



The Bobcat News!

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Important June Dates

June 2018:

- June 6 – Track & Field (rescheduled date)
- June 6 – School BBQ & Cheerleader Performance
- June 7 – Gr. K – 8 Eastview Drama Trip
- June 11 – Earth Rangers Presentation
- June 12 – Spring Musical Recital 2:00
- June 13 – Regional Track and Field
- June 13 – Gr. 1 – 3 Last Swimming Lesson
- June 14 – Grade 1's & 2's – Wye Marsh
- June 15 – Regional Track and Field (*Rain Date*)
- June 15 – Gr. 1 Outdoor Learning (Moose Adventures)
- June 18 – Jump Rope for Heart
- June 20 – Ste. Marie Among the Hurons – Gr. 5
- June 25 – Scientists in Schools – Gr. 5
- June 27 – Gr. 8 Graduation
- June 27 – Report Cards go home
- June 28 – Last Day of School

Upcoming dates:

- July 1 – Canada Day
- August 6 – Civic Holiday
- September 3 – Labour Day
- September 4 – First day of School
- September 25 – 1st School Council Meeting
- October 3 – Welcome Back Open House
- November 10 – W.R. Best Bazaar

Principal's Message

The month of June has arrived and with it beautiful weather. Students are reminded to wear hats and sunscreen for those nice summer days or sweaters and jackets for the cooler ones. We will be outside enjoying the weather during recess and our Daily Physical Activity so students should come prepared for the outdoors. During this last month of school, W.R. Best continues to be a busy place. Upcoming we have several field trips, Track & Field Day, School

BBQ, Jump Rope for Heart, our Year End Assembly, as well as our Grade 8 Graduation.

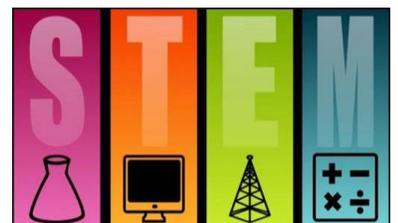
At the end of the school year we will be saying goodbye to a few of our teachers. Mme. Belanger, Mrs. Northcott, and Mrs. Priest will be moving on to other schools for September. As well, Mrs. Lavender and Mrs. Mulligan will also be moving on as their LTO positions will come to an end. We wish all of these wonderful educators the best of luck and hope that our paths cross again!

We truly have had a wonderful year at W.R. Best and we are looking forward to another great year beginning in September. I have enjoyed getting to know the families at W.R. Best over my first year here as Principal. Such a warm and welcoming community! I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer. For those families moving out of the area and for all of our Grade 8 graduates and staff who are moving on, we wish you the best of luck.

Mrs. Wright-Drzazga

STEM Night

Thank you to all families that were able to join us for our STEM night. We had lots of fun taking part in various activities including stations led by Scientists in Schools, building spaghetti towers, playing math games, making buttons, and more. We hope everyone that was able to make it that night had a great time!





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Spring Pizza Party

Our end of year pizza party is coming up and will be on **Wednesday June 6th** from 5 pm - 7 pm.

We are having a carnival theme this year with lots of fun activities for everyone!

See you there!



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 Responsibility.



We are accountable for our actions and we follow through on our commitments.

Important Bus Reminders

The SCSTC has communicated that students are to travel on their home bus only. Students are no longer permitted to take a different bus home, no matter the circumstances.



End of Day Routines

If you are aware that there will be a change to your child's end of day routine (being picked up instead of put on the bus, etc.), please be sure to advise the teacher by sending a note with your child. This information is important to us to ensure the safety of your child/ren! Please do your best to have your 'end of day plans' in place before the school day begins and refrain from calling the office between 3:00 and 3:40 unless it is an emergency.

As well if your child is being picked up during the day for an appointment please write a note to your child's teacher advising them of the time your child should come down to the office. We are trying to minimize the disruptions to class during the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Summer Child Care Options Available

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 old. 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 – click on 'Schools' then 'Summer 2018 School-Age Program'.



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Thank you Student Leaders!

All staff would like to send a big thank you to this year's student leaders. These leaders have had very important jobs within our school and all of our students have shown responsibility, reliability, caring and professionalism. They have performed jobs such as recyclers, pizza & sub lunch helpers, milk monitors, office helpers, bus helpers, kindergarten helpers and much more! Thank you for a job well done!



2018-2019 School Year Calendar Now Approved



The Ministry of Education has approved the elementary and secondary school year calendars for the Simcoe County District School Board's 2018-19 school year.

2018-19 Highlights:

- First day of school: Tuesday, September 4, 2018
- First day of school for Junior Kindergarten students: Thursday, September 6, 2018
- Winter Break: December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019
- March Break: March 11 to 15, 2019
- Last day for elementary students: Thursday, June 27, 2019
- Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 26, 2019

You can view the 2018-19 calendars on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca) by clicking on 'Schools' and then 'School Year Calendars.'

Thank you to our Volunteers!

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at W.R. Best. Thank you for all that you do for the staff and students at W.R. Best and we look forward to working with you again next year.



In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, and in accordance with the Education Act, the SCDSB requires a complete and up-to-date Criminal Record Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CRC-VSS) for all volunteers across the system. If you are a current, approved volunteer and your CRC-VSS is more than five years old, you will be receiving a notification this month indicating that you are required to submit a new CRC-VSS. If you wish to continue as a SCDSB volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. Contact the school principal to obtain a CRC-VSS request letter.
2. Bring your CRC-VSS request letter to your local police detachment.
3. Submit your original and complete CRC-VSS to the school office for review by Oct. 31, 2018.

