



The Bobcat News!

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Important May Dates

May 2018:

- May 4 – Dance-a-Thon Hawaiian Theme
- May 8 – School Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- May 14 – Bag2School Fundraiser Begins
- May 16 – Grade 7 & 8 STEAM expo in gym
- May 17 – Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
- May 18 – PA Day
- May 21 – Victoria Day
- May 22 – Gr. 3 Science Workshop
- May 23 – Bag2School Fundraiser Ends
- May 23 – 25 – Intermediate Overnight trip to Toronto
- May 25 – 29 – EQAO
- May 30 – Leadership Team Meeting (After School)
- May 31 – Gr. 7 Pow Wow Education Day
- May 31 – Family STEM night

Upcoming dates:

- June 1 – PA Day
- June 5 & 6 – Gr. 5 Field Trip to Springwater Park
- June 6 – Spring Pizza Party
- June 7 – Gr. K – 8 Eastview Drama Trip
- June 13 – Regional Track and Field
- June 13 – Gr. 1 – 3 Last Swimming Session
- June 15 – Regional Track and Field Rain Date
- June 27 – Gr. 8 Graduation
- June 27 – Report Cards
- June 28 – Last Day of School

Principal's Message

Wow – what busy times we are having here at W.R. Best!

Our kindergarten students have recently welcomed our newest addition to W.R. Best – chickens! We will be learning all about how to care for chickens and we will be collecting the eggs – a lot of fun learning is going on!



Music is in the air and a group of our ukulele club students took part in the Kiwanis music festival this week. We are very proud of our students and of their hard work and dedication. Way to go! Music will once again fill the air this Friday with our annual dance-a-thon. The theme is Hawaiian and students will get a chance to groove and move!

On the PD Day in April staff had the opportunity to hear from a speaker about the link between physical activity and academic performance. We are working with our students to promote daily physical activity. Through fundraising efforts and a successful grant application, we have been able to purchase equipment for all classes to use during recess. With the nice weather we hope that families will get outside, get moving, and enjoy the beautiful forests we call home!

Mrs. Wright-Drzazga

Family STEM Night

Through funding from our Parent Reaching Out night, we are excited to be hosting a family STEM night on Thursday May 31st.

There will be hands on activities run by Scientists in the Schools for families to take part in.

A flyer will be sent home with more details in the next couple of days.

Spring End of Year Pizza Party

Our end of year pizza party is coming up soon and has been booked for **Wednesday June 6th**.

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

More information will be coming out shortly. Mark your calendars....



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Math Corner...

Are you looking for ways to support your child at home with mathematics?

The SCDSB has a great page which plenty of resources.

Visit the following site for parent resources, web-based activities and games, and apps.

<https://sites.google.com/scdsb.on.ca/math/home-support>

Character Education

Character is what you do when no one is watching!

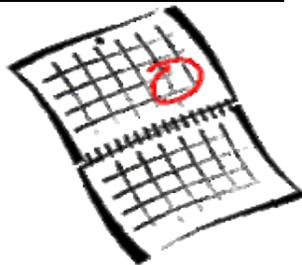
We continue to build good character at W.R. Best. This month the focus is on Respect.



We treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity.

School Council

Our final school council meeting of the year is on **Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00 pm** in the library. All parents are welcome! We hope to see you there.



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 ‘Before & After School Care.’

Before and After School Care

Register now for Before & After School Programs for September 2018

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2018 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by June 30, 2018. Please contact the YMCA to register your child(ren).

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.



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Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

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. 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 Session

Parents invited to information session about special education on May 16 The Simcoe County District School Board is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education and how to support students with special education needs. The last session takes place this month:

Date: May 16

Time: 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst

Topic: Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic Individual Education Plan (IEP) Goals

No registration is required. You can also join this session from home via Google Meet using this link: meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp. *Those joining via Google Meet will need to 'mute' while watching the session to avoid audio feedback.* Parents are welcome to type in questions using the chat option in Google Meet during the event.

