

Happy Thanksgiving

Sunnybrae School News

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PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE:

We are busy Bulldogs! There is so much going on in and outside of the classrooms. Our gym is in use before school, at break times and after school every day with sports and activities. Classes are making use of our beautiful outdoor learning spaces regularly. Our track is busy with bodies getting exercise every day. Thank you so much to our coaches who have been working with our students to develop skills on the field, in the gym and in life.

What a wonderful extended summer we have had with warm weather and mostly clear blue skies. Remember that fall has arrived and with it cooler temperatures and chance of rain. We are outside before and after school as well as recess, outdoor learning, physical education and daily physical activity. Please dress appropriately for outdoor play every day.

School Council met September 19 and will be working on a grant application to keep our track in good shape so that our school and community benefit. We met again Oct. 3rd and have established our Council.

Please join us in congratulating our School Council for the 2016-2017 year.

Beth Leonience-Burke—Chair

Sara Ashwood—Secretary

Diane Thatcher—Teacher Rep.

Lynne Rutledge—Non-Teacher Rep.

Kathy Hammer—Community Rep.

Members: Allison Pullen, Andrea Prentice, Paula Morgan, Marcie Siggins, Cindy Riddick, Lisa Kalanj, Kristine Mskamen, Lorenzo Nigro, Walter Schubert, Nicole Rix, April Weening

On October 6th from 4:30-6:00 we hope that you will join us for our "Meet the Staff" event. Come walk the halls and see what our students have been working on. Apples will be available for everyone to have a healthy snack. Come meet the team at Sunnybrae. Volunteer training review will take place at 4:15.

Students will be enjoying a performance by The NED Show on Oct 11th. The NED Show is a character education program that centres around three important messages that have life long relevance:

Never give up * Encourage others * Do your best



CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS?

Raise funds for The Kidney Foundation of Canada and Sunnybrae Public School. This unique opportunity supports individuals living with Kidney disease and the environment. Continue supporting your school by bringing your donations to:

Kidney Clothes, 570 Bryne Drive Unit J, Barrie, South Monday-Friday.

Please let staff know it is for SUNNYBRAE

Items accepted include: gently-used clothing (any size, any season), footwear outerwear, belts, ties, purses, yarn, fabric, patterns and more. What a great way to clean up and help others too!

Used Book Fair

Are you looking for a good book? Then be sure to check out "Sunnybrae's Used Book Fair" during our school "Meet the Staff" night on October 6th. Paperbacks will be 25 cents and hardcovers will be 50 cents.

If you have any books that you would like to kindly donate to our used book sale, we will be accepting any gently used adult and kids' books. Thank you in advance for your donations! Please be sure that any books being donated to the sale do not have any writing in them, and that they are in really good overall condition. Let's get reusing and reading!

Battery Recycling Challenge!

This year we are excited to be participating in the Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge! Sunnybrae is one of 125 schools across Ontario participating in this program. Last year, more than one million batteries were recycled! Students are encouraged to bring in single-use household batteries to be placed in our school battery recycling bin. If you are bringing in any 9 volt batteries, please be sure to place a piece of electrical tape over the ends to insulate them. Participating schools and families can win prizes, and funds are even donated to SickKids Hospital! Please start bringing in your batteries to be recycled today, and continue doing so over the course of the school year.

Get Reminders on your cell phone from Mrs. Smith about Sunnybrae events

To sign up students and parents can text @323722 to (647)931-1813.

Important Safety Reminder to all of our Families

Many of our students ride bikes to school. The law is that children under the age of 12 must wear a helmet when bike riding. Please enforce this with your children. They will not be welcome to ride their bike if they do not have a helmet on. We want all of our students to be safe whether they are at school or off property. Please ensure that your child wears a helmet and remembers to lock up their bike. Helmets should also be worn when riding a scooter or skateboard to reduce the risk of concussion and head injury.

Canadian Tire Money

We are always collecting Canadian Tire money. Please send it in anytime. We use it to purchase toys and games for the yard to keep our students busy at recess and outdoor learning. Thank you to those who have been sending it in. Every little bit adds up!



What's the SCDSB Difference? We need to hear from you!

We need your help developing the new strategic plan for the Simcoe County District School Board. The purpose of a strategic plan is to set goals and directions that will guide the work of our organization and help us realize our vision of a community of learners achieving full potential.

We want to know:

What does the SCDSB do already to help us realize our vision of a community of learners achieving full potential?
(What are we doing well?)

What is the most important thing that we can begin to do to help us realize our vision? (What else can we do to improve?)

What role do you think SCDSB schools play or should play in your community?

Get involved:

Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/difference to take our survey and complete the *Where should we invest?* sorting activity to help identify priority areas.

