



FERNDALE WOODS E.S.

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IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES

- Oct 2 – Volunteer Orientation in Library- 5pm-6pm
School Council Meeting in Library 6pm-7pm
Terry Fox Run at 2 pm
- Oct 5 - Garden Clean Up 3:45-4:45
- Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Monday- no school
- Oct 12 – Regional Cross Country
- Oct 16 - Milk Program Starts
- Oct 17- Grade 7 Vaccinations
- Oct 18 – FNMI Parent Engagement
- Oct 20 – **PA DAY (NO SCHOOL)**
- Oct. 30 – Picture Retake Day
- Oct 31– Halloween (Teachers will send out information
For their class)

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!**

BUS SAFETY WEEK AND BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

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Wed., Oct. 18 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely. For more information, visit the SCSTC website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.

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. Check out our school's website is up and running. Visit us at <http://fer.scdsb.on.ca> and follow us on Twitter @FerndaleWoods

ALLERGY AWARENESS



Several children in our school have a severe, life threatening food allergy to peanuts, sesame, nuts. Although this may not affect your child's class directly, we can **reduce the risk** to these students by educating our students not to bring nuts or nut products into the school. Due to the number of students who have severe allergic reaction concerns, **aerosol** deodorants or perfumes are not to be used in school.

SCHOOL CASH ON LINE

Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with School Cash Online

If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for School Cash Online. This is our preferred method of payment for all school fundraising including lunch days and field trips. School Cash Online allows you to pay with your debit or credit card. Follow these steps to get started:

1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or from our school website click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through echeck or credit card

The School Cash Parent Helpdesk is available 24/7 to help you with registration, password recoveries or any other payment issues. Call the helpdesk at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.

Our Pizza days are on Thursday's and it is cash only. The money and orders are collected first thing Thursday morning by our Grade 8 students and there is no late orders and payments allowed.

PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal gives parents real-time access to attendance, grade information

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID will be provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

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NEW PATH

New Path offering child and youth mental health walk-in clinics

In response to the increasing wait times for child and youth mental health services, and the increased need for such services, New Path has undertaken a service redesign that will provide more timely and responsive services to children, youth and families in Simcoe County. New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Bradford, Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia.

Children, youth and families requesting service from New Path no longer need to call and complete an intake; they can simply attend one of the local Walk-In Clinics and will receive a single session intervention that day. Should children or youth require further service, New Path will continue to offer a wide variety of community and school-based services as well as residential service and women's service. For further information, including the clinic locations, days and hours, visit www.newpath.ca or contact New Path's central intake department at 705-725-7656.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

October is International Walk to School Month

Did you know that October is International Walk to School month? It's a great way for children to get their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day and also gives parents and staff a chance to be part of a worldwide event that celebrates the many benefits of walking. Here are some ideas:

- Encourage your child to walk or cycle to and from school if you live close by and team up with others to make the trip more fun

- If you usually drive your child to school, try getting them to walk part of the way
- If your child takes the bus, walking to and from the bus stop is a great way to add physical activity minutes into the day.

FNMI INVITATION

Barrie South and Area Schools and Community, please come and learn about our many activities and programs to support students and curriculum. On Wednesday October 18 at Ferndale Woods ES from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention Week is October 8 to 14: Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!

Fire Prevention Week runs from Oct. 8 to 14. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" Smoke and fire spread fast. There's no time to figure out how to escape AFTER a fire starts. All households should have working smoke alarms and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in the family BEFORE there's a fire. Find out more at: www.nfpa.org/fpw.

RAINBOWS

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.

GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements. If you wish to nominate your child for gifted screening, please send an email to kbutler@scdsb.on.ca by Thursday October 5th,

2017. Gifted screening will take place the week of October 23rd and a permission form will be sent home prior to the screening date.

MILK PROGRAM

Our milk program is starting up again this year. Please complete the order form and payment through cash on line. Be sure to choose chocolate or white milk. The ordering is now open and closes on October 6th. Funds raised from the milk program go to support Grade 4 field trips.