

Steele Street PS

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Bus Cancellation Zone: Central

February 2017

Important February Dates

February Dates:

- Feb. 8 – Operations Appreciation Day
- Feb. 10 – White Elephant Sale
- Feb. 17 – Report Cards Go Home
- Feb. 17 – Junior Ski Trip (Rescheduled date)
- Feb. 22 – Eastview Information Night 6:30-8:30

Upcoming Dates:

- March 3 – PA Day
- March 7 – Earth Rangers (Grades 1-3)
- March 13-17 – March Break
- March 24 – Character Ed. Presentation (JK-Grade 6)
- March 20 – Dance A Thon Kick Off Assembly
- March 27-29 – Dental Screening
- March 31 – Dance A Thon

Principals Message

On Friday February 17th Term 1 report cards will be coming home. Grades on report cards are based on a student's knowledge and understanding, thinking, communication and application of the curriculum expectations. As well, there is a very strong correlation between learning skills (responsibility, organization, independence, collaboration, initiative, self-regulation), success and achievement.

For our Kindergarten students, families will notice a change in the report card format in the new Communication of Learning. Further information regarding this new format will accompany your child's report.

Please take the time to review these reports with your children to celebrate their successes and to develop goals for the next term. If you have any questions about the report card please contact your child's teacher.

As well, we would like to thank all of our families who were able to join us at our Wendy's Night and our Movie Night. Both nights were a great success and it was wonderful to see so many families out!

We are looking for LEGO

Do you have any LEGO lying around the house or under beds that you are willing to part with? Steele Street PS would be happy to take it off your hands!



We are working hard on STEAM activities and have lots of uses for LEGO in our learning as well as LEGO bases.

Any donation big or small is appreciated and welcome!

White Elephant Sale

Our annual White Elephant Sale will be taking place this **Friday, February 10 from 1:15 p.m. until 2:45 p.m.**

We are still welcoming donations as well as bake sale items – they can be dropped off any time this week.

Operations Appreciation Day

Operations Appreciation Day a chance to say 'thank you'

Feb. 8 is Operations Appreciation Day in the Simcoe County District School Board. We celebrate and recognize our custodians and operations maintenance employees for the great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean. We'd like to say thanks to Mr. Page and Mr. Duncan

Please take a moment to thank these very important staff members.

School Council

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

April 3rd 6:00 PM
May 15th 6:00 PM

During our next meeting we will be planning for the BBQ. Mark your calendar and please consider coming out to our school council meetings. Everyone is welcome!

Safe School Reminder

A reminder to families of our safe school policy to check in with the main office when coming into the building. Parents are not permitted beyond the front foyer without a visitors tag to ensure the safety of our students. As well, parents should not be entering the school through any door aside from the main door of the school.



Thank you for your support and cooperation as we keep your children safe!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is open!

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2013? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning on January 23, 2017, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.



Transition to Secondary School

"As students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. Select student information will be shared at different times as appropriate. The collection and use of personal

student information for such purposes is authorized under sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII of the *Education Act*. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact Stuart Finlayson, Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at Steele Street PS."

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 2017	6:30 to 8:30 pm
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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.

Save the Date

Save the date for Grade 8 Graduation.

Graduation Date:
Tuesday June 27th

The Ceremony will take place at
Bethel Community Church.



Snow Day Questions Answered

Your top eight snow day questions answered
Bus cancellations and snow days are inevitable in Simcoe County. Each time buses are (or aren't!) cancelled, the SCDSB and the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) receive many questions from students, parents and community members. Check out the *Sharing Simcoe* blog for the top eight questions and answers - visit www.sharingsimcoe.com and search for 'snow'.

Please call safe arrival if your child is not attending on a snow day and is a walker.

Custom Growth Charts for Sale

Student members of Eastview's Construction Club will be making Custom Growth Charts in the near future and are looking to sell them to fundraise for new tools and materials.



Details:

Charts will be made from White Pine, approx. 5 1/2" wide, by 5 feet long with imperial measurements from 1-6" to 6-6", finished with a clear coating (similar to the ones in the pics)

The chart can be custom ordered with family or child's name and choice of lines/ numbers/ text color or Standard with the text "Watch me Grow" and lines/ numbers painted in black.

