



The Bobcat News!

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Principal: Mrs. Eileen Carl Superintendent: Mr. Stuart Finlayson Trustee: Mr. Peter Beacock – Tel: 705.322.7816

Principal's Notes:

The Best Bazaar is approaching quickly and your School Council has worked hard preparing for this event. The Best Bazaar proceeds go toward raising funds for the acquisition of more robotic technology as well as purchasing more new library books. Thank you for your help in so many ways. Families and local businesses have been very supportive by donating silent auction items, baked goods, basket items and more. Your help is appreciated!!
#lovemyschool

Yours truly,

Mrs. Carl

Communication and Support for Parents

As a school we are committed to good communication and support for parents and children. If you have a concern regarding your child(ren) please contact your child's teacher first. If this pathway does not result in any change, please call the school and talk to me to discuss your concerns.
Thank you, Mrs. Carl

We're Building Character!

OUR GOALS ARE:

- To promote virtues of a free and democratic society
- To guide students in their journeys toward becoming individuals of good character
- Each month we are highlighting an attribute we would like to further develop

Focus for November > Courage

Building Courage - *We do the right thing, even when it is difficult.*

Courage is...

- Not doing something that "everybody" is doing
- Working toward your ambitions despite obstacles
- Sticking your neck out for someone else
- Making friends out of enemies
- Taking action to deal with difficulties rather than avoiding them
- Taking a stand against bullies
- Not taking unwise risks to gain the approval of those around us

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."
- Winston Churchill

Upcoming Dates

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| October 31 st , 2016 | Halloween - Costume Day! Haunted House & Dance for Gr. 7& 8's |
| November 5th, 2016 | Best Bazaar at W.R. 9:00 to 3:00 |
| November 7th, 2016 | Pasta Hot Lunches Start |
| November 9th, 2016 | Picture Retake Day |
| November 11th, 2016 | Remembrance Day Service at 10:00am |
| November 14th, 2016 | Immunizations - Gr. 7 (Hep.B #1) Gr. 8 (HPV#1) |
| November 18th, 2016 | P.A. Day |
| December 1st, 2016, | Garden Club |
| December 7th 2016 | Dental Screening - JK, SK, Gr. 2 & Gr. 8 |
| December 8th 2016 | Kindergarten Christmas Concert 2:30 |
| December 14th 2016 | Christmas Concert 7:00 evening |
| December 23rd, 2016 | Last day before Christmas Holidays |



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OUR DAILY “BALANCED” SCHEDULE

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| 9:05 AM – 9:15 AM | Buses |
| 9:20 AM – 11:00 AM | Instructional Time |
| 11:00 AM – 11:20 AM | Nutrition Break |
| 11:20 AM – 11:40 AM | Outdoor Recess |
| 11:40 AM – 1:20 PM | Instructional Time |
| 1:20 PM – 1:40 PM | Nutritional Break |
| 1:40 PM – 2:00 PM | Outdoor Recess |
| 2:00 PM – 3:40 PM | Instructional Time |
| 3:40 PM | Dismissal |

SCHOOL DAY PRACTICES

We would like to remind you of a few ways you can help us!

- If your child is late or absent from school, a phone call is required before 9:00 a.m. (705-728-9591). For absences of 3 days or more, a written note of explanation is ALSO REQUIRED.
- Students who are being picked up during the day (e.g. for an appointment) must be picked up from the school office. This is for the student’s protection.
- Please advise the office as soon as possible when you have a change of telephone number, address, employment, caregiver or medical information.
- Requests for school personnel to administer medication to students must be made through the school office and an authorization signed by the doctor must be submitted. Without this authorization, we are not permitted to administer any medication (not even Tylenol or antibiotics!).
- Valuable items such as iPods, toys, jewellery, collectibles, cell phones, cameras, etc. should not be brought to school. We cannot accept responsibility for any such items. Students are not permitted to take photos at school without specific permission in specific circumstances.
- Outdoor recesses provide students with a necessary change of pace in their day and serve as a refresher so that further efficient learning can take place. Generally, students who are too ill to benefit from recesses are too ill to be in school.

The Best Bazaar at WR!



The 7th Annual “Best Bazaar” will be held on Sat. Nov. 5th at W.R. Best!

9:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m.

This will be a great day for the school community!!! Thanks to the efforts of our faithful corps of eager volunteers, this event will be very successful. We appreciate the number of families who come out and support the school in this way. Thank you to so many who sent in items for the theme baskets. They are FILLED to overflowing with your thoughtful donations!! Don’t forget to send in your baked goods on Friday, November 4th between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. or on Saturday, November 5th between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

See you at the Bazaar!
Open from 9:00 to 3:00!
Silent auction closes at 2:00 p.m.



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“Courage is like a muscle. It is strengthened by use”. Ruth Gordon

Remembrance Day Service

Friday, November 11th, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Parents and community members are welcome!

Our service will feature special music, readings and a time of meditation.

Students who belong to organizations such as Scouts, Brownies/Guides, Cadets, etc. are encouraged to wear their uniforms for this service.



Learning Skills and Work Habits

The Progress report cards will provide parents with an understanding of how their child(ren) are growing in terms of the following skills and habits:

- Responsibility
- Organization
- Independent Work
- Collaboration
- Initiative
- Self-Regulation

The development of these traits is essential to a student’s success in school and in future career placements.

2016-2017 School Advisory Council Members

On our first meeting on Oct. 4th, there were over 25 people who came out to our first meeting. The next council meetings will be Feb. 28, 2017 and April 4th, 2017.

Our School’s Nut Allergy Policy!

Your support of this policy has been overwhelming. EVERYONE has been very cooperative and diligent in following the established protocol and we appreciate your concern for the safety of our students. Thank you so much and keep up the good work!

Kiss & Ride

Just a reminder to parents to abide by the Kiss & Ride routine if you are picking your child up for emergency transportation. If your child is not ready, please continue to circle the driveway until your child is at the Kiss & Ride. This will alleviate a back up of parents behind you, whose children may be waiting at the Kiss & Ride. As soon as the 3:45 pm bell rings, our buses start to pull out of the driveway. We request that you do not pull into the Kiss & Ride area at that time, but rather wait for the buses to leave the property. Please do not park on the west side of the parking lot (near the garbage bins) to drop off your children. Parking on Old Barrie Road is discouraged, as it is unsafe on such a busy road.

TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT AN INDIVIDUAL WITH AUTISM

1. Put the individual first by not using words like “autistic”.
2. Recognize the person’s unique strengths and talents.
3. Use visuals to teach.
4. Understand that behavior is communication.
5. Assist with social interactions.
6. Be aware of possible sensory sensitivities.
7. Offer choices.
8. Give lots of positive praise.
9. Think of autism as a different set of abilities.
10. Share your knowledge about autism with someone you know!

KINARK – Child & Family Services

Green Team

Our recycling program continues in full operation. Led by Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Howell, Miss Davis-Ellis, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Desormeaux our monitors faithfully separate paper, containers and organic waste. We would like to thank them all. We encourage our families to send garbage-less lunches by putting food items in reusable containers. We are also a boomerang school, which means, whatever you bring to school, you take home, with the exception of food waste. Every little bit counts!



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W.R. Best Garden Club

The W.R. Best Garden Club will once again be running this year thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Gloria Greaves and Michelle Walbank. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

PA Day in November!!!

Please be reminded that Friday, November 18th, 2016 is a PA Day.

The school will not be open as a result. Please be sure to make arrangements for your child's care on this date.

Closing of Schools under Conditions Brought About by Inclement Weather

The principals and staff of schools will make every reasonable effort to keep all schools open each day for those students who are able to attend. **W. R. BEST IS IN THE BOARD'S CENTRAL WEATHER ZONE.**

If buses are cancelled in the morning, they are cancelled for the entire day and will not run at a later time that day. Check out our website at <http://wrb.scdsb.on.ca>.

Student Photos

Green Apple Photography was in on October 20, 2016 for our school photos. If your child was away on photo day, we have scheduled photo retake day on Friday November 9th, 2016.

