



FERNDALE WOODS E.S.

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IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

- Nov 1st - Grade 8 students to Bear Creek
- Nov 2nd – Intermediate Girls Basketball Game at Ferndale at 4 p.m.
- Nov 3rd - Picture Retake Day at 10:00
- Nov 9th - Intermediate Girls Basketball Game at Ferndale at 4 p.m.
Fuel Up Night Fundraiser
- Nov 10th – Progress Reports go Home
- Nov 11th – Remembrance Day
- Nov 14th – Wendy’s Fundraiser
- Nov 15th - Grade 2 Rotary Club Book Day
- Nov 16th – Parent Interviews P.M.
- Nov. 17th - **PA DAY (NO SCHOOL) A.M.**
- Nov 21ST -23RD – Dental Screening
- Nov 23rd – Intermediate Girls Basketball Game at W.C. Little at 4 p.m.
- Nov 24th - Movie Night - Doors Open at 6:00 pm
- Nov 28th – Intermediate Girls Basketball Game at Ferndale at 4 p.m.
- Nov 29th - Intermediate Girls Basketball Game at Ferndale at 4 p.m.

to pass on any messages, cards etc. to Mrs. Ev. Farquharson please feel free to do so through the office.

REPORT BULLYING

SCDSB online tool for reporting bullying, drug use or vandalism

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://fer.scdsb.on.ca>, as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is our top priority. For more information, visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

BUSES



All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium’s bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the “Central” zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and

SAFE ARRIVAL



Please remember to call the safe arrival line at **733-5636, Ext. 1** If your child will be late or absent. Our office staff takes your child’s safety seriously and your cooperation is essential for the program to run **successfully!**

MRS. FARQUHARSON IS RETIRING!!!!

We are happy to share that Mrs. Farquharson is retiring. She has been a corner stone of our school for many years. We wish her the very best as she heads to the next stage of her life. If you would like

other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here:

<https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>

For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, follow our school's Twitter account at **@SCDSB** or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

Our school has moved to an automated safe arrival system. The first parent/guardian listed in the student file will receive an automated call on days when buses are cancelled if their child isn't at school. The recording will tell you that you do not need to call the school back unless your child should be at school.

MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER



Join us on Friday, November 24 in your pajamas, bring a blanket, bring pillows and enjoy our "Family Movie Night" with family and friends. On Friday, November 24, 2017 we will be screening Universal's film "Despicable Me 3" (in English) in our school gym.

Families may purchase tickets online using the school cash online system. Tickets will be available for \$3 each beginning Monday, November 13 and will be available until Tuesday, November 21. **Each individual attending the movie must have a paid ticket for entry into the gym.**

Water, popcorn and treats will be sold before the movie (prices range from \$0.50–\$1.00). Doors will open at 6pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm.

Regardless of age, students must be accompanied by an adult with a paid ticket. Please note that our school parking lot will fill up and parking is not permitted in the kiss and ride/fire route areas. Alternative parking is available on both sides of Summerset Dr., at the tennis courts on Summerset Dr., on one side of Gore Dr., and behind the school on both sides of Nicholson St. Please observe the parking by-laws when parking for this event to ensure you do not receive a parking ticket.

This event is expected to sell out quickly and additional tickets will not be sold due to gym capacity.

Thanks for considering supporting our school through this fundraiser.

The Staff of Ferndale Woods E.S.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

SCDSB's new Holy Days and Holidays Calendar now available

The students and staff of the SCDSB represent a rich diversity of faith traditions. The Holy Days and Holidays calendar helps identify some of the important days of commemoration, however it isn't designed to be a complete listing of religious days. Students and staff from a particular faith background may or may not be absent from school on these special days. If they do attend, certain accommodations may be required.

To view the July 2017 - December 2018 calendar, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, click on 'Schools,' 'School Year Calendars' and then 'Holy Days and Holidays Calendar.' You can also learn more the significant faith dates that the SCDSB recognizes.

POINSETTA FUNDRAISER

As families will be soon looking ahead to the December holiday period, our Kindergarten and Grade 7 students are taking the initiative in organizing a school-wide fundraiser in partnership with Bradford Greenhouses Ltd. and will be offering a variety of poinsettias for sale at competitive prices. The funds raised through this initiative will be used to subsidize future classroom field trips as well as classroom needs.

Orders will be handled through School Cash Online. Further information to follow soon. Please consider buying these as gifts for family and friends.

Should you have any questions or concerns or need help with ordering, please contact the school. Thank you for your support.

RAINBOWS PROGRAM

We will be offering the Rainbows Program again this school year. This involves a facilitated support group for children in grades K-8 who have gone through painful transitions such as divorce,

separation or death in the family. This program will be running starting in January (approximate date). If you would like your child to be included, please email Rob ford at rford@scdsb.on.ca for junior and intermediate students and Tara McKernin tmckernin@scdsb.on.ca for primary students.

