



The Bobcat News!

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Important June Dates

June is Pride Month, Italian Heritage Month, National Indigenous History Month, Portuguese History and Heritage Month

June 1- School Spring Fair 4:30-6:30pm

June 2 - PA Day

June 3 - Poson (Buddhism)

June 4 - Pentecost (Christianity)

June 8 - Track & Field Grade 4-8

June 9 - Track & Field Grade 4-8 (rain date)

June 9 - Tiffin Program - Kindergarten @ WR Best

June 10- Portugal Day

June 11- All Saints Day (Christianity)

June 12 - Scientists in Schools - Gr. 8

June 14 - Zones Track & Field @ Eastview

June 15- Grade 4 YMCA Field Trip

June 16 - Tropical Day!

June 16 - Kindergarten Celebration of Learning 2-3pm

June 16 - Jamyang Khyentse Chokyi Lodro Anniversary (Buddhism)

June 16 - Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikhism)

June 18 - Father's Day

June 19 - United Empire Loyalist's Day

June 20 - Gr. 3-6 Talent Show 2-3pm

June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 23 - Report Cards Home

June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation

June 27 - School Assembly

June 29 - House Colours Day

June 29 - Last Day of School

June 30 - PA Day

June Days of Observance on the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/3Ln2Mfb>.

Principal's Message

Tomorrow, June 1st, I look forward to seeing our students and families at the Spring fair!

June is a month of final celebrations at school. We are proud of the achievements all our students have made this year, and we recognize the tremendous growth each

student has demonstrated. Report cards go home on June 23rd. Take time to review your child's growth on their Kindergarten Communication of Learning (Kindergarten) or Report Card (Grade 1-8) – look how far they have come! This year, we have had many activities for our students to participate in at school to enrich their school experience. All of these activities would not be possible without our staff, who go above and beyond volunteering their time, our community volunteers who support through initiatives in the classroom, on field trips, as coaches, and in many other roles; and our School Council. Thank you to our entire community for your time and support of WR Best! This month, I would like to congratulate our Grade 8 students as they graduate from elementary school. You will be missed, and I wish you all the best in high school next year!

Finally, our last day of school is Thursday June 29th. I wish everyone a safe and active summer – we will see you back here on Tuesday September 5th!

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Spring Fair



Come and join us at the school for our annual Spring Fair! June 1st, 2023 from 4:30-6:30pm. There will be LOTS to do and see including an obstacle course, Oro-Medonte fire truck, Scholastic Book Fair,

paint a school bus, pre-ordered pizza, taco food truck, W.R. Best's famous Themed Baskets silent bid auction, and MORE! Can't wait to see you there!



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Character Education

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.

More information about character education can be found here: scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education.

PA DAY

Please note that Friday, June 2 is a PA Day for SCDSB elementary students. Please refer to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

End of Day Routines

Please do not telephone the school with last-minute changes to transportation plans at the end of the school day unless it is an emergency.

Make arrangements ahead of time, be organized, and please be considerate. We need your co-operation, with this as the end of the day is extremely busy.



Kiss N' Ride

Our Kiss N' Ride is a busy place! Below is a reminder of our protocols to ensure that our Kiss N' Ride runs smoothly:

- Kiss N' Ride has a dedicated lane that is separate from the bus lanes
- When you come into the parking lot you will follow along the driveway to the far side of the building to

pick up your child(ren); (please ensure that you are coming in/exiting the correct driveway)

- 9:05 - Kiss N' Ride Drop off may begin; please do not drop your children off before this time as the yard is not supervised prior to this time
- End of Day - when you get to the pick-up location at the end of the day, please:
 - *remain in your vehicle unless you need to exit to buckle students in
 - *Let the staff member on duty know who you are picking up & they will then be released to you
- Please ensure that when you are entering the parking lot at the end of the day that you are not blocking our buses from coming in or out of the driveways
- Please do not pick your children up on the road as it poses a safety hazard to you as well as the students.

Thank you very much for working together to ensure that everyone is safe when leaving school at the end of the day!

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser



FundScrip Gift Card Fundraiser

By purchasing these gift cards, your everyday expenses will benefit our school. Each gift card purchased automatically includes a donation to W.R. Best.

It's easy to use, just head over to Fundscrip.com, click on "Support a Group", enter invitation code 9U8E2G and click "Search". Follow the steps to open an account and you are ready to purchase gift cards!



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Napoli Pizza Fundraiser

**TUESDAY'S & WEDNESDAY'S
PIZZA NIGHT**



EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT UNTIL THE END OF JUNE ORDER PIZZA FROM NAPOLI AND HAVE IT FOR DELIVERY OR PICKUP. ASK FOR THE WR BEST SPECIALS AND \$5/PER ORDER WILL BE DONATED TO OUR SCHOOL.

