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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

RE: SCHOOL PARKING LOT

March will hopefully bring some milder weather with clearer roads and sidewalks. It's the perfect reminder that walking to school might be a better alternative to support a healthier lifestyle, build in family time, and improve the safety of our school parking lot. Trillium Woods ES was originally built and designated as a **WALKING SCHOOL**. As such, our school design includes multiple entry points onto our school yard to facilitate this. An area of concern for school staff and the parent community has been and continues to be our school parking lot. The parking lot was designed for school staff to park their vehicles and was never designated for community use.

During the morning drop-off, TWES staff are doing their best to make your arrival as smooth and safe as possible. In doing so, we kindly request that you remain in your vehicle, if you choose to use the kiss n' ride feature offered. If you prefer to get out of your vehicle, you may do so in the limited parking spaces we have available, or on a designated side street and walk your child in.

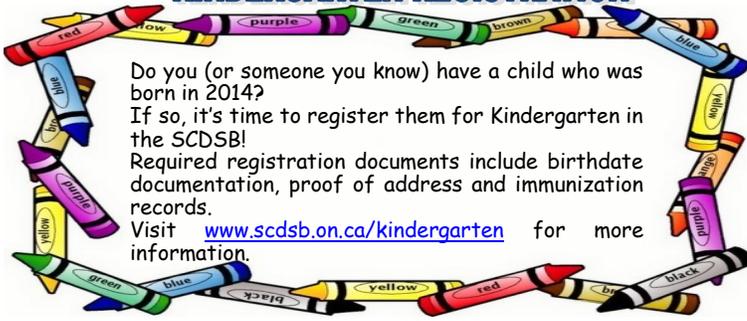
During the afternoon pick-up, we appreciate your consideration for the safety of everyone. Please slow down while moving your vehicle in the live lane, but continue to proceed around the loop. Please do not park or stop in the live lane of traffic (even for just a short minute). This would include no double parking beside vehicles parked in our kiss n' ride lane. School staff will be on hand to request that you abide by this request so that traffic can flow in our congested parking lot.

This message is being shared with the hope that student safety can be improved. I feel it's important to take this time to address it with the school community. We care about our students and want to reduce the frustrations of everyone during what can be a hectic time of day. Please consider these requests and let's all see if we can make a difference to improve our drop-off and pick-up at TWES.

Muchly appreciated,

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UPCOMING DATES Apr. 23 - Final Payment due for Gr. 8 trip	ATTENTION JR BOYS! Listen to announcements for upcoming basketball tryouts!		1 Day 3 -Dental Screening -Gr. 3 Swim to Survive -Int. Boys B-ball & Int. Girls Volleyball Tournament (PM)	2 Day 4 Dental Screening 
5 Day 5	6 Day 1	7 Day 2 	8 Day 3 Dance-a-thon Gr. 3 Swim to Survive	9 Day 4 Spirit Day: Fun in the Sun! 
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19 Day 5	20 Day 1	21 Day 2 	22 Day 3 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive	23 Day 4 
26 Day 5	27 Day 1 Kindies To Tiffen	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4 Good Friday NO SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014?
If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB!
Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records.
Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

SPIRIT DAY



Our next Spirit day is Friday, March 9th
Fun in the Sun!

Let's bring a summer feeling into the school by wearing shorts, sundresses, summer hats, sunglasses, t-shirts and Hawaiian leis!
We will still be going outside for fun and fresh air at recess!

PARENTS INVITED TO INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION

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.

- ◇ **March 19**
Accessing Supports in the Community
- ◇ **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.

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**
LGBTQ2S Youth Connection is a drop-in and social space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, 2spirit, trans, asexual etc. and questioning youth. Groups are a place for youths to connect with each other and the community. Groups take place in Barrie, Midland and Orillia.

DONATIONS

Thank you for your donations provided to the school throughout the year.

They go a long way to supporting the well-being and learning of our students.

If you have something you believe might be useful to the classroom please approach your child's teacher through their classroom communication tool.

The most popular donations the school receives are used books and winter clothing. We wish to accept winter clothing during the months of Oct/Nov.

Used books will be accepted during the Spring in support of our used book sale in the library. If you could please consider this in your planning it would be appreciated and would make it more manageable for the school as we have limited storage space.



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.

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.