If you have already submitted your Criminal Reference Check and it is less than five years old, you only need to complete an Annual Offence Declaration form each year. These will be available in the school office in September.



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Welcome to School Council

The first parent council meeting of the 2018-2019 year is scheduled for Tuesday September 25, 2018.

All meetings of the council are open and all parents/guardians are encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings, as members, or on an informal basis. To become a member, simply complete and submit the form that is available in the office or at any meeting.

For next year Council meetings have been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday Sept. 25, Nov. 6, Feb. 5, April 2, and May 7.

Should you have any further questions regarding school council you may contact the current council chair Corryn Mounstephen, at councilchairwrb@scdsb.on.ca and/or Dianna Wright, Principal.

Kindergarten Entry Procedures 2018



Senior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Tuesday September 4th, 2018.

They are to attend continuously from this time.

All Junior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Thursday September 6th, 2018. They are to attend continuously from this date.

Eye See... Eye Learn Program

The Eye See...Eye Learn program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card.



the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeeeyearn.ca. The program is available for current JK students until June 30, 2018.

End of Year Medication / Epi-Pen Pick Up

If your child currently has an epi-pen or any other medication at the school, please be sure to pick it up in the office by June 28th. It is also important to have your doctor complete a new Student Medical Health Data form over the summer for the 2018/2019 school year, if your child continues to require medication at school. A copy of the form is available in the office, which you can obtain when you are picking up medication for this year.



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.

Twitter:

You can also follow us on Twitter [@WRBestPS](https://twitter.com/WRBestPS)



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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 Board News

Summer School Available

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. 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!

Register Now for Fall International Language Programs

The SCDSB offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enroll your children in this program to learn a new language, understand a new culture or to extend their knowledge of their first or second language, every student can benefit from this program. The Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) offers Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 15 (classes are dependent on student enrollment). There is no charge for this program. Most classes fill quickly on a first come, first served basis. Register your child by visiting www.thelearningcentres.com and clicking on 'Elementary Student.'

Seasons Centre for Grieving Children

We have a variety of day programs and workshops offered for Summer 2018 including our second annual overnight camp – Camp Skein!! Check out our website at <https://www.grievingchildren.com/programs/summer-programs/> to find out more, or contact Joan Kennedy, Program Director at 705.721.5437 ext. 202 or joan@grievingchildren.com for more information or a camp application for any of our Summer Day Programs.



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Safe Kids Week is June 4 - 8

This year's theme focuses on concussions at home, at play and on the road:

- Help reduce the likelihood of head injury, like concussions, during sports, recreation and unstructured play by encouraging your child to use correctly fitting protective equipment and to follow safety rules.
- Teach children about wearing the right helmet for the activity. For example: bike helmets can be used for cycling, in-line skating and scootering, but skateboarding helmets should be used for skateboarding as they cover the back of the head better.
- Recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion, which can happen even without a direct hit to the head and without losing consciousness. If your child does have signs of concussion, remove them from the activity and seek medical care.
- Be sure to inform your school principal if your child sustains a concussion, either on or off school property.

Learn more at www.parachutecanada.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



Canada Education Savings Programs

The Government of Canada encourages Canadians to use Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP) to save for a child's post-secondary education, which includes full- or part-time studies at a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university or in an apprenticeship

program. Employment and Social Development Canada administers two education savings incentives linked to RESPs:

- **Canada Education Savings Grant** - a basic grant of 20% on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a RESP (this grant is available to all eligible Canadians regardless of their family income), as well as the additional amount of Canada Education Savings Grant.
- **Canada Learning Bond** - available for eligible Canadian children from low-income families born in 2004 or later and provides an initial payment of \$500 plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000. Personal contributions are not required.

For more information, visit: www.canada.ca/education-savings.





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Township of Oro-Medonte
Proud Heritage. Exciting Future.

Summer Day Camps

Keep your kids having fun all summer long with the Township of Oro-Medonte Day Camps! With a different theme each week, campers will make new friends and amazing memories.

Age appropriate games, sports, crafts, and activities are offered for both Kinder Campers (ages 4-7) and Junior Campers (ages 8-12) each week

Special guests and day trips add extra excitement to an already jammed packed summer of adventures. Camp runs Monday to Friday from 9:00am - 5:00pm (with the exception of holiday Mondays). Extended Care available for an extra charge.

Weeks 1-6 and Week 9 are at the Oro-Medonte Community Center (71 Line 4 N.).
Weeks 7 & 8 take place at Bayview Memorial Park (867 Lakeshore Rd. E.).

New themes each week!
Extended care available.

Kinder Camp (4-7yrs)
Junior Camp (8-12yrs)

\$165 per child/wk.
*\$132 for Weeks 1 & 6

Sibling Discounts
\$25.00 off every additional child from same family

NEW: MacLaren Art Camp in Oro-Medonte!
IMAGINEART Camp (6-9 YRS)
\$260/week — July 16-20
@ Edgar Community Hall

Space is limited. Register now!

Register at www.oro-medonte.ca

WEEK 1 It's a Jungle Out There	WEEK 2 Superhero Training Camp	WEEK 3 Minions Mayhem	WEEK 4 Jedi Wars
WEEK 5 Treasure Hunters	WEEK 6 Mission Impossible	WEEK 7 Go Wild (BM Park)	WEEK 8 Eco Rangers (BM Park)
WEEK 9 Get Your Game On!			