



# Ferndale Woods Elementary School Newsletter May 2021

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## Principal's News

As we complete our second week of remote online learning – we'd like to acknowledge our parents, families and staff for all their new learning over this unprecedented time. All of our classes are on Google Classroom, and our students are getting logged on and following their regular school schedules from home. We appreciate the efforts of all of our families in supporting their child(ren) as they learn at home. The synchronous learning sessions also provide students with an ongoing opportunity to maintain social connections with their classroom peers. We'll get through this together. K. Jessop, O. Disu



## Upcoming Events

- May 1** - School Principals' Day
- May 3-7** - Education Week
- May 3-9** - Mental Health Week
- May 4** - Star Wars Day
- May 9** - Mothers' Day
- May 15** - International Day of Families
- May 17** - International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- May 24** - Holiday
- May 30 - June 3** - National AccessAbility Week

## House Colours

Students are encouraged to wear their House Colours every Ferndale

Ferndale House Colours		
Black	Red	Blue
Yellow	Green	Purple
Orange	White	Pink

Friday.

## Daily School Schedule

- 9:10 - 10:00** Period 1
- 10:00 - 10:50** Period 2
- 10:50 - 11:30** Nutrition/Recess
- 11:30 - 12:20** Period 3
- 12:20 - 1:10** Period 4
- 1:10 - 1:50** Nutrition/Recess
- 1:50 - 2:40** Period 5
- 2:40 - 3:30** Period 6

## SCDSB Stars

### Employee Recognition Program

#### SCDSB STAR

Have you had an encounter with an outstanding current teacher, custodian, educational assistant, early childhood educator or office staff at our school who has done something wonderful to support our students? Please nominate them for a SCDSB STAR. Their efforts in going above and beyond to provide an

outstanding learning environment and experience shouldn't go unnoticed.

You can nominate someone using the form found in the link below and we will recognize that special person with a thank you card from the Director of Education. [SCDSB Stars](#)

### We are at it again!



# MacMillan's

Our MacMillans fundraiser has been realigned and will officially kick off **May 3rd!** A catalog will be emailed to parents and you can find the list on school cash online filled with delicious goodies! Funds raised will directly benefit our school through added technology and other enhancements.

Please note that due to our current situation the only method of ordering is through School Cash Online.

If you require assistance with this, please do not hesitate to call the school office.

- Feel free to collect orders from friends and family
- One school cash online order per student (but multiple items can be ordered)

Please retain order forms for your reference. The last day to order is May 17 and delivery will take place on June 10th at the school. We do not have the facilities to store orders so please make arrangements to pick up your order before 6 pm on June 10th. Thank you for your ongoing support!

## Retirements



Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Woodrow-Hewitt, Mrs. Alcombrack and Mrs. Martin-Ring on their RETIREMENTS. Mrs. Woodrow-Hewitt will be retiring and leaving the Nest on April 30th. Mrs. Alcombrack and Mrs. Martin-Ring retired on March 31st. These amazing educators have been a part of the Ferndale family for many years and have impacted many of our students, staff and families.

While they will be greatly missed here, we are very excited to hear about her new adventures. Please join us in saying a big THANK-YOU to Mrs. Woodrow-Hewitt, Mrs. Alcombrack and Mrs. Martin-Ring for everything they have done for our students, staff and families over the years. We wish them well on their next chapter in life.

## Replacements

Returning to the Nest are: Mr. Mahon teaching a Learn @ Home online class and Ms. Langdon Sommers taking over the teaching of Mr. Donaghue's Kindergarten class. Mr. Donaghue will be taking over as our school-librarian for the rest of the school year starting May 3rd.

## Character attribute for the month of May

**Respect** - we treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity.

More information about Character Education can be found here: :

[www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_educatio](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_educatio)

## Register now for summer child care

Child care programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party child care operators in some SCDSB schools. To support your child care needs, some operators offer child care over the summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at [https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/childcare\\_before\\_after](https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after).

## Register now for before and after school programs for September 2021



Register your child(ren) now for the before and after school program at the Ferndale Woods YMCA Child Care for the 2021-22 school year. Please contact the site supervisor Amanda Persad 705-733-3833 to register your child(ren).