Includes mounting hardware (screws and wall anchors) and fine tipped sharpie for recording height.

Cost \$50 Limited number available!

Contact **Marc Gelinas** at Eastview Secondary School by email mgelinas@scdsb.on.ca

School Bus Safety Tip

School bus safety tip from the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)

Winter weather is here, so please be sure your child's clothing provides the appropriate protection against the weather while waiting for the bus. Students are requested to be at their bus stop at least five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time. School vehicle delays of 15 minutes or more are posted under 'View Bus Delays' at the SCSTC website:

<http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca>.

Get the flu shot, not the flu!

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Influenza (the flu) is a serious respiratory illness caused by a virus. Anyone can get influenza but young children, those over 65 and people who are pregnant or who have chronic medical conditions are more vulnerable and at higher risk of complications like pneumonia. By getting your shot you are protecting yourself as well as those around you. Flu shots are available at many pharmacies and from health care providers throughout Simcoe Muskoka. Protect yourself, protect your family – get the flu shot! For more information, contact *Health Connection* at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.



The facts of lice

The facts of lice: How to prevent and treat this nuisance

Like everywhere else, there are head lice in Simcoe County.

Lice are a nuisance, but do not pose a public health hazard as they are not known to transmit any infectious diseases. Anyone can get head lice but kids tend to get them more often because they can have head-to-head contact with other children

during school and play. The best way to keep head lice in check is to work together to prevent the spread.

Schools are required to inform parents when a case of head lice is confirmed, to provide parents with timely information to begin their own checks at home. Head lice management and treatment is a responsibility of parents/guardians.

Here are some tips to help prevent and treat lice:

- Teach your child not to share personal things like hair brushes, combs and hats
- Set a schedule to check your child's head regularly. Use an area with bright light and look carefully for nits (shells containing eggs) and live lice in the hair, behind the ears and around the neck and hairline. Nits looks like half the size of the head of a pin, shaped like a teardrop and stick to the hair so you can't blow, flick or easily side them off. Lice are about the



size of a sesame seed and are very hard to see because they can crawl and hide but they cannot hop or fly.

- If you find nits or live head lice, you'll need to use a head lice treatment to kill them. Make sure to follow the directions, and then to do a second treatment 7 to 10 days later to help stop the lice from returning. Head lice are not likely to live in clothing, furniture or bed linen but it's a good idea to wash bed linen and hats in hot water and dry them in a hot dryer just in case.

For more information, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Kids Fighting At Home?

Kids fighting? Here are some tips for a more peaceful household

It's common for children to disagree or argue at times. They may fight or get aggressive with when things don't go the way they want, or if they feel jealous or competitive, especially with siblings. So what can you do to stop fighting before it starts?

- Let your child know what behaviour you expect by explaining rules for playing with others, such as "be gentle" and "keep your hands and feet to yourself."
- Praise your child when they are playing well with others.
- Help children to solve problems before fights start.

Remember, you and other adults play a big role in setting expectations and teaching children better ways of behaving. For more tips, call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 and talk to a public health nurse about the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program or visit www.tripleontario.ca.

Developing Leadership in your Kids

Developing leadership skills in your kids

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds

confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children learn lessons along the way that significantly impact them later in life. The right words



at the right time can make all the difference. Here are some ways you can teach your children how to develop leadership skills at a young age:

- Encourage team activities: Identify your children's interests and encourage their participation in group activities. Whether it's participating in afterschool sports or joining the school band, children learn valuable lessons about teamwork through these activities.
- Enrol in camp: Overnight and day camps are filled with opportunities to participate in team-building activities and build self-confidence. Once youth reach a certain age, they can also become counsellors, where they'll be tasked with leading groups of younger children – the ultimate leadership experience!
- Find volunteer and community service opportunities: firsthand experience is one of the best ways to teach leadership skills to children. Look for local opportunities that will welcome youth helpers and volunteers in your community.

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers Youth Leadership Development programs for youth in grades 5 to 12. Participants in our leadership programs often adopt healthier lifestyles, become volunteers in their community, make new friends, earn volunteer hours for school, acquire training certifications, travel to other countries and gain an understanding of their potential impact on their community.

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and opportunities, visit <http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/ymca-youth-leadership-development/>.