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Simcoe County District School Board

SAFE AT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

The safety of our students is our top priority. Arrival and dismissal are busy times at our school. We need to work together with parents/guardians and childcare providers to make sure students are safe.

Here are key points to be aware of when planning pick up and/or drop off of students:

- Supervision starts fifteen (15) minutes before bell time and ends fifteen (15) minutes after bell time. School staff will contact the parent/guardian, followed by emergency contact, for any student who is not picked up within this time. If late pickup happens often, additional support services may be involved.

- If parents/guardians arrange for other people to pick up their children, like a private childcare provider, the parent/guardian is responsible to ensure the alternate person/program is picking up on time.

- Designated bus loading zones are out-of-bounds during arrival and dismissal times, with the only exception being Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium buses. Private childcare providers will be asked not to use these areas. Parents are also not allowed to drop off or pick up in the bus zones.

- Once buses have departed and the loading zone has been opened up by school staff, vehicle traffic may begin to flow through the area to pick students up. Traffic must be in constant flow in this area at all times, meaning no unattended parked vehicles in this area.

Unattended vehicles must be parked in an approved parking space, outside of the kiss and ride area, with the engine turned off.

A full description of the Supervision, Arrival and Dismissal Procedures is available at www.scdsb.on.ca – Parents – Safe and Healthy Schools – Procedures.

SNOW VALLEY COUPONS ON SALE OCTOBER 5TH!



We will be selling these Snow Valley coupon books as a fundraiser at school. They will be available by October 5, 2015.

Come to the office and get yours, and later, we will be sending order forms home with the kids. Great stocking stuffer!

Booklets are \$20, we get \$10 back and Snow Valley donates \$1 for each book sold to kid's programs at RVH. Use only the lift ticket coupon and the booklet has paid for itself!

Don't miss out, visit Mrs. Patamia in the Office to buy yours!

UPDATE ON CUSTODIAL STAFF'S JOB ACTION

As you may be aware the custodian(s) in our school are engaged in a work-to-rule. This means that you may see a difference in the cleanliness and upkeep of our school. We can assure you that we are monitoring the situation on a daily basis. Your child's safety and security is always our top priority. If you have specific concerns, don't hesitate to contact our principal or vice-principal.

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Upcoming Holidays to Note:

- ◆ October 12, 2015
Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ October 23, 2015
P.A. Day
- ◆ November 13, 2015
P.A. Day
- ◆ December 19 until
January 3, 2016 Inclusive
Christmas Break

GIVING BACK TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY - VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are an important part of what makes our school a great place to learn and grow. We value and appreciate the support of our volunteers. There are many opportunities available, including school council, snack program, reading help, assisting in the classroom or library and much more. Everyone who volunteers in a school must have a criminal record check, which includes a Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Please call or visit the school office for more information about opportunities available or if you'd like to volunteer!

PAY FOR FIELD TRIPS, LUNCH DAYS, ETC. WITH SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

The SchoolCash Online program is available at our school, offering parents the option to pay online for lunch days and other items. Parents who sign up will receive a notification when a new item becomes available for purchase. Items are personalized to each student. Parents 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.schoolcashionline.com.



Please contact the school office with any questions.

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 2016? Participating in activities at the OEYC is a great way to help prepare your child for this exciting transition. OEYC staff have resources for kindergarten preparation. Just drop by and ask!

Calling all adults home with pre-school children! Vicki from the Ontario Early Years Centre is facilitating an early learning program for children 0 to 6 years of age accompanied by an adult, which will include literacy and sensory experiences, songs, crafts and more, at Tosorontio Central Public School. Fun, early learning for children!

Next date is Friday October 9th at 9:15am - Please sign in at the office.

Check out our website, www1.e3.ca or call 705 435-4308 for hours, directions and more information.

Children do not come with a manual! Are you looking for some parenting tips and ideas? Do you have questions about parenting?

Check out these Triple P seminars:

- ◆ **The Power of Positive Parenting**
- ◆ **Raising Confident Competent Children**
- ◆ **Raising Resilient Children**



These will be offered at the Well Café in Alliston, Wednesdays September 30, October 7 & 14 6:30pm. Limited childcare is available. Please call 705-435-4308 to register or for more information. If you cannot make this series and are interested in a future series, please call and ask to be put on the wait list for the next series of seminars.