## Days of awareness and recognition taking place in May

Throughout the year, there are many awareness days that focus on different causes and recognition. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has developed a list of these days as a guide for schools. Schools may participate in recognizing some or all of these days in various ways. This list is not exhaustive. Following are the days of awareness and recognition that the SCDSB will recognize during the month of May:

<b>May 1</b>	School Principals' Day
<b>May 3</b>	Music Monday
<b>May 3-9</b>	Mental Health Week
<b>May 4</b>	May the 4 <sup>th</sup> (Star Wars Day)
<b>May 3-7</b>	Education Week/SCDSB Celebrates
<b>May 9</b>	Mother's Day
<b>May 15</b>	International Day of Families
<b>May 17</b>	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
<b>May 30 to June 5</b>	National AccessAbility Week

## Mental Health Week is May 3 to 9

Join us for  
**#SCDSBMentalHealthWeek!**

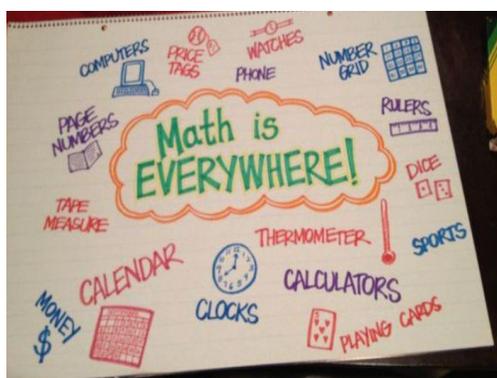


Join us for #SCDSBMentalHealthWeek! The first full week in May (May 3-9) is annually recognized as Children's Mental Health Week and Mental Health Week in Ontario. Throughout this week, the SCDSB would like to continue to bring awareness to the importance of student, staff and community mental health by focusing on resources and activities that promote positive mental health for all students, staff and school communities. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2QdibGR>

## Transition to Secondary School

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. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under the Education Act. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact Charlene Scime, Superintendent of Education, if you would like more information about the transition process at Ferndale Woods Elementary

## Math is everywhere! Find it together!



Are you looking for ways to develop your child's math understanding while learning from home? Check out this parent guide for practical tips and activities that you can do together!

The Ministry of Education's, *Doing Mathematics with Your Child - A Parent Guide*, is a fantastic resource that provides activities and prompts in support of the major concepts explored in the mathematics curriculum. While this resource references the 2005 mathematics curriculum, the activities and tasks found within are still very relevant and meaningful to their current learning.

The activities in this resource promote and support critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and the ability to communicate mathematically. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools. Explore these skills as you engage your child in the activities suggested in the parent guide which can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/3txWxeK>.

You are an important partner in your child's mathematics education. There are so many ways to engage your child in thinking and talking about mathematics around the house and in your community! Some activities to check out:

- Adding and Subtracting Made Fun - Games to play with household items to practice various adding and subtracting strategies: <https://bit.ly/2QwUOaR>
- Measurement Matters - Once your child understands how the metric system is organized and how the units relate to one another, conversions will be a snap: <https://bit.ly/3anlu3A>
- Comparing Things Around the Home - By comparing items around the home, your child can begin to understand some basic principles of measurement: <https://bit.ly/3szh01g>

## Get active outdoors



With the warmer weather fast approaching, many of us are anxious to spend more time outdoors, especially children. Research suggests that spending time outdoors has a positive effect on our mental health and well-being. A simple trip outdoors can do wonders for relieving anxiety, stress and depression. Children connected with nature tend to be healthier, happier, sleep better and display better focus and creativity.

If you're looking for some mood-boosting outdoor activities to do with your family, here are some fun ideas to get out and enjoy the

great outdoors:

### **Organize a nature scavenger hunt**

A great way to get the whole family outdoors is to organize a nature scavenger hunt. Make a list of nature items found in your yard, neighbourhood or on a trail nearby, and head out to see what you can find! Not only is this activity fun, it gets everyone up and moving.

### **Create an outdoor obstacle course**

Obstacle courses are a great way to engage children in physical activity and create a fun competition. Set up a course in your yard using toys, pillows, water bottles or anything you have at home. The fastest one through the obstacles wins! You could even start a relay for an added challenge!

### **Take your family workout outdoors**

When you are active with your kids, it sends them an important message about healthy living. Try leading your family in a group workout outdoors. If you are looking for ideas and inspiration for family-friendly workouts, visit [www.ymcahome.ca](http://www.ymcahome.ca) where you can find activities for all ages and fitness levels. Once you learn the basic movements of the workout, gather your family outside and exercise together. It's always more fun to exercise with a buddy!

*Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka*

## Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Expo takes place virtually throughout May

The SCDSB's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and community partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition throughout the month of May. This year, the Expo has taken the form of a Local and Loud Scavenger Hunt featuring Made in Simcoe County careers and companies.

Visit <https://workinsimcoecounty.ca/virtual-skilled-trades-expo> to see how well you know our local skilled trades and apprenticeship partners around Simcoe County. For more information, please email [emclachlin@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:emclachlin@scdsb.on.ca).