



Ferndale Woods Elementary School Newsletter #1 October 2020

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Principal's News

WOW! What an amazing start to the school year so far. While we all began the school year with some anxiety, everything is going smoothly. Our students are resilient, having adapted to new routines and regulations. They are wearing masks, washing hands, maintaining physical distancing, and remaining in their class' assigned area on the playground. With these routines now the new normal, we are enjoying another great year of learning!



Upcoming Events

Oct 12th - Thanksgiving Holiday

Oct 23rd - PA Day

Have you met Sora?

Our digital eBook/audiobook collection contains over 4,000 titles waiting to be checked out by our SCDSB students. Students simply download the app, use their SCDSB login and start reading for free on their phone or tablet. The collection can be accessed at: meet.soraapp.com.



Sora

The student reading app

Get Sora and start reading today!



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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



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Character Attribute for the month of October

Cooperation - we work together towards shared goals and purposes. More information about Character Education can be found here:

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education

A graphic with the word "COOPERATION" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The text is set against a background of three vertical blue stripes of varying shades, creating a textured, blocky effect.

COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool

All students and staff will be expected to self-screen prior to attending school each day, using a self-assessment tool provided by the SMDHU. Students or staff with symptoms must stay home from school. To access the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, please visit

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

A graphic with the text "COVID-19 SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The text is centered on a solid dark blue rectangular background.

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place October 19 to 23, 2020. Please visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/ for information on school bus safety and links to school bus safety resources.

October 21, 2020 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.





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School Reorganization



Each September, our school starts off with a certain number of classes and teachers - these numbers are based on estimates made the previous spring about how many students will be enrolled during the next school year. As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education has class size goals that all school boards are required to meet. When the Simcoe County District School Board organized its schools in the spring, they adhered to this expectation. Each September, the board compares actual enrolment numbers to the numbers projected by the board in the spring. At times it is necessary to reorganize classes. After reorganization, some students may move to another class in order to balance class sizes. In some cases, it may be necessary to move teachers to a new school. If your child was affected by a change, you should have received a letter with details of the reorganization. Please be assured that these changes will not affect the quality of education your child will receive at Ferndale Woods. Our staff have the skills, training and resources to work effectively with students in a variety of settings.

Days of Awareness and Recognition taking place in October

Throughout the year, there are many awareness days that focus on different causes and recognition. The Simcoe County District School Board 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 October:

October	Canadian Autism Awareness Month
Oct. 1	International Coffee Day
Oct. 2	National Custodial Workers Recognition Day
Oct. 5	World Teachers' Day
Oct. 7	International Walk to School Day
Oct. 10	World Mental Health Day
Oct. 11	International Day of the Girl
Oct. 19-23	National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 21	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Oct. 24	Child Care Worker and ECE Appreciation Day
Oct. 27	Ontario Dress Purple Day - Association of Children's Aid Societies



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Keep Connected



You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our **website** <http://fer.scdsb.on.ca/> and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. And follow us on **Twitter** [@FerndaleWoods](https://twitter.com/FerndaleWoods) to be kept up to date on some of the wonderful activities happening daily at

Ferndale Woods ES. For Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) media releases and event information, visit the 'News' section under 'About Us' on the SCDSB's website: www.scdsb.on.ca. Follow the SCDSB on Twitter [@SCDSB_Schools](https://twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb).

Inclement weather and bus cancellation information reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'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. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

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](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>

School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s website at: main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.

