



The Bobcat News!

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Bus Cancellation Zone: Central

March 2018

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Important March Dates

March 2018:

- March 2 – Character Ed. Presentation (NED Show)
- March 8 & 9 – Golf in the Schools (Gr. 1-5)
- March 12 – 16 – March Break
- March 28 – Leadership Team Meeting – After School
- March 30 – Good Friday

Upcoming dates:

- April 2 – Easter Monday
- April 4 – Gr. 2-5 Comic Workshop
- April 11 – Gr. 3 Field Trip to Black Creek Pioneer Village
- April 11 – Day of Pink
- April 18 – Grades 1-3 Swimming Lessons Begin
- 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 4:00pm – 5:00pm
- April 27 – PA Day
- April 30 – Dairy Presentation
- June 7 – School BBQ

Principal's Message

We have had a lot of great activities taking place at W.R. Best over the last month. As the leader of the Speech Club, I would like to extend a big congratulations to those students that took part in the club this year. We heard a lot of great speeches and I was very proud of all of our students. W.R. Best students represented our school well at the school competition at Forest Hill as well as the Lion's Club competition. Way to go Bobcats!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Barrie Colts fundraiser event. It was a great family evening and a good time was had by all. The funds raised from this event go directly towards the purchase of technology and also supports our athletic programs. Thanks again for your continued support!

Mrs. Wright-Drzazga

Math – Supporting Your Child At Home

Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math

Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math is a tool kit for parents. It provides modules with simple, but effective methods and materials for parents. It shows you how to get involved in your children's learning, and offers guidance for working with students of different ages.

Visit:

http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/parent_engagement-math/en/index.htm for some helpful video links.

Looking for some fun ways to practice math skills at home? Visit our website at <http://wrb.scdsb.on.ca> and click on the Math Games link or visit <http://www.mathies.ca/> for lots of fun math activities and games!

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 Integrity.

INTEGRITY
IS DOING THE
RIGHT THING.
EVEN WHEN
NO ONE IS
WATCHING.

C.S. LEWIS

We act honourably in all that we do.



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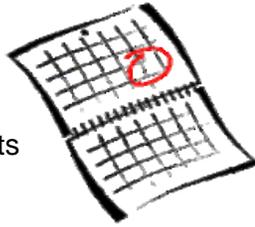
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School Council

Our next school council meeting is on **Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm** in the library. There will not be a council meeting in March. All parents are welcome! We hope to see you there.



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)

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.

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 for more information.

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!

March Break Child Care Programming 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 on PA Days and school holidays. Over 30 of our schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten to 12 years of age, including care over March Break (March 12 to 16). The daily fee is \$34.20 and a fee subsidy may be available to families who qualify. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at www.scdsb.on.ca - click on 'Schools' and then 'Before & After School Care.'



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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.thelearningcentres.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!

Bus Cancellation Information

Bus cancellation information in case of inclement weather

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. Our school is in the Central zone. When buses are cancelled, please remember that 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 before 6 a.m. and as such, will make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. 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://scstc.ca/Subscriptions> and you can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus.

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.

Summer Employment Assistance

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 for more information, including hours of operation. The Career Centre is



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social space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, 2spirit, trans, asexual etc. and questioning youth. Groups are a place for youth to connect with each other and to community. Groups take place in Barrie, Midland and Orillia.

Youth Mental Health Services

New Path offering child and youth mental health walk-in clinics New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Collingwood and Orillia. The Walk-In Clinic provides a single session to children, youth and families who require support for emotional, relationship or behavioural challenges. The Walk-In Clinic can be accessed by children, youth and families as often as they require support. Children, youth and families can self-refer by attending one of the walk-in clinic locations across the county. Dates and times of the clinics are posted on the New Path website www.newpath.ca. For more information, contact New Path's Central Intake Department at 705-725-7656 or from the 905 area code in Simcoe County by calling 1-866-566-7656.

- Parenting LGBTQ Youth sessions These free sessions, 'Parenting LGBTQ Youth,' are offered in April, May and June in Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia. Dinner is provided. To reserve your spot, contact Jake at jakef@gilbertcentre.ca or 705-722-6778 ext. 107.

Stay Healthy this Year

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth. The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty, you can use alcohol based hand rub hand sanitizer for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same! For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact Health Connection at 1-877-721-

7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Gilbert Centre for LGBTQ2S Youth & Families

Gilbert Centre programs for LGBTQ2S youth and families The Gilbert Centre is a community-based, not-for-profit, charitable organization that provides

programs and services to serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender individuals and families in Simcoe-Muskoka. Visit the Centre's website at www.gilbertcentre.ca for more information about these programs:

- LGBTQ2S Youth Connection drop-in groups
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Get Active and Energized this March Break

March Break is the perfect opportunity to get your kids off their screens and moving! Children are spending less time being active and only seven per cent of Canadian kids get enough exercise. Health Canada recommends children and youth get 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Getting our daily dose of exercise not only helps to prevent health risks, it builds strong muscles and bones, develops positive body image and supports mental health. Here are ideas to get you and your kids moving this March Break:

- Get outside and enjoy some fresh air as you explore your local trails, parks and toboggan hills, or build a snowman!
- Make a splash at a local community pool like the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka. Day passes are available for families to take advantage of recreational swimming. For older kids, March Break is the perfect time to enrol in aquatic leadership programs such as Bronze Medallion or National Lifeguard training.

• Train as a family by signing up for the YMCA's Move to Give fundraising event, happening on April 7. Challenge the whole family to start training for a 5K run, indoor cycling or a triathlon and continue training together until the event. It will keep the entire family focused on a goal and it's all for a great cause – supporting your community! For more information, visit www.movetogive.ca.

• Skating is a great sport for all ages – it's low impact and helps improve coordination and balance. Check your local public arenas for family skate times.

March Break is a great time to create healthy daily habits for your children and the entire family. The

YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers many opportunities to get fit as a family over the March Break. For more information, visit your local YMCA or www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

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