



# The Bobcat News!

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## Important April Dates

### April 2018:

- April 2 – Easter Monday
- April 2 – World Autism Awareness Day
- April 4 – Gr. 2-5 Comic Workshop
- April 4 – Kindergarten – Maple Syrup Field Trip
- April 5 – Joslin/ Roos – Maple Syrup Field Trip
- April 6 – Mental Health Toonie Drive
- April 6 – Scientist in the Classroom – Grade 7
- April 9 – Grade 1's – Scientists in the Schools
- April 10 – School Council Meeting 7:00p.m. library
- April 11 – Gr. 3 Field Trip-Black Creek Pioneer Village
- April 11 – Pink Shirt Day
- April 18 – Gr. 1-3 Swimming Lessons Begin(9 Weeks)
- April 24 – Gr. 4 Light & Sound Workshop
- April 25 – Leadership Team Meeting – After School
- April 26 – Gr. 1-8 Field Trip to Moving Arts Production
- April 26 – Kindergarten Info. Night 4:00 – 5:00pm
- April 27 – PA Day

### Upcoming dates:

- May 4 – Dance A Thon
- May 5 – Oro-Medonte Kids Run
- May 9 & 10 – Scientists in the School (Kindergarten)
- May 17 – Jump Rope for Heart assembly
- May 18 – PA Day
- May 21 – Victoria Day
- May 22 – Gr. 3 Science Workshop
- May 23 – 25 – Intermediate Overnight trip to Toronto
- May 25 – 29 – EQAO
- May 30 – Leadership Team Meeting (After School)
- June 7 – School BBQ
- June 27 – Grade 8 Graduation

## Principal's Message

This upcoming Monday April 2, 2018 marks the 11<sup>th</sup> annual World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD).

WAAD originated in 2008 as a result of a resolution passed by the United Nations (UN) to bring awareness and reduce the negative stigma associated with autism and highlights the incredible work that has already been done and still needs to be

done to ensure people living with autism are provided with opportunities to lead successful and meaningful lives.

Within the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), the prevalence rate of those identified with autism is 1/42 males and 1/189 females (approximately 1000 students), a number that has increased by more than 100% in the past 10 years.

Autism Ontario (<http://www.autismontario.com>) has resources and supports for families looking for further information.

## Math Problem of the Month

We are continuing to work on developing our math skills through daily work and problem solving. Many questions have various ways of solving them and more than one possible answer. Below is an example of this type of question:

**Twenty monkeys live in the jungle, and altogether, these monkeys eat twenty bananas a day.**

**Adult monkeys eat 3 bananas a day, teenage monkeys eat 1 banana per day, and baby monkeys eat ½ a banana a day.**



**Assuming that there is at least one adult, one teenager and one baby, how many adults, teenagers, and babies could there be? Is there more than one possible answer?**

Looking for some fun ways to practice math skills at home? Visit our website at [wrb.scdsb.on.ca](http://wrb.scdsb.on.ca) and click on the Math Games link.



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## Oro-Medonte Kids Run – Burl’s Creek 2018!

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 **KIDS RUN**  
Burl’s Creek 2018

A student from Shanty Bay Public School, Mikayla McDermott, has organized a wonderful community event, the Oro-Medonte Kids Run! The run is at Burl’s Creek Events Ground on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and is open to kids of all ages, as well as their family and friends. The event is in support of youth mental health and addictions, which coincides with the Children’s Mental Health Week.

Students and families are encouraged to fundraise, as **W.R. Best Memorial** is part of a school fundraising challenge against other local schools. All proceeds from fundraising efforts will go to the RVH Foundation in support of their Child and Youth Mental Health Program.

The emphasis for the event will be on having fun and being active for good mental health. The event will bring kids, families, and community partners together to continue the conversation on mental health and addictions. Participants will be given positive messaging around mental health and addictions, introduced to the health benefits of physical activity, and connected to community support services and resources. Mikayla would be honoured if you would attend her Oro-Medonte Kids Run to affect positive change in our community.

