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ADMIN MESSAGE

Dear TWES Families,

During the month of November we will experience consistently lower temperatures, along with less desirable weather conditions. Our students will continue to play and learn outside. We ask that you send your child(ren) dressed for changing/worsening weather. Parents are reminded that only essential visits to our school are permitted. As a result of this policy, families are reminded that dropping off lunches, water bottles, boots, mitts/hats, indoor shoes, etc. are being discouraged. In the event something is forgotten we can help your child(ren) here at school. Planning ahead for your child(ren) is appreciated as we continue to keep our school a safe environment for our staff and students.

This month you will have the opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s educators and discuss how your child(ren) are progressing with their learning. Our student-led conferences will take on a different feel, with phone calls and virtual meetings replacing our in-person conferences. We hope you will find these meetings beneficial as you learn about your child(ren)'s progress. During conference time, we are excited to offer a fundraising opportunity with a virtual book fair! More information is included in this newsletter from our Teacher Librarian, Mrs. Marling! It is a great way to support TWES through fundraising, while preparing for Christmas gifts and supporting your child(ren)'s education.

Once again, the staff at TWES appreciate the partnership we have in supporting your child(ren)'s education!

Mr. Ealey and Mrs. Collingbourne

DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

To support the health and safety of students, staff, parents and others on school property, animals are not permitted on school property without the prior, written permission of the Principal or designate. This general prohibition includes, but is not limited to, dogs, cats, birds and potentially dangerous exotic animals. Service dogs permitted.



November	Financial Literacy Month
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November 1-7	Canadian Down Syndrome Week
November 2-6	Treaties Recognition Week
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	World Kindness Day
November 15-21	Bullying Awareness Week
November 20	Trans Day of Remembrance

November PA Day

Please note that Friday, Nov. 20 is a PA day for all secondary and elementary SCDSB students, both Learn@Home and in school. Please refer to the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

COVID-19 self-assessment

All students and staff will be expected to self-screen prior to attending school each day, using a self-assessment tool provided by the SMDHU. Students or staff with symptoms must stay home from school. To access the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, please visit the [SMDHU website](#).



mPower: supporting your child's math learning



Are you looking for a way to provide extra math practice for your child at home, in a fun and engaging format?

TVO mPower is a free digital tool that includes 65+ online games to support the mastery of tough-to-learn math concepts.

TVO mPower is:

1. Ontario curriculum-based: Aligns with the Ontario mathematics, science and technology and social studies curricula while also supporting the development of global competencies
2. Learner-centred: Tracks student progress and responds to learners' needs
3. Assessment-driven: Includes teacher dashboard and educator resources
4. Tested and trusted: Developed in partnership with Ontario educators and students
5. Free: Always free for Ontario students and educators - and now for Ontario families
6. Safe and advertising-free
7. Available for desktop and laptop computers and iPad tablets

Visit vompower.com for more information.



Bear Creek Secondary School High school information events for Grade 8 students

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information events will happen virtually this winter. Student leaders and staff at the school will give an overview of what's new and what to expect. Different pathways and courses offered will be explained. Visit our school's website for more information.

Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov. 2 to 6



Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it is Nov. 2 to 6. 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.

Royal Canadian Legion poppy campaign



The SCDSB has a time-honoured relationship with our local Royal Canadian Legions through the annual poetry and poster competitions and the annual poppy campaign. For the 2020-2021 year, it is our intention to once again support the poppy campaign. Due to the health and safety protocols in place, we will not be collecting donations from students. Instead, schools are asked to work with their school councils to make a suitable donation through school generated funds. Families interested in making their own donations can do so by visiting the Royal Canadian Legion's poppy campaign at www.legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy.

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) Clinical Services changes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Vision screening

The SMDHU will not be offering the Vision Screening Program for JK/SK for the 2020-2021 school year. Eye exams are free, with an OHIP card, for children 19 years old and under. Visit the

College of Optometrists of Ontario to find an optometrist near you.

Oral health

Oral health screening at school will be delayed this year. The SMDHU will be looking for an opportunity to offer this screening later in the year if possible.

Screening and fluoride varnish application continues to be available in our offices by appointment for children 17 years and under.

Immunization

The SMDHU will not be holding immunization clinics at your child's school during the 2020-2021 school year. We are planning to have school-based immunizations offered in the 2021-2022 school year for Grade 7 and 8 students.

For families of current Grade 8 students who have not completed their immunization series of Hepatitis B (HB), Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Menactra due to COVID-19, we are offering immunization clinics at our health unit offices throughout Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka. Immunization clinics start Nov. 2, 2020 and are by appointment only. No walk-ins will be immunized. Please call us at 1-877-721-7520 x-8827 to book your child's appointment.

For more information on SMDHU clinical services for children, please contact Health Connection at:

705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, or visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Grade 1 French Immersion information

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

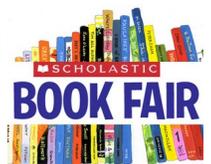
Historically, in-person Grade 1 FI Family Information Nights are held annually in advance of the application process for the following school year. This year, due to restrictions to large-group public gatherings, in-person Family Information Nights will not be held. In lieu of this, an [information page on the board's public website](#) has been created to allow families the ability to access and learn about the program and the application process.

The online Grade 1 FI application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 until 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020. In Grade 1, enrollment in the FI Program is limited to a maximum of two classes of 20 students per class at each host site for the FI program. The electronic applications will be processed in the order determined by a digitally randomized lottery system.

Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

Save The Date!

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a Virtual Book Fair to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together. So, save the date! Our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair will take place from November 12th-26th, 2020.



When it's time to shop, visit our school's Virtual Book Fair site using this link: (copy and paste into your browser)

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5151623>

Books will be delivered right to your door! (\$6 shipping on orders under \$35 and free shipping on orders over \$35.

If you shop on our Family Night—November 19th, - all orders qualify for free shipping!

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- SAVE it to your browser
- WATCH videos of popular new titles
- PREVIEW our Featured Books

This will be a great opportunity to start on holiday shopping and support the Trillium Woods' Library at the same time! Watch for more news leading up to our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair! Happy reading!

Mrs. Marling