Follow our @scdsb_schools Twitter account and join our #SCDSBDifference Twitter chat to share your ideas on Thurs., Oct. 6 at 8 p.m.

Other consultation activities:

We had community outreach booths at Collingwood Downtown Farmers' Market (Sept. 17), Orillia Downtown Farmers' Market (Sept. 24) and Alliston Downtown Farmers' Market (Oct. 1).

We are conducting on-the-spot interviews with parents and students at select schools across Simcoe County.

We've invited randomly selected representatives from various stakeholder groups to workshops on Oct. 4 at the Education Centre.

We'll use the input to identify the key areas stakeholders think the SCDSB should focus on. We will also review research on effective practices in education, our own data and the expectations we receive from the Ministry of Education. This information will help the Board of Trustees set our priorities. The strategic plan will outline how—together—we inspire and empower learning for life. Ultimately, our strategic priorities should move us toward our vision of a community of learners achieving full potential.

Reorganization balances class sizes to support your child's success

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 would have received a letter with details following reorganization. Please be assured that these changes will not affect the quality of education your child will receive at Sunnybrae. Our staff have the skills, training and resources to work effectively with students in a variety of settings.

Student accident insurance available for extra-curricular activities and trips

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the school board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can happen. It is essential that all students participating in extra-curricular activities have adequate insurance coverage. The SCDSB has selected *Insure My Kids* as an option for parents to consider. The coverage is for 24 hours a day and offers a variety of plans at reasonable prices. Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com.

Commit to Character

Integrity	Responsibility	Cooperation	Caring	Respect
Optimism	Honesty	Empathy	Courage	Indiverness

www.scdsb.on.ca



Stay updated, get information about your school and school board

Want to ensure you are receiving up-to-date, accurate information about what's going on at your school and our school board? Here's how:

- You can subscribe to our school's website by clicking on 'Subscribe' at the top of our school website: <http://sun.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. When you fill out your email and click Subscribe, an email will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email. For Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) media releases and event information, visit the 'News' section under 'About Us' at the

SCDSB's website: www.scdsb.on.ca. You can also subscribe to receive board media releases, event information and/or job postings via email by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca and clicking on 'Subscribe' at the top of the page.

- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb) and follow our school on Twitter @ SunnyBulldogs

Check out our *Sharing Simcoe* blog (www.sharingimcoe.com), where we share stories of our amazing students, staff and community members.

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s website at: main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. And remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days. Notifications of bus delays can be emailed to families and students that subscribe to receive their specific bus delay notification through the SCSTC website. Subscribe here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/>.

High School information nights coming to a school near you!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: *Nantyr Shores information night is Wed. Jan. 18 from 7:00-8:30*. Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

Message from the Health Unit: Ensure your child's immunization record is up-to-date

The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires the health unit to have up-to-date immunization records for all students attending school. According to ISPA (2014), students are required to be vaccinated against the following diseases:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (must have two doses after the first birthday)
- Meningococcal Disease (must have one dose after the first birthday & Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7)
- Varicella (chickenpox) - only for those born 2010 and after

The health unit does not receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices. Please contact the health unit each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider.

What you can do:

- check your child's yellow immunization card
- contact your child's health-care provider to obtain records or get missing vaccinations
- go to <http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline> to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to 705-726-3962



Our QSP Fundraiser information is coming home today!

Look for QSP package for information on ordering delicious cookie dough, mini loaves and magazines. Our group online ID is 3735719.

Message from the Health Unit: Smoke-free movies support healthy choices for our kids

Parents are always doing their best to protect their kids from harm. Have you ever wondered how movies influence our children? Research shows that seeing smoking in movies has a direct impact on youth smoking. In fact, the more often kids see smoking in the movies, the more likely they are to smoke. So why is smoking allowed in children and youth-rated movies? Movies influence kids. Make them smoke free. For more info visit the health unit website: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or www.smokefreemovies.ca.

Giving back to the school community - volunteer in our school

Volunteers are an important part of what makes our school a great place to learn and grow. We value and appreciate the support of our volunteers. There are many opportunities available, including school council, breakfast clubs, reading help, assisting in the classroom or library and much more. Everyone who volunteers in a school must have a criminal record check which includes a Vulnerable Sector Screening. Please call or visit the school office for more information about opportunities available or if you'd like to volunteer! If you need training come to the library on Thursday Oct. 6 at 4:15 or simply see Mrs. Smith or Miss Wall in the office.