At the event, there will be two chip timed races: 2.5 km (14 & under) and 5 km (all ages). If interested, participants during registration can form 4 person

race teams. This is a great way to hang out with your friends while doing something healthy and positive for your mental health. Prizes will be awarded for highest fundraisers and fastest times. A hot dog, ice cream, and a drink will be included in the participant race package, along with an event t-shirt and medal for participants who sign up at least two weeks in advance.

Visit [www.orokidsrun.com](http://www.orokidsrun.com) to learn more and register for this exciting community event.

## RVH – Toonie Drive



 **TOONIE**  
**DRIVE**

## IN SUPPORT OF YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS

In support of mental health and addictions and to kick off our school fundraising to support the Oro-Medonte Kids Run we will be holding a Toonie Drive on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please consider sending in a Toonie on Friday!



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## Hot Lunch – New Session

A reminder to all families that our final session for hot lunches begins this coming Tuesday April 3 and ends the last week of school.



Monday – Pasta  
Wednesday – Pizza  
Friday – Subs

Reminder, when there is a holiday on Monday, pasta will be on Tuesday for that week and when there is a PA Day on Friday pizza is moved to Thursday.

So... pasta on Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>!

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is now open



Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten! Elementary schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) for more information.

## Character Education

**Character is what you do when no one is watching!**

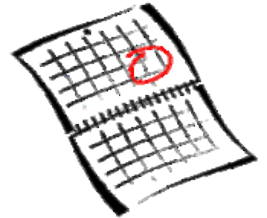
We continue to build good character at W.R. Best. This month the focus is on Optimism.



We maintain a positive attitude and have hope for the future.

## School Council

Our next school council meeting is on **Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm** in the library. All parents are welcome! We hope to see you there.



## Stay Up to Date

**Stay up-to-date on important information:**

### Website:

Subscribe to our website to stay up-to-date on what's happening at our school. You'll receive our news and newsletters right to your email inbox!

Visit the subscribe page at <http://wrb.scdsb.on.ca/subscribe> and enter your email address. You will receive an email with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. Once you've **confirmed**, you'll start receiving all the important news from our school.



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### Twitter:

You can also follow us on Twitter @WRBestPS

### Email:

Is your email on file with the school? If so, then you will receive important updates as well as our monthly newsletter directly to your email address. How convenient is that! If you do not have an email on file with the school, please feel free to send your email in your child's agenda to give to the office.

### School's In for Summer – Attention Gr. 8's

#### School's in for summer at the SCDSB

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school!

Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at [www.learningcentres.com](http://www.learningcentres.com). Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

### Special Education Sessions

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

### April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

### Register now for Summer Child Care

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County. Twenty schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years of age. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information can be found on our website at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – click on 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

### Applications open for 2018-19 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

Parents/guardians play a vital role in public education, and Ontario's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants are designed to encourage parents'/guardians' involvement in their children's education to support student achievement and well-being. The 2018-19 PRO grant process has been announced and an online application is now available. PRO grants are provided to select applicants who develop projects, events or training in support of parent/guardian engagement. Applications are due by June 5. Find out more: [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/).

### School Bus Evacuation Training

**School bus evacuation training takes place April 3**  
The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, is offering school bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students the week



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of April 3 to 6. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency. The SCSTC would like to remind all drivers to be extra cautious near school buses and in school bus loading and unloading zones. For more information or if you have questions, visit [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/).