CELEBRATING "EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS"/ "DAY OF THE DEAD"

The Grade 2 classes of Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Hipwell and Mrs. Woodrow-Hewitt will be celebrating "El Dia de los Muertos"/"Day of the Dead" on Thursday November 2nd as part of our Social Studies unit on Traditions and Celebrations. If any students and families of Mexican descent would like to join us, please contact Mrs. Harding in Room 114.

WENDY'S NIGHT FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE! Want to take a night off from meal preparations? Come on out to support our school by attending our *Wendy's night fundraiser*. Ferndale Woods Elementary School will take over the Wendy's Restaurant on Dunlop Street on *November 14 from 4:30-7:30*. Come on out to dine with your fellow students and teaching staff. The sales from the dining room and the drive-through go towards our school. You may even see your teacher hard at "work" handing out Frostys, cleaning trays, pouring drinks or sweeping floors. Hope to see you there!

FUEL UP NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Our Fuel up Night Fundraiser will be on November 9th at the Mac's at Ardagh and Ferndale. Funds raised will benefit our school and there will be 2 \$50 gift card prizes available to be won by families who submit their receipts to the office following the Fuel Up Night.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters and our schools

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Barrie & District is proud to partner with the SCDSB to run three mentoring programs for students. Volunteers are welcome to apply to mentor students for as little as one hour per week. Call BBBS Barrie at 705-728-0515 or visit www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie to find out more. The Orillia (705-325-3151), Georgian Triangle (705-445-2330) and North Simcoe (705-

526-5051) BBBS locations also welcome volunteers for their in-school mentoring programs.

OHIP COVERAGE

OHIP+ provides free prescription drug coverage for children

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrollment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

It's time to update your child's immunization records

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up to date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. It's easier than ever to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record, or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov. 5 to 11

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's Nov. 5 to 11. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty 5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty.

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about

the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties and www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/gdoo-sastamoo-kii-mi/.

Some of our students have been participating in traditional Smudge ceremonies. Others are welcome to join or to watch in order to learn more about this cultural practice.

VOLUNTARY SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF MÉTIS, FIRST NATION OR INUIT ANCESTRY

Voluntary self-identification of First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry

Self-identification is a personal choice to disclose First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry. The choice to self-identify is up to you and does not require proof of documentation (i.e. no status card), regardless of where you live. Self-identification is confidential, securely stored and used only to support First Nation, Métis and Inuit student success. Self-identification helps schools support the needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and their achievement. Student achievement data is collected and protected with other confidential data used to help improve student achievement.

To self-identify your child as First Nation, Métis or Inuit, check off the First Nation, Métis or Inuit box on the school registration form and write in details if applicable. The SCDSB is committed to meeting the learning needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students through responsive programming and services. Past activities have included: the inclusion of First Nation, Métis and Inuit focused resources in schools; school based pow wows; dedicated First Nation, Métis and Inuit student advisors and cultural awareness training for school staff. To learn more about First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education, visit www.scdsb.on.ca > Programs > First Nation, Métis & Inuit Education.

GRADE 2 ROTARY BOOK DAY

On November 15 a member of the Barrie Rotary Club will be reading a story to the grade 2 students in the library. All students will be given a copy of this book to keep. We thank the Rotary Club for their commitment to literacy.

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Communication with families is a priority at Ferndale Woods. We realize that you are busy and we have provided many ways to give you information in a timely manner.

1. Newsletters are an important way for the school to communicate with the school community. Each month you will receive a newsletter electronically. Please ensure that you have an update email address on file in the office.
2. Should you require a paper copy, please visit the office or ask your child to pick one up from the office.
3. Our school's website is up and running. Visit us at <http://fer.scdsb.on.ca> and follow us on Twitter @FerndaleWoods

CELEBRATING PEACE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

On November 11 students and staff will recognize Remembrance Day.

Celebrate peace in your community: Peace Week is Nov. 18 to 25

November is a month of reflection and gratitude. The sight of poppies and wreaths serve as a reminder of the brave men and women who have fought for peace and freedom.

The month of November also celebrates a nationwide YMCA initiative called Peace Week, from November 18 to 25. This is a time when we can celebrate the presence of peace in our local and global communities. Peace Week offers activities and opportunities for people of all ages to explore peace from personal, community and global perspectives. Simple actions like sharing, being patient or smiling and saying hello can have a far greater impact than we think.

As an advocate for peace, the YMCA invites everyone to be part of the conversation. Share something you do to foster peace in your home, school, workplace or community. Join in spreading kindness throughout our community with "Be Kind Bells." These bells will be hidden in locations throughout our community. If you find one, perform one kind act, then hide the bell for someone else to find. Share on social media using #YMCAPeaceWeek with the location where you found the bell, your kind act and encourage someone else to do the same!

Visit <http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/ymca-international/peace-week/> for more information.

OLIVER'S LABELS FUNDRAISER

The Kindergarten Division is doing Oliver's Labels Fundraiser please help them raise funds to help with field trips.

Your child's clothing and school supplies add up... make sure it all comes home again with Oliver's Labels! Order

here: <http://www.oliverslabels.com/ferndalewoods> and 20% of your order goes back to Ferndale! Thank you!