November 2016

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Best Bazaar at WR, 7 th annual |
| 6 | 7 Hot Pasta Lunch Starts | 8 | 9 Picture retake day | 10 | 11 Remembrance Day | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Immunizations Gr. 7&8 | 15 | 16 | 17 Pizza Day | 18 PA Day | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

December 2016

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| | | | | 1 Garden Club | 2 | 3 |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 Dental Screening JK,SK, Gr. 2&8 | 8 Kindergarten Christmas Concert 2:30 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Christmas Concert 7:00 pm. | 15 | 16 Milk Ends here | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Last Day Before Holidays | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Join us on Twitter

There are currently 334 followers for our W.R. Best twitter account. This is a great communication tool to keep you informed about what is happening at your child's school. Check it out @WRBestPS

OCTOBER'S SUCCESS!

Crazy for Cross Country!

Our grades 4 – 8 students participated showing perseverance and grit at two Regional meets at Sunnidale Park. We also had over 24 students competing at the County tournament at Mount St. Louis. Congratulations Bobcat Runners! Thank you coaches Mrs. McRob, Mrs. Schell, Mrs. Centurione and Madame Mullin.

Fabulous Flag Football!

As in past years, our school had a grade 7 and 8 team of co-ed flag football players competing. We had a superb season and finish 4th in the County! Thank you to Paul Kidner and Jesse Stormes, Jackson Cain, Derek Watson and Gord Evans for coaching. The kids had a blast!



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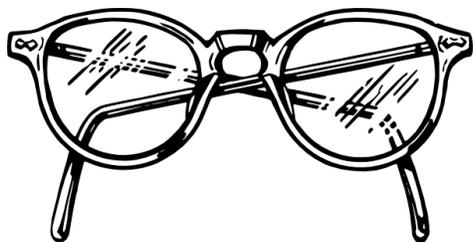
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Low-cost Snow Pass for Grade 4 and 5 Students

Do you have a child in Grade 4 or 5? The Canadian Ski Council offers the Grade 4 and 5 Snow Pass to children across Canada, providing low-cost access to ski and snowboard hills across the country, including many in Simcoe County! Visit www.skicanada.org/grade-4-5-snowpass/ for further details.

Eye See Eye Learn Program offering FREE EYE EXAMS and glasses for JK students!!!

Your child may have a vision problem. Only an optometrist knows if your child sees to the best of their ability. Get them a comprehensive eye exam, which is free for children under 19 years old with their Ontario Health Card. The Eye See...Eye Learn® program offers one free pair of glasses to this year's JK students with their OHIP-covered eye exam, if prescribed by a participating optometrist. Learn more at www.EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca.



November is Financial Literacy Month

Each November, Canadians celebrate Financial Literacy Month. Take control of your financial future, learn how you can increase your financial literacy skills and discover new ways to become more savvy with your money – and show your kids how to be financially smart as well! Learn more with ABC Life Literacy's Financial Literacy tools: abclifeliteracy.ca/financial-literacy.

A message from the Health Unit: Updating your child's IMMUNIZATION RECORD

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required by law to keep up-to-date immunization records on file for every student who attends elementary or secondary school in Simcoe County. Parents need to provide the health unit with the updated status each time students receive a vaccine from their health care provider.

The immunization requirements for attending school have recently changed and you will need to ensure that your child's immunization status is up-to-date. Children need to have proof of immunization against meningococcal disease, whooping cough, and for those children born in 2010 or later, chicken pox, to attend school. If proof is not provided your child could be temporarily suspended from school.

Go to www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline to update your child's record, or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).



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Online Student Passwords

These passwords are for students of W. R. Best P.S. only.

These are all linked on the student resources page at

<http://wrb.scdsb.on.ca/library.html>

| <u>Website</u> | <u>User name</u> | <u>password</u> |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Book Flix | simcodsb | simc7729 |
| Career Cruising | simcoe | 31060 |
| Learn 360 | email | Yyyymmdd (Staff – employee #) |
| Library Solutions 2 PAC | Network user name | Network pw |
| NAXOS music library | simcoectymm | simcoectymm |
| Ontario Educational Resource Bank | scdsbstudent | oerbs |
| Stats Canada (estat) | simcoe | estat |
| Tumblebooks Library (Pri.) | scdsb123 | reads |
| Tumblebooks Junior (Jr.) | scdsb2Jr | reads |
| TumbleBook Cloud (Int.) | scdsb123 | reads |
| Britannica Student | simcodsb | simc7729 |
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