



Sunnybrae School News

November 2017

H.Smith, Principal

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Remind...

To receive messages about upcoming school events sign up for Remind. Simply text @323722 to 647-931-1813.

Important Dates

- Nov 6 School Council at 6:00 pm
- Nov 9 Cookie Dough pick up 3:30 to 6:00 pm
- Nov 10 Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:30 am
- Nov 10 Progress Reports home
- Nov 16 Interviews-Make sure you & 17 have signed up with your child's teacher.
- Nov. 17 PA Day-NO SCHOOL
- Nov 21 Picture Re-takes (AM)
- Nov. 24 Grade 7 Vaccinations
- Nov 27 Bullying Prevention Week to Dec 1

From the Office of Heather Smith

In October we were visited by the fire safety trailer, raised funds through QSP, ran a concession and hosted a flag football tournament and enjoyed a community BBQ. We learned about Google read and write, had safety patrol training and participated in cross country running. We practiced our emergency drills and enjoyed the book fair and film festival. We smiled for our pictures and recognized students for caring and cooperation. We even had a PJ day and some spooky fun. Sunnybrae is a busy, vibrant learning environment. We have much to be grateful for.

After school dismissal is a busy time. Please help us to keep all of our students safe by designating a meeting spot with your child to meet after school if you pick them up. Coming into the school and/or waiting in the front just adds to the congestion and confusion when we have busses coming out the front door. Please meet your child near their designated dismissal door and find a mutual spot to meet each day. This will help everyone. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school safe. If you need to pick up your child early please do so before 3:15 pm as the classes are busy at the end of the day with getting all students ready and ensuring they have everything they need.

Barrie Colts Night is Thursday Nov. 30, 2017. Our school choir will be singing O' Canada. Ticket information will be communicated soon. We look forward to seeing you there. It is a great way to come together as a school community and show some spirit for the Colts!

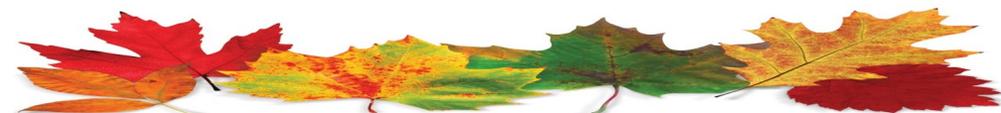
Our Lost and Found has grown and grown since September. Please come and check for lost items. They are displayed on tables outside the gym but will be donated to the Kidney Foundation's clothing drive if they are not claimed by Conference Night and Day November 16th and 17th.

Please be sure that you have signed up for a conference with your child's teacher Nov. 16 or 17. It is your child's chance to shine and show you their good work and for you to learn about what they are working on. If you don't have a time slot yet please contact your child's teacher at the school at 705-436-1100 or send a note in the agenda.

Dear

NOVEMBER

Be awesome!



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Future Newsletters from Sunnybrae P.S.

Going forward you will notice a change to information coming from Sunnybrae. Every month we will send home School Board information via email for those who have provided it and a hard copy for those who haven't. School information will go home as it happens. Weekly "What is Happening at Sunnybrae" reminders and information will be sent out via email and put on the website. There will be no hard copy reminders sent out. We will continue to send out information on remind and twitter as well. We hope that this will make it easier for parents to keep track of what is happening at Sunnybrae and to update information as it is happening.



Simcoe County
District School Board

News From the SCDSB

Bus cancellation information reminder

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 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 @Sunnybulldogs, sign up for Remind by texting @323722 to 647-931-1813 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.

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://***.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>.

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.



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 is 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/.

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.

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 at Nantyr Shores. Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

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 (JK) 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 courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeyelearn.ca.

News From the Community

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+ 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.

November 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week

Nov 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week. The SCDSB will be marking this week by providing schools with a variety of resources to increase awareness and education among staff and students. We hope that your child will share some of what they are learning this week and we have included some helpful resources to support you in conversations you might be having with your kids:

www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/unplug-and-play; <http://parentactionondrugs.org>; www.drugfreekidscanada.org; www.camh.ca

Stroud Annual Tree Lighting

Stroud will be having their annual tree lighting ceremony at the Stroud Fire Station (2394 Victoria Street) on Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Food and Beverages will be provided for all visitors to enjoy with family and friends following the Tree Lighting.

Nutri-eSTEP can help your family encourage healthy eating habits

Are you a parent of a Kindergarten student? Do you sometimes worry about your child's healthy eating? Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP. You answer 17 questions to find out what's going well and what to work on to keep your child healthy. Nutri-eSTEP is a questionnaire for parents with children aged 18 months to five years of age. When you help your children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. For more information, call Health Connection weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or toll free 1-877-721-7520. *Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

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.