and enrich their perception of the world, while enjoying the great outdoors.
- **Improved attitudes towards physical activity** – Children spend so much time indoors these days and mostly sitting down. A recent Statistics Canada study found that only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 got the recommended hour a day of exercise they need. Summer camp is a great way for kids to get outside and move.

The benefits of camp are plenty – from life lessons beyond the classroom to appreciating nature and building confidence and leadership skills. Learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka camps at YMCASummerCamp.Ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

