

Steele Street PS

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TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG AS STEELE!!!

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Bus Cancellation Zone: Central

November 2016

Important November Dates

November

- Nov. 11 – Progress Reports sent home
- Nov. 14 – 18 – Student Conferences
- Nov. 18 – PA Day
- Nov. 22 – Grade 8 Visit to Eastview
- Nov. 23 – Grade 5 City Hall/Library Trip
- Nov. 24 – Girls Basketball Zones Tournament
- Nov. 28 – Anti-Bullying Assembly

Upcoming Dates:

- Dec. 5 – School Council Meeting 6:00 pm
- Dec. 26 – Jan 6 – Winter Holiday Break
- Jan. 9 – Return to School

Message from the Principal

Progress Reports for SK – Grade 8 were sent home to all families last Friday November 11th. These reports do not contain grades but rather provide an indication of how your child is progressing in all subject areas that have been taught thus far.

Over the course of this week, parent-teacher conferences are taking place. These conferences provide an opportunity to enhance communication between parents and teachers as well as allow children to share their strengths and goals for the term. Preparing for the conference is helpful – ask your child if he/she has concerns or anything that they would like you to communicate to the teacher. You may wish to prepare a question or two for the conference as well. Your child is an important part of these conferences so please bring them along.

If you haven't signed up for a conference time, please get in touch with your child's teacher.

I am very proud of the wonderful work that our students do every day. Below is a sample of some research from a few of our students!

Did You Know?

Did you know?

Our school was named after Sir Samuel Steele. Sir Samuel Steele was born in Oro-Medonte and lived in Orillia. In 1873, Sir John MacDonal created the North West Mounted Police. Samuel Steele joined the mounted Police. In 1885, Sir Samuel Steele led a group of Mounted Soldiers called Steele's Scouts in pursuit of some of the rebels from Northwest Rebellion. He was one of the first of Canada's peace keepers as he kept peace in the Klondike. When WW1 erupted, Sir Samuel Steele requested active duty and was denied. He was 65 years old, but was later to become commander of the Canadian troops. He participated in the Battle of Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917. He was knighted in 1918. Sir Samuel Steele died of influenza on January 30, 1919. Samuel Steele was part of Canada's most exciting events in its growth of a nation. Our school is lucky to be named after someone so important.

Kira and William
Grade 4

Breakfast Program / Snack Program

We are very fortunate through generous funding from Eat Well to Excel and Breakfast for Learning to be able to offer a breakfast and snack program at Steele Street PS. A huge thank you to Mrs. Kennedy, Steele Street staff, as well as our parent volunteers who run these programs for us.

Please be aware that our breakfast program runs daily from 8:20-8:35 and all students are able to access this program when it is needed.

November 18th – PA Day

A reminder to all families that this Friday is a PA Day for students and there are no regular classes. This day is set aside for student conferences.



Parking Lot Safety

Drop off and pick up time continues to be a time when our roads are less safe for our students. Please ensure that you are doing your part keep our students safe by following the rules of the road. Parents are asked if they are dropping their children off to ensure they find a safe place to pull over and park prior to letting children out of the vehicle.

If you are feeling rushed in the morning, it may be a good opportunity to look at morning routines to determine what can be done to make for a more relaxed start to the day. If you live close, please consider walking your child to school – this is great for the body as well as the environment!

Lastly, a reminder that our driveway, as well as the driveways of our neighbours, must not be blocked at any time as this is a traffic violation.

We will be welcoming the City of Barrie Bylaw Officer to assist us in making sure our students are safe in the morning and after school.



School Council

All parents are welcome to attend any School Council meeting which take place at Steele Street P.S. in the library. Our meeting dates are as follows:

Dec. 5th 6:00 PM
Feb. 6th 6:00 PM
April 3rd 6:00 PM
May 15th 6:00 PM



Mark your calendar and please consider coming out to our school council meetings. Everyone is welcome!

QSP Fundraiser

Thank you very much to our parent volunteer, Krista Doherty, for volunteering her time to run our QSP fundraiser this year. All items have been distributed and your magazines should be arriving over the next couple of months.

