

# Steele Street PS

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TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG AS STEELE!!!

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## Important January Dates

### January Dates:

- Jan. 23 – Kindergarten Registration begins
- Jan. 23 – 25 – French Immersion Application Open
- Jan. 26 – Movie Night
- Jan. 27 – PA Day

### Upcoming Dates:

- Feb. 1 – Wendy's Night
- Feb. 1 – Grad Photos
- Feb. 6 – School Council Meeting 6:00
- Feb. 7 – Junior Division Ski Trip
- Feb. 10 – White Elephant Sale
- Feb. 17 – Report Cards Go Home
- Feb. 22 – Eastview Information Night 6:30-8:30

## Principals Message

Steele Street Public School has been chosen to be one of 45 schools that will be taking part in a Pedometer Project this year. Every student will receive a pedometer for use during DPA and during the school day through a donation from JumpStart Canada.

We are excited to be a part of this project as we will work to not only inspire and empower our students to be lifeline learners, but will also motivate our students to be lifelong movers. Our vision is a community of learners achieving full potential. Increasing the amount of movement not only provides students with a self-regulation strategy, but also enhances a student's ability to learn.

A pedometer provides powerful data that will allow students to make real connections to many areas of the curriculum, and provide opportunities for goal setting. Our classes will be setting goals to see how far we can walk collectively as well as setting personal goals.

We are looking forward to getting active together!

## Wendy's Night

Come join Steele Street at our second annual Wendy's Night!

Wendy's – Bayfield Street  
February 1<sup>st</sup>  
5-8 pm



Wendy's

During this time every meal purchased kicks back 10% to our school which will be allocated to Athletics and Technology. Don't miss out on seeing one of your teachers serve you at Wendy's!

## Movie Night – Jan. 26

Come and join us for a night out at the movies! Ticket order forms will be sent home soon!

**Movie to be Announced on Order Form**  
**Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 – 8:15**

## 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:

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 PM  
May 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM

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

## White Elephant Sale

White Elephant Sale!!!

Our annual White Elephant Sale will be taking place on Friday, February 10 from 1:15 p.m. until 2:45 p.m.. During this time, families are welcome to come into the school and participate in a variety of fun activities that are set up in the junior and intermediate classrooms. There will also be a garage and bake sale going on in the gym.



We are looking for gently used household items for our garage sale. For example, toys, games, DVDs, CDs, jewelry, knick knacks, books, puzzles, and other miscellaneous household items. Please begin gathering these items around your home, from relatives and friends and send them into the school starting Monday, February 7th.

We are also needing items for our bake sale. Please send in peanut free baked goods on the morning of the White Elephant Sale. All money that is raised in the White Elephant Sale is used to purchase classroom items. Thank you for your support.

If you are able to volunteer your time to help sell items in the gym on the day of the White Elephant Sale please contact the office.

## Junior Boys Basketball

The Steele St. P.S. Junior Boys Basketball Team will start practicing the week of January 16th. The season is made up of two parts, the first part will run as a clinic for all interested players, or want to be players, from Grades 4, 5 & 6. Just before March Break a team will be selected and the second part of the season begins with the competitive team. The season is a series of exhibition games culminating in a Zone and possibly Regional Tournament in early May.



Practice times are: Mondays 3:05 - 4:15 pm, Wednesdays 7:45 - 8:30 am and Fridays 10:15 - 10:35 am.

## School Climate Survey

**Students and parents invited to complete the school climate survey**

From Jan. 9 to Jan. 27, 2017, all students in grades 4 to 8 will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey at school about how they feel about their school. Your child's teacher will supervise the class during the survey and can answer any questions or concerns your child may have. As well, parents/guardians of students in grades 4 to 8 will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey about how they feel about their child's school.

These surveys provide students and parent/guardians with the opportunity to say what is great about their school, as well as express their concerns. The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff and will help schools to develop their Safe Schools Plans. Respondents are not asked to provide their names and all responses will be combined to ensure confidentiality.

To complete the parent/guardian survey, visit the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) website at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) and click the link to the parent/guardian School Climate survey. The password for the survey is **ElementaryParent2017**. If you do not have access to the internet and/or you prefer to complete a paper version of the survey, you can request one at the school office. Questions about the parent/guardian survey can be directed to SCDSB's Research and Evaluation Services team via email at [research@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:research@scdsb.on.ca). Thank you for your support!

## Provide input on the 2017-2018 Calendar

**Provide input on proposed 2017-2018 school year calendar**

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2017 to June 2018). Input can be provided by visiting [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca), then clicking the link on the 'School Year Calendars' page under the 'Schools' menu. All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. **The deadline to submit input is Jan. 13, 2017.**



## Spirit Wear – Scarves

Winter Weather Has Arrived!!!