CALL NAPOLI PIZZA AND CAFE
705-353-0800

Option A	Option B
2 Medium Pizzas 3 Toppings each	2 Large Pizzas 3 Toppings each
\$35 (tax incl) Pickup or Delivery	\$40 (tax incl) Pickup or Delivery

Delivery is NOT included

Napoli Pizza and Cafe locally family owned
855 Ridge rd W. Oro Sation Just off 5th line

How to Order:

1. Go to your SchoolCash Online account items page and click "ORDER NOW".
2. Confirm your child's account information including their new teacher and grade for the current school year. **Please ensure the correct teacher and grade are selected to prevent errors on delivery days.
3. Proceed with ordering your child's lunch on the school's ordering calendar by clicking on the blue date for the scheduled vendors.
4. All orders are submitted on the website and payment is processed on-line by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Debit MasterCard or Visa Debit. Visa and MasterCard prepaid cards are also accepted.

Things to Remember:

- Orders may be placed weekly, or in advance, for the full length of the program.
- The ordering deadline is Sunday at 12pm (NOON) for the upcoming delivery period.
- New orders will not be accepted after the Sunday deadline.
- If buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, and if there is a school closure, lunches will be cancelled and a credit will be issued within 3 business days.

Questions? Contact the Lunchbox Orders customer service team at 1-877-426-6860 or by e-mail at info@lunchboxorders.com

Hot Lunches for Students

Hot lunches are available to order for our students via the Lunchbox program through School Cash Online. Lunchbox is a convenient, online ordering platform featuring local vendors. An ordering calendar can be found on your School Cash Online items page. The ordering calendar features the following options:

Mondays: Pasta
Tuesdays: Pizza
Wednesdays: Subs
Thursdays: Freshii (min order requirements)
Fridays: Quesada (min order requirements)

Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). Here are some ways to do that:

- Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at scdsb.on.ca.



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- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb)

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Use of student information to transition from elementary to secondary

As students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under the *Education Act*. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure, and protected at all times. Please contact Susan Sidlofsky, Superintendent of Education, if you would like more information about the transition process at W.R. Best Memorial Public School

Registration Now Open for Summer eLearning!

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering summer school courses in July 2023 for current high school students or adult learners who are interested in earning a new credit or upgrading a previous mark. Students can advance online learning skills, earn missed credits or fast-track preparation for graduation or post-secondary in just four weeks. eLearning is fully supported by certified teachers who are available electronically daily. Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at <http://thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school>.



Register for Kindergarten Now!



Kindergarten is the beginning of a wonderful journey of learning, and we want your child to begin their journey in a SCDSB school! Do you have a child who is turning four in 2023? If so, we invite you to register your child for Kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

Complete a Diploma in PSW



Did you know that the SCDSB's Learning Centres offer an accredited Personal Support Worker (PSW) program? Individuals interested in a career in healthcare can earn 7.5 credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and a PSW certificate upon completion of the program!



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The online application portal for PSW programs beginning in September 2023 in Barrie, North Simcoe (Midland), and Orillia is now open. To apply, visit thelearningcentres.com and watch the mandatory virtual information session video. This video includes important information about the PSW program and the application process. Applicants will also be required to complete an online PSW Literacy Assessment. Register for the assessment using the 'Assessment Registration Form'.

Registration for September 2023 closes July 7 at 12 p.m. Have questions or need more information? Contact the Learning Centres at psw@scdsb.on.ca.

EarlyON Child and Family Centres

The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres have locations throughout Simcoe County. These centres offer a variety of services, including programs that help prepare children and parents/guardians for kindergarten. Check

with your local EarlyON provider for dates and times. <https://linktr.ee/earlyonsimcoe>

Before and After School Programs for the 2023-24 School Year

Register now for before and after school programs for the 2023-24 school year. Please contact the child care operator at your child's school directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after.

Take Math Outdoors This Summer!!

Are you looking for ways to promote and extend your child's math learning in the summer? Take math outside! Many of the everyday summer activities that your child engages in provide opportunities for making math practical through meaningful math explorations.

