



Timberwolves Tribune February 2015

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Simcoe County District School Board

Kindergarten Registration Begins

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2011? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Simcoe County's public schools will be registering children for Kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. For more information, visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.



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Dates for registration at Tosorontio are Tuesday, February 3, 2015 and Wednesday, February 11, 2015. Please contact Mrs. Patamia for an appointment to register your child. Future student's Birth Certificate and proof of immunization are required at the time of registration.

Grade 8 Fundraisers - Popcorn & The Lego Movie

Our grade 8 students have begun their Annual Popcorn Fundraiser to help to raise money to support their yearend trip. This year our grade 8s will travel to Brock University in St. Catharines, ON. One bag of popcorn is \$1.00. Dill Pickle, White Cheddar, Salt & Vinegar, Butter Salt or Kettle Corn are the flavours available.

Mark your calendar for Movie Night! February 11th from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 per student (includes popcorn, movie & water). Pizza will be sold for \$2.00 per slice during movie night. Don't forget your toonies!

Upcoming Holidays to Note:

- * Family Day - February 16, 2015
- * March Break - March 16 - 20, 2015 inclusive
- * Kindergrad Photos - Wednesday, March 25, 2015
- * Good Friday - April 3, 2015
- * Easter Monday - April 6, 2015

The Barrie Colts - February 26, 2015

Tosorontio is going to a Barrie Colts Game!! Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Barrie Molson Centre. Tickets are \$19.00 each, with \$6.00 from every ticket sold going to Tosorontio. This is a fantastic family fun Christmas present! Order your tickets today.



Order Forms went home, Monday, December 1, 2014.

Students in Grades 7 to 12 - Student Advisory Council

The Ontario Ministry of Education is seeking local students for the 2015-16 Minister's Student Advisory Council (MSAC). The MSAC is a group of 60 students from all parts of the education system (English/French, Public/Catholic) and regions from across the province. Student members share their ideas and advice with the Minister of Education on how to ensure Ontario's schools remain the best in the world.

The deadline for students to apply is February 28th. The MSAC is open to students in grades 7 to 12. Everyone is welcome and no special qualifications are required. The council honours diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from students who combine lived experience with a perspective that they are genuinely interested in sharing and representing. For more information or to apply, visit the Ministry's website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/speakup/msac.html>.

Dental Clinic Free!

The Oral Health team of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit was at your school recently. **Check your child's backpack or agenda!** A **purple** consent form was sent home with children who would greatly benefit from **dental preventive services**.

Please complete and return the consent form to the Health Unit by mail (postage paid envelope was attached) or fax. These services will be completed in the New Year. Should you have any questions, or require further information, call 705-721-7520, ext. 8804, or toll free 1-877-721-7520.

Everett Baseball Registration



Thursday, February 5th
7:00 pm until 9:00 pm
Everett Legion (downstairs)

Saturday, February 21st
11:00 am until 1:00 pm
Everett Legion (upstairs)

www.everettbaseball.ca

Inclement Weather - Tos is in the SOUTH Weather Zone



Bus cancellation information in case of inclement weather

With winter in full force, the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and, as a result, possible bus and school event cancellations are possible.

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

Tosorontio is in the **SOUTH WEATHER ZONE**.

When buses are cancelled, schools are still open (unless otherwise noted) for student learning.

The Consortium, in conjunction with bus operators, will make the decision to cancel school buses usually before 6:00 am and as

such, will make every effort to post announcements between 6:00 am and 7:00 am. Parents should also note that 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 also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scste.ca/Subscriptions> and you can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC School Bus.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 Make a chart of my routines using PICTURES: 1) Breakfast 2) Play; 3) Walk; 4) Snack; 5) Nap; etc.</p> 	<p>2 Show me how to cut up PAPER with scissors! Let me cut up all the grocery flyers. I can start using scissors at about age 2.</p> 	<p>3 Let's make a paper airplane today!</p> 	<p>4 Strive for Five turns in a conversation with me back and forth about the SAME TOPIC. Ask me questions that are not "yes" or "no" answers.</p>	<p>5 Help me be independent! Move things so I can reach! Cool hooks, soap, towels, etc.</p> 	<p>6 Read a rhyming book, and leave off the last words so I can fill them in! When staging a song, leave off the last word using a dramatic...pause.</p> 	<p>7 Let me help you pack my lunch & knapsack today!</p> 
<p>8 We don't have to always read the words in my books! Let's just talk & learn about the pictures. Teach me new words!</p> 	<p>9 Make my clothes talk today! Pretend that they have voices & make them talk to me: "Hey! Pick me! Pick me! I want to play with you today!"</p>	<p>10 Sing Nursery Rhymes today. It would be great if I knew at least 10 off by heart. How many do YOU know? How many do you know best?</p> 	<p>11 Read me a simple story, and run your finger along the words so I can start to learn that what you read comes from those little black squiggly lines.</p>	<p>12 Play: "I Hear with My Little Ear, the very first SOUND is..." (cheese, soup, toast, etc...). Talk about the sound /s/, and then print it & say "we call this the letter 'ess'".</p>	<p>13 Put your fridge magnets in order. Sing the Alphabet Song!</p> 	<p>14 VALENTINE'S DAY</p> 
<p>15 Let's go tobogganing today!</p> 	<p>16 FAMILY DAY! Let's make snow angels!</p> 	<p>17 Tell me the first SOUND in my name, and show me how to print it in the snow. Help me say the SOUND at the same time. If my name starts with Sh, Ch, Th, or Qu, my name starts with 2 letters!</p>	<p>18 WAIT! Slow down schedules and routines at home so that there is more time, less pressure, and less stress when I am learning to do things.</p> 	<p>19 Hum it up when reading out loud! Use silly voices and lots of sound effects!</p> 	<p>20 Help me take turns by playing a game today!</p> 	<p>21 Show me how to be KIND & help others when playing with puppets or dolls today.</p> 
<p>22 Let's make a Snow Fort TOGETHER!</p> 	<p>23 Fill up the kitchen sink with soapy sudsy water and let me play with cups, little jugs, sponges, etc.</p> 	<p>24 Let's count the stairs as we climb today!</p> 	<p>25 Let's play snow feet! Make a "track" in the snow, & everyone has to stay on it!</p> 	<p>26 Help me learn how to dress warmly for winter, & put on some long underwear! And tuck things in!</p> 	<p>27 Spend a little extra time showing me how to dress myself (including putting on my own coat!).</p> 	<p>28 Stock up on LOTS of books from the library today!</p> 
	<p>Warm and engaging relationships, not things, build healthy brains.</p>		<p>Safe and interesting environments are important.</p>			

