



# The Bobcat News!

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### Important November Dates

#### November 2018:

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings ends (turn clocks at 2 am)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retake Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – Battery Recycling Week – curbside collection
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:00 am
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Int. Boys Volleyball Tournament
- 13<sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports Come Home
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Lice Check Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8 – Eastview Secondary School Visit
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – PA Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – Bag2School collection
- 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concert @ Eastview for J/I students in W.R. Best drama/music club
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Twas the Night Before Christmas drama presentation (K-8)

#### Upcoming dates:

- Dec 24 – Jan 4 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 25 – PA Day
- February 6 - Grade Photo Day

### Principal's Message

Our parent teacher conferences are coming up soon! If you have not yet had the chance to sign up for a conference time, please get in touch with your child's teacher or sign up in the front foyer. Our conferences are taking place November 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

Preparing for the conference is helpful. Ask your child if he/she has concerns or anything that they would like you to communicate or ask the teacher. You may wish to prepare a question or two for the conference.

November is a month with lots of activities so please check the important dates above. Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be taking place on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Also, coming up is our annual W.R. Best Bazaar on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 3:00. Please mark your calendars and plan to drop by the school to our Bazaar for some Christmas shopping and a treat from our café or bake sale. Hope to see you there!

Mrs. Dianna Wright-Drzazga  
Principal

### The Best Bazaar at W.R.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual!

#### Save the Date: Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

This fabulous school community event is dedicated to raising funds for our students and school. Funds raised this year will be used to purchase classroom items to enhance your child's education as well as to support field trips and student presentations.

This well attended event is always full of interesting handmade artifacts to buy! Mark your calendars and plan to come to the 'The Best Bazaar at WR'.

A reminder that we are asking for any baked good donations to be dropped off Friday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 am or Sat. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> before 9 am.

Silent Auction items needed! Please contact Michelle Walbank at 705-229-9696 or [Watsonmi@hotmail.com](mailto:Watsonmi@hotmail.com) if you have items you are able to donate.

Volunteers needed – if you are able to volunteer your time at the Bazaar please contact [wrbestbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:wrbestbazaar@gmail.com)



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## Remembrance Day Service

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Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at  
10:00 a.m.



Parents and community members  
are welcome!

Our service will feature special music, readings and  
a moment of silence.

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

## Bag2School ECOSchool Initiative

### BAG2SCHOOL ECOSchool Initiative and Fundraiser

**Collection dates November 26-30, 2018**

**Location: W.R. Best School**

Our school will be involved again with **Bag2School  
Program.**

This program promotes the reuse and recycling of  
clothing to help divert waste going to the landfill. This  
ECOSchool initiative encourages reusing and  
recycling of clothing but is also a fundraiser! The  
school will be reimbursed funds based on the total  
weight of the collection.

#### **Did you know :**

1. Almost 100% of textile waste is recyclable.
2. 80% of unwanted clothing is dumped in  
landfills?

So please bring in gently used footwear, clothing,  
towels, linens, belts and handbags to support our  
school and environment.

For more information on this program please visit  
the following sites.

[www.bag2schoolfundraising.com](http://www.bag2schoolfundraising.com)

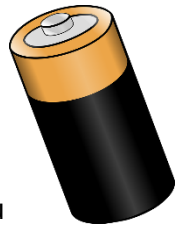
[facebook.com/bag2schoolnorthamerica](https://facebook.com/bag2schoolnorthamerica)

## Battery Recycling Week

### **BATTERY RECYCLING**

November 5-9 is Battery Recycling Week

Remember to place your batteries in  
the collection bag for curbside  
collection.



Although our school is no longer able to  
be involved with the School Battery  
Recycling Challenge, we encourage you  
to continue to dispose batteries safely at a battery  
recycling depot.

Did you know:

1. Batteries that end up in the landfill, makeup  
less than 1% of the waste found in landfills,  
but are responsible for 88% of the toxic heavy  
metals found in landfills.
2. When batteries are recycled, 100% of  
materials are recovered and 86% of the  
materials are upcycled!