Get a warm fuzzy polar fleece scarf in school colours.

### Polar Fleece Scarves \$8.00

Scarves are available in the office to purchase or send a note in your child's agenda with payment.



## Sleds at School

A reminder that only soft sleds and crazy carpets are permitted at school for use during recess for safety reasons.

Also, please ensure that sleds are labelled with students name so that sleds to not get mixed up.

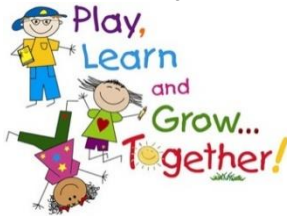


## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration opens in January.

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2013? If so, it's almost 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](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) for more information.



## 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

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](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool).

## French Immersion – Register Now!

Apply for French Immersion, find out more at information sessions in January

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout the county beginning in Grade 1. This program gives students a bilingual education and the opportunity to become fluent in another language.

Information sessions will be held in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. A letter has been sent home to those parents with more details. Information session dates will be posted at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) under Programs, French as a Second Language.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered in the program. **Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically.**

Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application. Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

## Bus Cancellation Information for Parents

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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](http://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.



### 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](http://www.scdsb.on.ca). The SCDSB Education Centre can be reached at 705-734-6363.
- You can also follow us on Twitter @SteeleStreetPS

- Through SCDSB's *Sharing Simcoe* blog ([www.sharingsimcoe.com](http://www.sharingsimcoe.com)), we share stories of some of the amazing people involved in our schools.

### Host Families Wanted

#### Host families wanted – learn a new culture and share yours

Would you like to become a host family for an international student? Learn more about another culture? Share yours? Make a new friend? There are different hosting programs available - several days, weeks, a month, semester or 10 months...it's up to you and your family. For more information, call 705-734-6363 x11211 or email:

[studyinsimcoecounty@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:studyinsimcoecounty@scdsb.on.ca)

### Support for parenting LGBTQ youth

#### The Gilbert Centre offers support group for parenting LGBTQ kids and youth

The Gilbert Centre facilitates the Parenting LGBTQ Support Group, which is a drop-in meeting group for parents, caregivers, family members and friends. Meetings take place every other Wed. in Barrie. The group offers a safe and confidential space for you to share your experience, hear the experiences of others and grow in your abilities to support your LGBTQ child. Meetings are held every other Wed. at 7 p.m. at The Gilbert Centre, located at 80 Bradford Street (Suite 345) in Barrie. For more information, call 705-722-6778, visit [gilbertcentre.ca](http://gilbertcentre.ca) or email

[info@gilbertcentre.ca](mailto:info@gilbertcentre.ca).

### Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit Messages

#### Life with kids is messy – and that's OK!

Ever feel like some days you have it all together, and some days you don't? Love your kids to bits, but sometimes feel like you're the only parent who has hard days? Want to connect with other parents who have those kinds of days too? Come join the conversation on Facebook @lifewithkidsismessy. Laugh about the tough stuff, hear about what works for other families and to share the ways you give your kids your best. When the messy days pile up, call Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Stay Healthy

#### 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 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!

### **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](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

#### **How you can support your child's physical literacy**

Physical literacy is the ability to move with competence and confidence in a wide variety of physical activities. Much like learning to read using the ABC's, it's important to start with the basics. The most important step in developing physical literacy is the mastery of fundamental movement skills.

As kids become more confident in their movements, they're able to progress their physical skills faster and more successfully than if they skip over the basics and jump right into recreational athletics. Physical literacy not only supports physical fitness and health, it's proven to support strong social skills, mental health, cognitive skills and educational success.

The best way for parents to support physical literacy is to start young providing safe, play-based activities. As they reach the age of four, be sure to support fundamental movements such as climbing, kicking, catching, throwing, dodging, twisting, skipping, sliding, running and jumping. Help your children master these fundamentals as they age by exposing them to activities such as swimming, gymnastics, running games and athletics. And most importantly, make sure that physical activity is always delivered in a fun, safe and supportive way to develop a positive outlook on active movement.

For more information on physical literacy and how organizations like the YMCA can help support your family's healthy lifestyle, visit your local [YMCA Health, Fitness and Aquatics Centre](#).

### **Screen Agers – Growing Up in the Digital Age**

When: Jan 29, 2017

Where: Am Shalom, 767 Huronia Rd, Barrie

Time: Doors open at 4 pm and screening starts at 4:30 pm

Tickets: Adults \$8, Youth (10-18) \$5, Family of 4 \$22

Availability: Direct Ticket Sales 705-792-3949

<http://screenagersmovie.com>

Tickets are also available at the door but may be limited due to pre bookings.