### Aged 15-29 looking for work experience?

**Do you know a youth, aged 15-29, who is looking for a job or to gain work experience?**

The Career Centre can help. Services include paid employment training, support with job searches and more, at no cost. Meet with an Employment Consultant today, or visit the Career Centre website at [www.barriecareercentre.com](http://www.barriecareercentre.com) for more information, including hours of operation. The Career Centre is operated by the Simcoe County District School Board. This Employment Ontario service is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

### Trauma & Loss Conference

**Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being on April 14 in Barrie**

Parents and/or community members are invited to attend *Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being* on Sat. April 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bear Creek Secondary School, located at 110 Red Oak Dr. in Barrie. This conference is being funded through a Regional PRO grant from the Ontario Ministry of Education and is being presented by the Adoption Council of Ontario. This event is free to attend and lunch is provided. Limited child care is available for children aged three to 12 years. Register at [www.adoption.on.ca/events](http://www.adoption.on.ca/events). Questions? Contact [pact@adoptontario.ca](mailto:pact@adoptontario.ca).

### YMCA Healthy Kids Day

**YMCA Healthy Kids Day taking place on April 29**

YMCAs across Canada are celebrating Healthy Kids Day on Sun. April 29. It's a national day dedicated to improving the health and well-being of kids. The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka is happy to host this FREE event for everyone in the community, offering fun and healthy activities for the entire family to enjoy. Across Canada, most children do not meet the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Rising rates of obesity and related chronic disease tell us that getting kids active should be a top priority for parents, schools, and all Canadians. With summer just around the corner, here are some practical tips on how to keep your kids active and healthy:

- Rather than heading out on a walk or jog solo, invite your kids to hop on their bicycles, skateboards and scooters and head out with you. You will come back energized and connected knowing that you've set a great example and spent quality time together. Everyone wins!
- Many communities have free or low-cost youth activities or programs at facilities such as pools, playgrounds, parks, sporting fields, community centres and the YMCA! Ask your child's teacher, contact your local municipality, search online or contact your local YMCA for upcoming events.

Join the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka on Healthy Kids Day and learn about healthy habits, connect with other parents and get the whole family active together under one roof. For schedules of activities and more information, please contact the YMCA in your community: [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca).



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	Easter Monday World Autism Day	Cheerleading Practice	Gr. 2-5 Comic Workshop Kindergarten – Maples Syrup Field Trip	Jr Girls Basketball Game Gr. 6 OPP Kids	Cheerleading Practice Mental Health Toonie Drive	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Scientists in the School – Gr. 1's	Cheerleading Practice School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	Gr. 3 Field Trip – Black Creek Pioneer Village Pink Shirt Day	Gr. 6 OPP Kids	Cheerleading Practice Jr Boys Basketball Practice	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Cheerleading Practice	Gr 1-3 Swimming Jr Boys Basketball Practice	Jr Girls Basketball Game Gr. 6 OPP Kids	Cheerleading Practice Jr Boys Basketball Practice	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Cheerleading Practice Grade 4 – Light	Gr 1-3 Swimming Leadership Team Meeting Jr Boys Basketball Practice	Gr. 1-8 Drama Field Trip Gr. 6 OPP Kids Kindergarten Info Night 4-5pm	PA Day	
29	30					
	Dairy Presentation Jr Boys Basketball Practice					

## May 2018

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		Dairy Presentation Cheerleading Practice	Gr 1-3 Swimming Jr Boys Basketball Zone Tournament Dairy Presentation	Jr Boys Basketball Practice Gr. 6 OPP Kids	Cheerleading Practice Dance-A-Thon	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Jr Boys Basketball Practice	Cheerleading Practice	Gr 1-3 Swimming Scientists in the School	Jr Boys Basketball Practice Scientists in the School	Cheerleading Practice	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Cheerleading Practice	Gr 1-3 Swimming	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly	PA Day	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Victoria Day	Gr. 3 Science Workshop Cheerleading Practice	Gr 1-3 Swimming Intermediate Toronto Trip	Intermediate Toronto Trip	EQAO Intermediate Toronto Trip	
27	28	29	30	31		
	EQAO	EQAO Cheerleading Practice	Gr 1-3 Swimming Leadership Team Meeting			