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wear, we have it online for you! Follow these three steps to get started:

### School Council

Our next council meeting will be on:

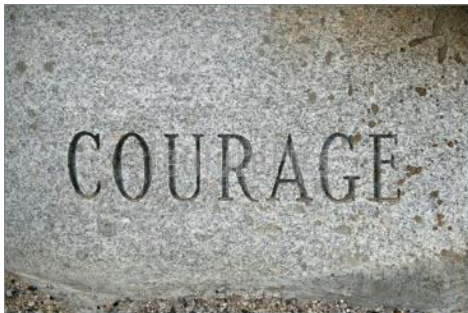
**Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m. in the library**

All parents are welcome to attend any meeting of the School Council. Please consider coming out to our school council meetings. Everyone is welcome!

### 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 Courage.



We do the right thing even when it's difficult.

### Terry Fox Update

Congratulations to the W.R. Best School Community!

We raised over \$2531 this year for our Terry Fox Run. Way to Bobcats and thank you!

### School Cash Online

**Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with SchoolCash Online**

We have made it easy for parents to make their school purchases from the convenience of their own home. Whether it's lunch days, field trips or school

1. Go to [simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com](http://simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com) or visit our school website and click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through bank transfer or credit card

It's safe, fast and convenient. All new families will be receiving further information over the next week.

### Keep Connected with W.R. Best

Here are a few ways to stay connected:

- ❖ Visit our school website: <http://wrb.scdsb.on.ca>.
- ❖ Follow W.R. Best on Twitter (@WRBestPS)
- ❖ Ensure your email address is up to date with the school to receive newsletters and important messages.



### SCDSB News...

### High School Information Night

**High school information nights for Grade 8 students coming to a school near you!**

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: **February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 at Eastview Secondary School, 421 Grove Street East, Barrie**



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### Support Eat Well to Excel

**Support Our School Breakfast and Snack Programs – Eat Well to Excel Day is Tuesday November 20, 2018!!**

Eat Well to Excel, the Simcoe County Nutrition Program for School-Age Children is the name of the local Student Nutrition Program in Simcoe County. EWTE is a non-profit community partnership that supports volunteer run Student Nutrition Programs in over 185 schools/programs (including elementary and secondary schools, learning centres and alternative programs) in Simcoe County. Research shows that students with access to a breakfast program have reduced risk for disease, are more likely to come to school and participate in class, have better test scores, and are more likely to graduate. Here's how you can support your school's Eat Well to Excel program:

- Donate money via [www.eatwelltoexcel.ca](http://www.eatwelltoexcel.ca) click on Donate now (a printable tax receipts will be issued). Include the school's name in the comment box. Otherwise the money will be used to support the purchase of equipment and food for schools with high needs.
- Donate money directly to the school
- Join the EWTE partnership committee. To find out more complete the form at [www.eatwelltoexcel.ca](http://www.eatwelltoexcel.ca), under Volunteers.

For more information, Contact us at <http://eatwelltoexcel.ca/contact-us/>

### Treaties Recognition Week Nov. 5-9

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's Nov. 5 to 9. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty

5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty.

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit [www.ontario.ca/page/treaties](http://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties)

### Bus Cancellation Information Reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s bus information website at: [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca).

Our school is in the Central zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. 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 follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC\_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>

### Safe Water in our School

**Safe water in our school**

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, along with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, works with local school boards in their efforts to ensure children are protected from unnecessary



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exposure to lead from drinking water. All schools are required to flush their plumbing regularly and sample their water to test for lead. Samples must be collected at every tap that provides drinking water or that is used to prepare food or drink for children under the age of 18. Schools are required to test both standing (water that has been sitting in the distribution lines) and flushed water (water which has run through the lines) for lead on a regular basis (e.g. annually). Flushing has been shown to reduce lead levels in water and is a recognized lead reduction strategy. If a school's drinking water test result is above the provincial drinking water standard for lead, the schools communicate these results to the local Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks to ensure corrective actions are carried out and the problem is resolved.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### Parents have influence on their teens

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Did you know that teenagers rank their parents as having the most influence over what risks they choose to take? And that those who believe their parents strongly disapprove of drug and alcohol use are less likely than their peers to use them! Here are some helpful tips:

- spend time with your kids and talk openly about alcohol and other drugs
- set clear and consistent messages
- know that you are a role model

For useful tips and other helpful information on how you can best communicate with your child about

drugs and alcohol, visit <http://www.smartrisknoregrets.ca/index/parent.html> or <http://simcoemuskokahealth.org>.

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