Go to www1.e3.ca, and click on *Early Literacy Specialist* (on the right) to find *Infant, Toddler, and Pre-Schooler Literacy Booklets!*

Making Your Morning Easier - Tips from the SMDHU

Ah, the morning chaos of a household waking up: cleaning, dressing, eating and racing out the door. Any number of things can make for a stressful morning: lack of sleep, a child needing reminders every step of the way, the last minute lunches. The key is organization. Be realistic about how much time you need to get ready in the morning. Time pressures add stress to everyone.

Some tips from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit:

- Get yourself ready before your child. Go to bed at a reasonable hour so you wake up rested and ready for the day
- Plan ahead: pack lunches, find the mittens, and pick clothes the night before.
- Keep the television off! Electronics and TV can be very disruptive first thing in the morning. If there is extra time, let them use it to read, chat, or help out.
- Be clear and realistic about what your child can do. Praising them when they do something well encourages them to do it again and gain new skills.

Remember to have patience. Your child learns from watching you and you have the unique opportunity to show these skills. In time your child will learn to plan ahead, be organized, and develop patience. For more information you can call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 and speak with a public health nurse or click on the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or visit www.tripleontario.ca. For more tips, check out SCDSB's *Sharing Simcoe* blog at www.sharingsimcoe.com and read the post "Resolve to have an organized household this year – 6 tips to get you started" (posted Jan. 14).

School Cash On-Line

The SchoolCash Online program is now available at all schools, offering parents the option to pay online for field trips, lunch days and other items. The kinks have been worked out and the program is now up and running well. The hope is to reduce paper, eliminate the need for students to travel with money, and for money to be counted and stored at schools. Payment by credit card has now also been added.

Parents who sign up will receive a notification when a new item becomes available for purchase. Items are personalized to each student. Parents will use a secure online account to process payments, and can either make a one-time payment for each item as it occurs, or load money to carry a balance in the online account to make payments in the future. To create an online account, go to simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com



Come on Tos Families!!
Sign up today!

For student numbers,
please contact Mrs. Patamia
at jpatamia@scdsb.on.ca

Ontario Early Years

Are you home with little people and looking for something fun to do? Drop by the Ontario Early Years Centre in Alliston! The OEYC is a **free** service for all adults with children 0 to 6 years of age. Adults and children participate in activities together. Children have the opportunity to play with other children and participate in many different types of programs and activities, which promote early learning and school readiness, and

they are **FUN** for children and adults alike.



Do you have a child starting school in 2015? Participating in activities at the OEYC is a great way to help prepare your child for this exciting transition. Check out our website, www1.e3.ca or call 705 435-4308 for hours, directions and more information.

*Calling all adults home with pre-school children! Vicki from the Ontario Early Years Centre will once again be offering an early learning program for children 0 to 6 years of age accompanied by an adult, at **Tosorontio Central Public School**, that will include literacy and sensory experiences, songs, crafts and more. Fun, early learning for children! Friday, February 20th at 9:15 am. Please remember to sign in at the office when you arrive.*

Grade 6 Fundraisers

The grade 6 students will be offering two fundraising events this month for their upcoming overnight trip. The first event is our Valentine's Rice Krispie Square Treat. On Monday, February 9th and Tuesday, February 10th, the Grade 6 students will be going around to each class to take orders and collect money. The cost is \$1.00 per square and all squares will be delivered on Friday, February 13th (Gr. 8's will receive them on Thursday, February 12th). Students

are welcome to purchase as many as they would like.

The second event is the Tos Recycling Event. This is a two week event that will run from Wednesday, February 11th until Thursday, February 26th. A recycling bin will be outside the school near the track and open for recycled goods each school day from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. A list of acceptable items went home the first week of January and was also posted

on the school website. We ask that any electronic items being donated be dropped off at the front entrance of the school and they will be recycled separately.

Thank you for all of your support!
The Grade 6 Students and Staff

February 2015

Mondays - Pizza Days
Wednesdays - Pita Days
Fridays - Chicken Days

SCHOOL BUS WEATHER ZONE: SOUTH — www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <i>Kindergarten Registration</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <i>Grade 8 Graduation Photographs</i>	11 <i>Movie Night - Grade 8 Fundraiser Kindergarten Registration</i>	12 <i>Planetarium Visit to Tos</i> 	13 <i>Grade 8's to Mansfield Outdoor Centre</i>	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 
15	16 <i>Family Day No School Today</i>	17	18 <i>School Council 6:00 pm</i>	19	20 <i>Report Cards Go Home Today Snowfest at Tos! OEYC - 1st Block</i>	21
22	23	24 <i>Elephant Thoughts for Grades 1, 2 & 3</i>	25	26 <i>Barrie Colts Fundraiser Night</i>	27 <i>Character Ed Assembly - 2:15</i>	28

March Break 16 - 20

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