Number

- Count collections of objects found in nature or on a scavenger hunt
- Calculate rates and speed during running, biking, and obstacle races
- Estimate the heights and lengths of natural and manmade objects outside

Algebra

- Find examples of growing and shrinking patterns in nature
- Code your friend, where one person is the coder, while the other is the robot, and the coder must instruct the robot on how to navigate a path or do a dance around the yard

Spatial

- Use a park map to plan a route and travel to a new location
- Go on a shape hunt and find shapes in the natural environment
- Examine leaves and other objects to find symmetry
- Estimate and determine elapsed time of road trips and adventures

Data

- Keep a tally of the different types of birds that come to the feeder or other animals that come into the yard
- Track and graph daily temperatures or precipitation over time



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- Track the growth of plants in a vegetable garden and examine how they change over time

Financial literacy

- Determine a budget and calculate the costs to refresh a garden
- Set up a lemonade stand and determine costs and sales goals
- Donate gently-used outdoor items that you're done with for others to enjoy

Have fun adding some math joy to your outdoor experiences this summer!

Licensed Summer School Age Child Care Programs

Child care programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party child care operators in some SCDSB schools. To support your child care needs, some operators offer child care over the summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at

scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after



Gratitude Moment Coping Strategy

Well-being is a Strategic Priority in the Simcoe County District School Board, and our mental health and well-being department provides monthly strategies to support student and family well-being.

This month's strategy is gratitude moment. Viewing the world and relationships through a lens of gratitude can help children and youth intentionally notice the positive elements in their day and shift the balance towards optimism, even when facing a challenge. To practice gratitude moment at home, model to your child/youth how to express gratitude. Explain what it means to be grateful or thankful. Share something you are thankful /grateful for as an example and in turn, have your child share something they are thankful/grateful for. Repeat this practice as often as you would like. Practicing gratitude moment can be done at any time of the day, or at regular times such as at mealtime or before bed. Consider writing down the ideas and posting them in your home or creating a gratitude jar.

Find more easy and fun mental health activities to do at home here: <https://smho-smso.ca/online-resources/easy-and-fun-mental-health-activities-for-home/>

Follow the Mental Health and Well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB_MHWP) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools.



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Continuing Literacy Development Throughout the Summer

As the summer break approaches, it's time for children to recharge, explore, and have fun in the sun. While the break from school is a great opportunity for relaxation, it's important to continue fostering literacy skills during this time. Here are some valuable tips to keep children engaged in literacy activities throughout the summer.

1. Visit the local library: Libraries offer an abundance of books, resources, and summer reading programs that can captivate children's imaginations. Encourage your children to explore various genres, discover new authors, and participate in library events. It's a wonderful way to nurture their love for reading and broaden their literary horizons.
2. Create a reading routine: Establish a consistent reading routine that works for your family. Set aside a specific time each day dedicated to reading. Whether it's before bedtime, during a lazy afternoon, or while traveling, having a designated reading time helps create a habit and signals to your children that reading is an important part of their day.
3. Encourage reading beyond books: While books are a great way to foster literacy, don't limit reading to just novels or story books. Encourage your kids to read newspapers, magazines, comic books, and even online articles. Let them explore topics they find intriguing, fostering a broader range of

reading experiences and exposing them to different writing styles.

4. Engage in meaningful conversations: After your child finishes reading a book, engage in conversations about the story. Ask questions about their favourite characters, the plot, and their interpretation of the events. Encouraging dialogue not only improves reading comprehension but also helps develop critical thinking and communication skills.
5. Explore digital resources: While it's important to limit screen time, there are numerous digital resources that can enhance literacy skills. Look for reputable educational websites, interactive reading apps, or audiobooks that can provide a multimedia experience and make reading more engaging for your children. The SCDSB even has a digital ebook library that can be accessed through the SORA app.
6. Keep a summer journal: Encourage your child to keep a summer journal where they can document their daily activities, adventures, and thoughts. This practice allows them to reflect on their experiences, recall memories, and improve their descriptive writing skills. Provide writing prompts or encourage them to illustrate their journal entries to make it even more engaging.
7. Start a storytelling tradition: Encourage your child to create and tell stories. You can establish a storytelling tradition where each family member



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takes turns sharing a story they've written, or even collaborate on a story together. This activity sparks imagination, builds narrative skills, and promotes a love for storytelling.

Remember, the goal is to make literacy enjoyable and a natural part of your child's summer routine. By implementing these tips, you can ensure that your children continue to thrive academically while having a fantastic summer vacation.



Adult English as a Second Language Program

Looking to improve your English skills? Join our Adult English as a Second Language Program (ESL) classes to improve your listening and speaking skills through class discussions and presentations. Develop your English skills to advance in your current job or open the door to new employment opportunities. Learn more about your local community and explore Canadian culture and history.

Adult ESL classes are offered year-round with a continuous intake.

To register for the program, please contact the Barrie Learning Centre at 705-725-8360 ext. 45151, or email ganderson@scdsb.on.ca.

**Please note all students starting ESL for the first time must be assessed prior to starting the class. Fees apply for visitors to Canada and work/study permit holders.*