Skilled Trades Expo

The Simcoe County District School Board's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition on May 17. There are two parts to the event – a day session for Grade 8 students only and an evening portion open to the public. From 5 to 7 p.m., the public is welcome to attend to speak to employers and industry experts. The Expo takes place at the Elmvale Community Arena, located at 14 George St. in Elmvale. For more information, email edo@simcoe.ca.

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Applications

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. 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/.



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Stay Safe in the Sun

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. As the weather gets warmer, follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm
- apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the label instructions
- apply sunscreen to any exposed areas of skin – nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc.
- reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours and after sweating or swimming
- wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses
- if possible, avoid being in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- when you're outside, look for shade

For more sun safety tips, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Summer camp can be a life-changing experience

According to a recent study from the University of Waterloo, the positive development that children and youth experience at summer camp results in

sustained behavioural changes at home, school and in the community. Friendships blossom, self-confidence emerges and independence grows – helping children and teens build resilience to help them face new challenges throughout their lives. Here are four life skills fostered at summer camp:

- Increased independence and self-confidence – Camp is the perfect place for kids to practice making decisions for themselves without parents and teachers guiding their every move.
- Making new friends and being part of a positive group – Free from the social expectations pressuring them at school, camp encourages kids to relax and make friends easily.
- Increased environmental awareness – When children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to “unplug” from technology and enrich their perception of the world, while enjoying the great outdoors.
- Improved attitudes towards physical activity – Children spend so much time indoors these days and mostly sitting down. A recent Statistics Canada study found that only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 got the recommended hour a day of exercise they need. Summer camp is a great way for kids to get outside and move.

The benefits of camp are plenty – from life lessons beyond the classroom to appreciating nature and building confidence and leadership skills. Learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka camps at YMCASummerCamp.Ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka



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		1 Dairy Presentation Cheerleading Practice	2 Gr 1-3 Swimming Jr Boys Basketball Zone Tournament Dairy Presentation	3 Jr Boys Basketball Practice Gr. 6 OPP Kids	4 GO Conference (Gifted Students) Cheerleading Practice Dance-A-Thon	5
6	7 Jr Boys Basketball Practice	8 School Council Meeting - 7pm Cheerleading Practice	9 Gr 1-3 Swimming	10 Jr Boys Basketball Practice Gr. 8 Paper Bag Princess	11 Cheerleading Practice	1 2
13	14	15 Cheerleading Practice	16 Gr 1-3 Swimming STEAM Expo – Gr. 7 & 8 (gym)	17 Jump Rope for Heart Assembly	18 PA Day	1 9
20	21 Victoria Day	22 Gr. 3 Science Workshop Cheerleading Practice	23 Gr 1-3 Swimming Intermediate Toronto Trip	24 Intermediate Toronto Trip	25 EQAO Intermediate Toronto Trip	2 6
27	28 EQAO	29 EQAO FDK -Scientists in the School (Schell/Matthews & Desormeaux/ Davis-Ellis) Cheerleading Practice	30 Gr 1-3 Swimming FDK – Scientists in the School (Bax/Northcott) Leadership Team Meeting	31 STEM Night 5:30 pm -7:30 pm		

June 2018

					1 PA Day	2
3	4	5 Cheerleading Practice Gr. 5 Springwater Park	6 Gr 1-3 Swimming Gr. 5 Springwater Park	7 Eastview Drama Trip K-Gr. 8 Spring BBQ	8 Cheerleading Practice Jump Rope for Heart Event	9
10	11	12 Cheerleading Practice	13 Gr 1-3 LAST Swimming Regional Track & Field	14	15 Cheerleading Practice Gr. 1 Outdoor Learning Regional Track & Field Rain Date	1 6
17	18	19 Cheerleading Practice 3 Pitch Intermediate Girls Tournament	20 3 Pitch Intermediate Boys Tournament	21	22	2 3
24	25	26	27 Grade 8 Graduation Report Cares Home	28	29 PA Day No School for Students	3 0