October is International Walk to School month

Did you know that October is International Walk to School month? It is 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. Get in on the fun and try these activities:

- Create a walking group/"bus" to and from school
- Create a fun walking challenge for your school community involving students, parents and teachers

Create and sign a Walk to School pledge

Check out the website at www.saferoutestoschool.ca for more information. You can also call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 and speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15: Join the *Don't Wait, Check the Date* Selfie Challenge

Fire Prevention Week is October 9 to 15, 2016 and local fire departments want you to join the *Don't Wait, Check the Date!* selfie challenge. Smoke alarms wear out over time and need to be replaced within the time frame indicated by the manufacturer, usually 10 years. The date of manufacture is indicated on the back of the smoke alarm and the expiry date is taken from that date. Smoke alarms are required on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Test all of your smoke alarms monthly by pushing the test button on the alarm, and replace batteries at least once a year or when the alarm's low battery signal begins to chirp.

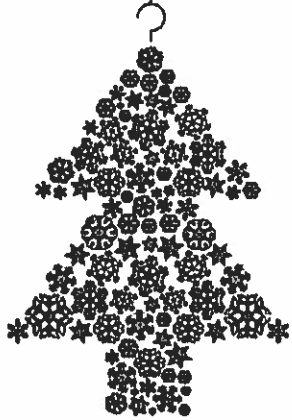
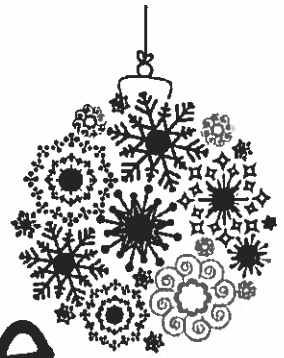
Families are challenged everyone to take a selfie of their family checking the expiry date of their smoke alarms and post it on social media using #checkthed8. For more information about testing and replacing your smoke alarms, visit: www.ontario.ca/firemarshal.

Eye See...Eye Learn program offers free glasses for Junior Kindergarten students



The Eye See...Eye Learn program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge from a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeeyelearn.ca.

Sunnybrae P.S. Holiday Marketplace



You're Invited to visit the
2nd Annual Holiday Marketplace
at Sunnybrae Public School!

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Tons of handcrafted items available,
a wide variety of vendors to shop from.

Location: Sunnybrae P.S., 218 Sunnybrae Ave., Stroud

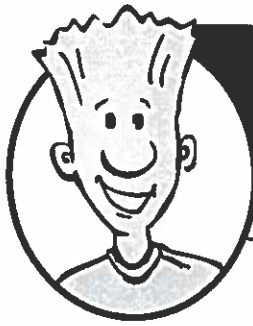
Date: Thursday, December 1, 2016

Time: 6pm - 8pm

*Accepting donations for the Innisfil Food Bank

Vendor Inquiries: \$25/table.

Contact beth.leonienko@gmail.com to secure your spot.



Hey Parents!

THE NED SHOW™

CHARACTER EDUCATION ASSEMBLY

SHOW DATE

Tues. Oct. 11

SALE DATE

Oct. 12 - 18

The NED Show is a character education program that centres around three important messages that have life long relevance:

Never give up ★ **Encourage others** ★ **Do your best**®

During the assembly, students will learn about NED's three messages while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-top tricks.

THE NED SHOW PROVIDES...

45
free printables
for using at home

23
kid-friendly
learning videos

1
unforgettable program
that creates champion
attitudes!

Meet NED in a Video!



www.theNEDshow.com/PARENTS

use NED at Home

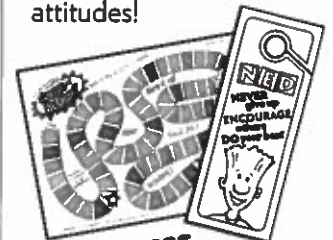
- Share a story about **never giving up** on something that was important to you as a child.
- Be your child's #1 **encourager!** Recognize something that your child is trying to be awesome at and applaud their efforts.
- If your child is excelling in a particular area, identify new challenges that will keep them **doing their best!**

Access **55 mins** of yo-top instruction for tons of **Old-Fashioned Fun** after the show!



www.theNEDshow.com/KIDZ

I'm a champion!



FREE DOWNLOADS for home!

The Pay-it-Forward™ Sale

NED gear is available for purchase for 5 days after the show at our school.

Our school gets The NED Show for free because we're hosting a **Pay-It-Forward** sale. When you purchase a NED item, you help send this assembly on to the next school.



Replacement String Pack \$4



Yo-Top Holster \$5



Prices include tax (where applicable).

NED® YO

Glow-in-the-dark

\$8



BOOMERANG™

Auto-return feature

\$10



EXCELERATOR™

Professional ball bearing yo

\$15



Send order form and payment to school with your child.

Student: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

	QTY.	PRICE
NED Yo	_____	_____
Boomerang	_____	_____
EXCELerator	_____	_____
String Pack	_____	_____
Yo-Top Holster	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____

Make checks payable to our school.