BUS NOTE REMINDER

A reminder that bus notes to change stops or change buses for a day are no longer available. All students are to ride on one bus only to one stop. Students in grades JK to 3 who are not met at their bus stop by a parent or guardian will be driven back to the school after the bus run has ended.

If an emergency situation occurs where you will not be able to meet your child off the bus, please contact Mrs. Patamia or Mrs. Schild in the office for assistance.

Thank you.

FIRE PREVENTION OCTOBER 4 TO 10 - "HEAR THE BEEP WHERE YOU SLEEP"

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep? Working smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, smoke alarms can increase your chances of surviving a fire by up to 50%.

The key message of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 4-10, is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. Make sure you and your family:

- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Change the batteries once a year
- Replace smoke alarms after 10 years

Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in your household. For more information and fun resources for kids, visit: www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week/for-kids-and-families.

KEEPING YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD UP-TO-DATE

The Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) states that The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required by law to keep an up-to-date immunization record on file for every student who attends elementary or secondary school. As of July 1, 2014 ISPA has been updated and includes the following vaccines:

- Varicella (chickenpox) two doses for children born in or after 2010
- Meningococcal (meningitis)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, polio and pertussis (whooping cough) - at least 4 doses
- Measles, mumps and rubella - after the first birthday

The health unit does not receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices. Parents need to contact the health unit each time students receive a vaccine from their health care provider. If a student's immunization record on file with the health unit is not up to date, the health unit will mail a notice asking for immunization information or proof of a valid exemption. If the information requested is not given to the health unit, the student may be suspended from school. If your child is due for immunizations, an appointment can be made with your health care provider or at a health unit immunization clinic by contacting Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520. www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION

At the start of each year there is often some reorganization of classes to meet increased or decreased enrollment based on spring projections. We have been very fortunate that we were able to maintain all of our existing classes, only having to move a few students to balance numbers. We would like to welcome a few staff who have joined us for the new school year: Mr. Christopher Mokriy has joined us as the LTO Grade 2 teacher, Ms. Chandra Bylow is our LTO teacher in Kindergarten, Ms. Ellie Farrell is the LTO teacher in the SK/Grade 1 class, Ms. Heather Dunn is our new Grade 7 teacher and Ms. Jennifer Kirkpatrick has joined us as a Planning Time teacher. We wish a warm TOS welcome to all of these staff!

FREE MATH HELP FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 7 TO 10

Homework Help is a free online math help resource for students in Grades 7-10. Homework Help provides FREE, live one-on-one tutoring from Ontario teachers, and is funded by the Ontario government and administered by TVO. Students can ask their math questions during chat room hours, Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

For more information visit: www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org.

WASTE REDUCTION WEEK TAKES PLACE OCTOBER 19 TO 25

Waste Reduction Week aims to inform and engage Canadians about the environmental and social ramifications of wasteful practices. It strives to educate, engage and empower Canadians to reduce, reuse and recycle waste. Waste Reduction Week in Canada further provides information and ideas to reduce waste in all facets of daily living, creating the solutions to the many environmental challenges we face including climate change, water pollution and preservation of natural resources. Our school is participating in this week by **encouraging all staff and students to bring litter free lunches every day!** For more information about Waste Reduction Week, visit: www.rco.on.ca/wrw_ontario.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 <i>Fire Department Presentations</i>	7	8 <i>Cross Country Meet at Tottenham Conservation Area</i>	9 	10
11 	12 <i>Thanksgiving No School Today</i>	13 <i>Milk Program Begins</i> 	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 <i>Cross Country Counties</i>	21 <i>School Council Meeting 6:00 pm</i>	22	23 <i>PA Day No School for Students</i>	24
25	26 <i>Character Recognition Assembly</i>	27 <i>Fire Trailer Visits</i>	28 <i>Fire Trailer Visits</i>	29	30	
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Character Trait for October: Co-operation

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