

Steele Street PS

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Bus Cancellation Zone: Central

March 2017

Important March Dates

March Dates:

March 3 – PA Day
March 7 – Earth Rangers (Grades 1-3)
March 8 – Winter Wellness Day
March 10 – Read A Thon
March 13-17 – March Break
March 22 – 23 – Golf in the Schools (Grades 1-5)
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

Upcoming Dates:

April 3 – School Council 6:00 in Library
April 6 – Georgian College Pigmania JK-3
April 10 – Boston Pizza Night 5-8

Yoga Club

Improve your flexibility and focus! Yoga is a gentle way to stretch and strengthen your body, and allows you to work on mindfulness and well-being. We will practice yoga poses, play games, and enjoy a few art activities as well.



Permission forms and student insurance are required. Forms will be available this week, and are due by Friday, March 10th, for planning purposes. Yoga club will begin on Tuesday, March 28th. Please come and see Ms. Krafft in room 133 if you have any questions or would like a form!

Thank you!

Thank you to Pizza Plus and Subs as well as the Barrie Police for their on-going support of our Bus and Foot Patrol Program. Our students had a great day of training on February 27th and enjoyed their pizza lunch!

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!

Hot Dog Days

HOT DOG DAYS are here and will take place on Tuesdays, from March – June! Hotdogs will be sold for \$2.00. There are NO MILK products in the hot dog or buns.

We are looking for volunteers to help cook the hotdogs on Tuesdays. Please contact kquy2@sympatico.ca if you are able to volunteer.

*** On March 28th we currently do not have a parent volunteer to run the program. Please contact Karen Guy ASAP, at kquy2@sympatico.ca if you are able to run the program this day. If we do not have a volunteer this date we will need to be postponed to the following Tuesday.

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.

Grade 8 News...

Boston Pizza Night

Celebrity Server Boston Pizza Night

On April 10, 2017, 5:00pm-8:00pm the grade 8's will be running a Boston Pizza Night to raise funds for their grade 8 trip and graduation. The grads will be contacted and given information. There will be a meeting and a sign-up sheet to see who is interested. This night we require 14 grads. 7 on each shift of two. There could be other nights we will book, depending on the interest. Just remember, we're all raising money together for YOUR GRAD NIGHT, so all participants should be involved. If other grades want to help to bring friends and family in, to eat or spread the word, please feel free to do so. 10% of food sales made for the duration of the event will go to our school (before tax, excluding alcohol). SHOUT IT OUT, on Facebook, your family your friends. Any questions or concerns please contact kquy2@sympatico.ca.

Grade 8 Grad Committee Meeting

GRADE 8 GRAD COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Tuesday May 2, 2017 from 7-9 located at Pavlick Inc. on Bellfarm Road. Grads are encouraged to attend. If anyone needs a ride, please let me know. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at kquy2@sympatico.ca.

Save the Date

Save the date for Grade 8 Graduation.

Graduation Date:
Tuesday June 27th

The Ceremony will take place at
Bethel Community Church.



Grade 8 Parent Contact List

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 8 GRAD PARENTS: The graduation email that was set up previously in the year is no longer active. Please forward you email to kquy2@sympatico.ca if you wish to be informed of important information from the parent & student graduation committee.

Things are moving nicely and we have important information to send you regarding your son/daughters 2017 graduation. We don't want to have you miss out on this important journey.

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! Required registration



documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

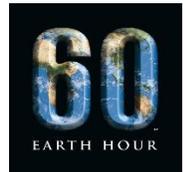
Daylight Savings Time



Daylight savings time begins this year at 2:00 am on Sunday March 12th so remember to roll your clocks forward one hour!

Earth Hour

Earth Hour is fast approaching! On Saturday March 25th between 8:30 – 9:30 pm Steele Street is asking that our community turn off the lights to support action on climate change. Steele Street PS will be participating on Friday March 24 between 2:00 and 3:00.



Schools are encouraged to turn off classroom lights and technology and participate in "brain-powered" activities only. Classes may choose to move their learning outside, work in natural light, teach lessons on the environment or climate change, or engage in environmental stewardship activities.

Events at Eastview

Events at Eastview Secondary School in April open to all parents

On April 10 at 7 p.m., Eastview Secondary School will host a screening of the film *Screenagers*, a study of growing up in the digital age. Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston created *Screenagers* to probe into the vulnerable corners of family life to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. This presentation will help parents learn how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

On April 12 at 7 p.m., the school welcomes financial literacy expert Robin Taub, the author of the best-seller, *A Parent's Guide to Raising Money-Smart Kids*. Her presentation will cover why it's important to teach

kids about money, as well as the challenge of being a good financial role model. She will explain how to address money-related topics with young kids, pre-teens, teenagers and emerging adults.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend the above events. For more information, please contact Eastview Secondary School at 705-728-1321. The school is located at 421 Grove St. E. in Barrie.

SCDSB Media Fest

SCDSB Media Fest: What Does Being a Great Canadian Look Like?

Students are invited to submit an entry for the 2017 SCDSB Media Fest. This media festival is open to all Simcoe County District School Board students and can include images, audio and video. For more information, visit www.scdsbmediafest.com. The submission deadline is April 3.

March is Nutrition Month

March is Nutrition Month – Tips for packing a healthy school lunch

A school lunch should give children the energy and nutrients they need to be ready to learn, be more alert and perform better at school. When planning lunches keep these tips in mind:



- include one serving from at least three of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide
- rather than buying pre-made lunch kits, make your own healthy “lunch kit” with divided containers and small ‘bite-sized cheese cubes, left over chicken chunks, veggie sticks or fruit slices
- get your kids to eat more veggies! Send cucumber coins, zucchini sticks and pepper strips with dip
- fill whole wheat or multi grain wrap/pits/tortilla shells with your child’s favourite foods such as hummus and grated carrot or sliced turkey with mustard
- water is the healthiest choice to quench thirst

Looking for more information to help keep you and your family healthy? Call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-5720 to speak with a public

health nurse or visit the health unit’s website at www.simcoemuskokahhealth.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

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Active play does more than help kids to achieve the 60 minutes of physical



activity they need every day, it supports their development in many ways – especially when the play is outdoors, self-directed and fun. This allows kids to test boundaries and problem-solve, develop social skills and resolve conflict, and learn to control their emotions and behaviour. Active play outdoors in the fresh air and nature also helps to improve mood and lower stress. Support your child to play outside with friends in the neighbourhood and at your local park as much as possible.

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Screen Time

Feel like your teen is always on?

Ever consider how all those minutes your teen spends sitting using electronic devices, watching TV or even playing video games add up every day? By replacing some of their screen time with physical activity, you will be helping them to become healthier, reduce stress and be more likely to feel happier and more confident. Here are some ideas to suggest to your teen:

- organize a pick-up game of baseball, ball hockey or basketball
- check out a local nature trail with friends
- try something new like disc golf!

Set a goal to limit screen time to less than two hours each day.

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