This fundraiser was a great success for our school raising approximately \$3000 for Technology and Athletics at Steele Street.

Many thanks to our families and friends for all of your support!

Fundraiser

Have we got a fundraiser for you! It's exciting, it's timely, and it's something that you already buy anyway! How amazing is that!

The grade 8 students are asking for your support to raise funds for their graduation ceremonies and class trip. As you can imagine, costs mount and we all would want a nice experience for our children's graduation. These memories last a lifetime.

All we are asking is that you have a look at our Fundscrip Gift Card program.

Many of us, purchase gift cards for the holidays for colleagues, employees, friends, family, children and don't forget our children's teachers. In this fundraiser, you purchase your gift cards through the school. They are identical to the ones you purchase at a store, only Steele Street gets a percentage back for selling them! How neat is that! And, we just helped you with your holiday shopping!

Take a moment to read through the list of providers and think of those that you would normally buy for. Encourage your family members to purchase gift cards through our school. Complete the order form attached and send it back in to the school. Once we place the order, you will have your gift cards within a week!

More information can be found at www.fundscrip.com. Questions? Please contact: steelestreetsschool2016@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for supporting the Grade 8 Grads of Steele!

Order forms have already been sent home regarding this fundraiser.

Bus Cancellation Information for Parents

It's almost winter: Bus cancellation information for parents

Winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County, and with it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and possible bus and school event cancellations.

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 are still 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 between 6 and 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 @SteeleStreetPS or listen to local radio for event cancellation information.



Free Film Screening – Nov. 22nd

Free film screening on Nov. 22: *Most Likely to Succeed*, a documentary

On November 22, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) will hold public screenings of the film *Most Likely To Succeed*. This film examines the history of education, revealing the growing shortcomings of conventional education methods in today's innovative world. The film explores compelling new approaches that aim to transform learning as we know it. To learn more about the film and view a trailer, visit www.mltsfilm.org/.

The following schools will screen the movie:

- Innisdale Secondary School
- Nantyr Shores Secondary School
- Lions Oval Public School

- Nottawa Public School
- Georgian Bay District Secondary School
- Bradford District High School
- Alliston Union Public School

The screenings begin at 6:30 p.m. and the film is 90 minutes in length. Everyone is welcome to attend and the film is appropriate for all audiences (please note that there is one profanity word in the movie). Please pre-register for the event at www.scdsb.on.ca.

Website & Twitter

Keep connected with your school and the SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and your school board. Please feel free to call the school at any time if you have questions or concerns.

- You can subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://sst.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. 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. The SCDSB Education Centre can be reach at 705-734-6363.
- You can also follow us on Twitter @SteeleStreetPS
- Through SCDSB's *Sharing Simcoe* blog (www.sharingsimcoe.com), we share stories of some of the amazing people involved in our schools. The blog features stories and tips from our own in-house experts and experts we work with in the community, as well as good news stories about our schools.

High School Information Nights

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:

Eastview Secondary School 421 Grove St. East, Barrie	Wed., Feb. 22	6:30 to 8:30 p.m
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High school is an exciting time—there are so many programs, clubs and activities for students to try. Attend an information night to find out what's offered at your local high school. See the schedule of upcoming information nights at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

International Language Classes

Space still available in International Language classes

The Simcoe County District School Board is pleased to offer an International Languages program to students in Grades 1 to 8. This program allows students to develop their first language skills or study a new language.

The Learning Centres offer the following languages:

- Russian, Spanish, Tamil and Ukrainian in Bradford
- Russian, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean and German in Barrie

To register, visit www.thelearningcentres.com or call 705-725-8360.

Safe Schools Reporting Tool

Safe Schools 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://sst.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 always our top

priority. For more information please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

Message From Muskoka District Health Unit

Are you a parent of a JK or SK student? Do you worry about your child's eating habits?

Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP - you answer 17 simple 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. When you help your young children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. Visit www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP for tips to keep your child healthy with the *Healthy is as easy as 1, 2, 3* fact sheet. 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.

Message from the Health Unit: Stay Healthy This School Year!

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty you can use alcohol based hand rub "hand sanitizer" for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact *Health Connection* at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

