

**Being on time is important**  
**Entry bell is at 8:40 a.m.**  
**Outside supervision begins at**  
**8:25 a.m.**  
**Student dismissal is 3:00 p.m.**



# Trillium Woods E. S.

November 2017

Character Trait: Courage

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**Central Bus Zone**  
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## PROGRESS REPORTS

Your child will bring home a Progress Report on November 10th. This report does not have grades, as it indicates progress to date. You will use the progress report to guide your conversations with your child and the teacher (at the upcoming interview).

Please take some time to review the Learning Skills. This section provides a wealth of information about your child's successes so far. As well, teachers provide good "Next Steps" for improvement.

When reading a Progress Report, you can ask the following questions:

- A) Does your child's achievement match with your understanding of his/her skills? ( If not, that is a great conversations starter with your child.)
- B) When I meet with the teacher I would like to ask about....?
- C) How is my child attendance and/or lates impacting his/her success at school?
- D) What supports can we provide at home to help our child meet his/her potential?

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Information regarding signing up for an interview/conference was included with this newsletter. We will be using the same online booking service as last year. If you can't book online, there is a toll free number to call and someone will help you book your appointment. Parents of larger families may wish to book their appointments quickly, with a goal of getting appointments as close together as possible.

## REMIND

Remind is a texting service commonly used by our teachers to share information with families. It is so well received by parents, we are going to field test it as another tool for the school office to communicate school topics. Attached to this newsletter are the instructions to join this group text. Please note: it will not accept texts from individuals as it is only used to share information with those who sign up. We will let you know in a couple of months if our field test was a success.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p><i>Did you know that some teachers have blogs? Check out our school website- staff to see if your teacher has a link there.</i></p>	<p><i>If you are looking for services in the community for your child or yourself call 211 or search <a href="https://211ontario.ca">https://211ontario.ca</a></i></p>	<p>1 Day 5 Pizza Day</p>	<p>2 Day 1</p>	<p>3 Day 2 Sub Day</p>
<p>6 Day 3</p>	<p>7 Day 4</p>	<p>8 Day 5 Pizza Day</p>	<p>9 Day 1</p>	<p>10 Day 2 Remembrance Day Assembly 9 a.m. Families Welcome Sub Day</p>
<p>13 Day 3 School Council 6 p.m. in the library  National Addiction Awareness Week</p>	<p>14 Day 4</p>	<p>15 Day 5 Pizza Day  Rotary Book Day</p>	<p>16 Day 1  Parent/Teacher Conference Night</p>	<p>17  <b>P. D. DAY NO SCHOOL</b></p>
<p>20 Day 2  Peace Week</p>	<p>21 Day 3</p>	<p>22 Day 4 Pizza Day</p>	<p>23 Day 5</p>	<p>24 Day 1 Sub Day</p>
<p>27 Day 2</p>	<p>28 Day 3</p>	<p>29 Day 4 Pizza Day</p>	<p>30 Day 5</p>	<p><b>Pizza and Milk Orders for Dec due: Nov 21</b>  <b>Sub orders for Dec due: Dec 4</b></p>

## BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION REMINDER

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](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>. For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

Our school has moved to an automated safe arrival system. The first parent/guardian listed in the student file will receive an automated call on days when buses are cancelled if their child isn't at school. The recording will tell you that you do not need to call the school back unless your child should be at school.

## OHIP+ PROVIDES FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrollment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit: [www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus](http://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus).

## NUTRI-ESTEP CAN HELP YOUR FAMILY ENCOURAGE HEALTHY EATING HABITS

Are you a parent of a Kindergarten student? Do you sometimes worry about your child's healthy eating? Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out [www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP](http://www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP). You answer 17 questions to find out what's going well and what to work on to keep your child healthy. Nutri-eSTEP is a questionnaire for parents with children aged 18 months to five years of age. When you help your children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. For more information, call Health Connection weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or toll free 1-877-721-7520. *Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

## CELEBRATE PEACE IN YOUR COMMUNITY: PEACE WEEK IS NOV. 18 TO 25

November is a month of reflection and gratitude. The sight of poppies and wreaths serve as a reminder of the brave men and women who have fought for peace and freedom. The month of November also celebrates a nationwide YMCA initiative called Peace Week, from November 18 to 25. This is a time when we can celebrate the presence of peace in our local and global communities. Peace Week offers activities and opportunities for people of all ages to explore peace from personal, community and global perspectives. Simple actions like sharing, being patient or smiling and saying hello can have a far greater impact than we think.

As an advocate for peace, the YMCA invites everyone to be part of the conversation. Share something you do to foster peace in your home, school, workplace or community. Join in spreading kindness throughout our community with "Be Kind Bells." These bells will be hidden in locations throughout our community. If you find one, perform one kind act, then hide the bell for someone else to find. Share on social media using #YMCAPeaceWeek with the location where you found the bell, your kind act and encourage someone else to do the same!

## 2017-18 SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council had an inaugural meeting on October 2 to establish the executive and begin their roles for this school year:

Chair:	Melanie Anstey
Co-chair:	Sarah Carder
Secretary:	Dorothy Moore
Parent Members:	Deanne Graham Emilie Guy Leslie Rodrigues Nancy Thompson Jeff Fraser Jen Lavigne Tamara Barber
Teaching Reps:	Heather Ma and Jan Golden
Non teaching Rep:	Monica Laronde
Administration:	Jo-Ann White-McKenna and Jo Dee Duffett

All School Council meetings are open to the public and advertised in the school newsletter each month. A binder is maintained in the office with the documents related to the work of the school council and can be viewed upon request.

## IT'S TIME TO UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up to date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. It's easier than ever to update your child's immunization status. Go to [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) to update your child's record, or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

## INTERMEDIATE FLAG FOOTBALL

The Tornado Flag Football team enjoyed a wonderful season this fall, finishing third in all of Simcoe, at the County tournament. Flag Football is a Co-ed intermediate team with 20 team members. The team beat Shanty Bay, Hillcrest, Goodfellow and Couchiching. Our team Captains were Ricky and Sydney. At the country tournament Ricky did not throw one interception and threw many touchdown passes. Sydney ran for more yards than anyone else in the county on the day of the tournament. Wide receiver Anthony had 6 touchdown receptions and Mark had two interceptions on defense that he returned for touchdowns. Team members were Ricky, Anthony, Nicole, Aiden M, Abigail, Ayden M, Damien, Olivia, Mason, McKenna, Nicholas, Omosede, Mark, Tyrell, ,Michelle, Emmanuel, Sydney, Taylor, Dasha and Ryan.

