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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On November 11th your child will be bringing home a Progress Report Card. This report does not include grades. Instead it focuses on the six Learning Skills along with progress in the curriculum subjects. When you are looking through this report please consider the following:

- Learning Skills appear on the first page, indicating these are important skills that deserve first consideration. Which of the Learning Skills are a strength for my child? Take some time to celebrate the successes.
- Which Learning Skills can I help my child develop? The student will have to demonstrate the skill, but parents are key to helping students develop these skills, which can be transferred to school. For example, a student who needs to work on responsibility can practise that skill at home taking care of a pet, or completing chores.
- On page 2, if your child has a subject that is "Developing with Difficulty", take some time to talk to him/her about that class. Determine what challenges he/she is facing and help develop a plan for success.
- If there are frequent absences or lates, this can have an impact on student achievement. What can you do as a family to promote being at school, on time, each day?

Dates to Remember

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day
Nov 11 – Progress Report Cards
Nov 14 - School Council 6PM
Nov. 16-18 - Book Fair
Nov.18 - P.D. Day
Nov.25 - Spirit Day – Funky Hair

When you meet with the teacher, it's a great time to discuss:

- The positive experiences your child has shared about this school year.
- Learning Skills are essential for success. It's a great time to talk about how your child is demonstrating them in school.
- If there is an area of need, what does your child need to do/demonstrate to achieve greater success? How can the parent support that effort? How will the parent and family communicate to discuss this progress?
- Any questions you have about school/home communication, use of technology for learning, volunteer opportunities or upcoming field trips. It's a great time to get answers to those questions.

Report cards provide feedback to families three times a year, but teachers and parents are encouraged to communicate about student achievement more frequently. Do not hesitate to connect with the teacher throughout the school year.

SPIRIT WEAR IS BACK

On Nov 16th from 12-6 p.m. and Nov 17th from 9a.m to 8 p.m. parents can stop by our gym and order and receive school clothing.

This company provides on the spot printing. The garments will be created before your eyes. Prices start at \$15 for a T-shirts \$20 for long sleeve T-shirt, \$35 for a ½ zip sweatshirt and go to \$40 for a full zip sweat shirt. All prices include 5 logos of your choice. Sizes range from Youth S- XL and Adult S-XXL. This vendor only accepts cash payment.

LOST AND FOUND

Parents and students are reminded to please check the Lost and Found for clothing and other articles. It will be set up in the foyer during parent teacher conferences. Please take a look for any items that have gone missing. We will be sending any remaining items to a local charity shop after the P.D. Day (Nov. 18).

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are using an online system this year for parents/guardians to book appointments with the teacher. The bright pink flyer was sent home on Oct 30 and again by email on Nov 1. You can always request an additional copy through the school office. Anyone who cannot book online can call the toll free number shown on the form and the online company will assist you with booking the appointment.

TRILLIUM WOODS AT CITY HALL

Trillium Woods Talent coming to City Hall

Some of our Grade 5 students in Ms. Jensen's and Mrs. Gibbs-White's classes entered the annual Mayor's Christmas card cover contest. Although we did not win the card contest the Mayor's office asked if they could display our artistic efforts at City Hall this December! Congratulations Grade 5 students on your effort and recognition!

Ms. Jensen and Mrs. Gibbs-White

OPEN HOUSE AT OUR CHILDCARE CENTRE

Families are welcome to visit our onsite childcare centre on Thursday, November 17 from 6-7:30 p.m. The door in the school foyer will be open for anyone who wants to learn more about this excellent facility.

BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION

It's almost winter: Bus cancellation information for parents

Winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County, and with it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and possible bus and school event cancellations.

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the CENTRAL zone. When buses are cancelled, schools are still 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 between 6 and 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>

For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather listen to local radio for event cancellation information.

BARRIE POLICE JUNIOR CONSTABLE CAMP

By: Julian Kipp

In the summer I went to the Barrie Police Station to start the weeklong day camp. There were lots of students in my group with five police officers. We got our t-shirts the first day and we had to wear it every day. I went there every day for the whole week.

We went on three field trip. My favourite field trip that week was going to Blue Mountain. We went swimming, went on a chair lift, and went hiking. On another day we went to Domino's Pizza to make our own lunch. We also went to a park with a mini zip line.

At the police station we learned a lot of things. If someone does something bad on the internet and then deletes it, we learned that things are not deleted. We got to sit in a police car but I would have liked to meet the police dogs. We met a lot of police officers and go inside a jail cell. It was actually pretty fun. The police officers wouldn't shut the doors of the cell.



LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Marling is very excited to announce that our library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair the week of November 14th. The book fair is open on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov 16-17 from 9-3 for our students. For parents, you can shop on Nov 17th from 3:30 – 8:00 p.m and Friday, Nov 18th (PD DAY) from 9-noon. Please help support our library!! Visa/MasterCard/American Express, Debit and cash will be accepted.

On December 7th, Trillium Woods is very fortunate to be having acclaimed Canadian author, **Eric Walters** visit our library. Mr. Walters will be speaking to the Junior and Intermediate students in the morning. More details will be coming home soon.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of our Cross-Country runners who participated in our Regional meet on Oct. 13th. Five of our runners, Alex S, Matthew N, Aiden M, Abby R and Lucas S, then went on to compete in the Counties on Oct 18th. Great job representing TWES! A special thank you to Mr. Gross and Mrs. Ryan who coached this team of 40 students.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH UNIT: STAY HEALTHY THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty you can use alcohol based hand rub "hand sanitizer" for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact *Health Connection* at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We collected 452.3 kilograms of food for FCC Drive Away Hunger, this year. Great job everyone!

SAFE SCHOOLS REPORTING TOOL

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://trw.scdsb.on.ca> , as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is always our top priority. For more information please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

