



TRILLIUM WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WE INSPIRE OUR COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS TO ACHIEVE - WE BELIEVE!

Jo-Ann White-McKenna
Principal

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Kevin Stapleton
Vice Principal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Now that October has arrived, we are pleased to share that our staffing and school organization is complete. Our original classes remained status quo. But there have been some staffing changes. This is our current staff list.

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| JK/SK Teams: | Mrs. Climenhage/Mrs. Faria Mrs. Cotton/Mrs. Astridge Mrs Gillen/Mrs. Carson Mrs. Coville/ Mrs. Couture |
| Gr 1 | Mrs. Gogolin Ms. Ringhofer |
| Gr 1/ 2 | Ms. Chant |
| Gr 2 | Mrs. Robertson |
| Gr 2/ 3 | Mr. Maule |
| Gr 3 | Ms. Golden Mr. Bridge |
| Gr 4 | Mrs. Scott Mr. Gross |
| Gr 5 | Ms. Gibbs-White Mrs. Jensen |
| Gr 6 | Mrs. Rand Mrs. Ryan |
| Gr 7/8 | Mr. Robertson Mr. Chenette Mr. Sarginson |
| Special Education | Mr. Peters Mrs. Dyer Mr. Centurione |
| E. A. | Mrs. Brown Mrs. Hurst Mrs. Helinski Mrs. Lawrence |
| French | Madame Stewart Madame Raybold |
| Planning Time | Mr. Klassen Mrs. Sheridan Mrs. Farnand |
| Library Office | Mr. Marling Ms. Parsons Mrs. Laronde |
| Chief Custodian | Mr. Emistica |

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 10 - Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 13 - X-Country Regional Meet
- Oct. 17 - Flag Football
- Oct 20 - Volunteer Training, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 21 -P.D. Day - NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 27 - Character Assembly 11:20
- Oct. 31 - Spirit Day – Halloween
- Nov. 1 - Photo Retake Day
- Nov. 7 - Needles All Gr. 7 & Gr. 8 Girls

VOLUNTEER TRAINING: BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Due to popular demand, we are offering a second opportunity for people interested in becoming a volunteer to attend the mandatory orientation. Please set Thursday October 20th, at 4:00 P.M. aside if you are interested in attending. Once again, it will be held in the Library at Trillium Woods E.S.

SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR 2016-17

The inaugural meeting of the School Council was held on October 3, 2016. Thank you to these individuals who have joined our group for this year.

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| Nancy Thompson | Chair |
| Emily Guy | Co-Chair |
| Tanya Kana | Secretary |
| Dorothy Moore | Parent Member |
| Sarah Carder | Parent Member |
| Leslie Rodrigues | Parent Member |
| Melanie Anstey | Parent Member |
| Irushi De Silva | Parent Member |
| Jeff Fraser | Parent Member |
| Deanne Graham | Parent Member |
| Amanda Kunaratram | Parent Member |
| Tanya Chapman | Parent Member |
| Jan Golden | Teacher Rep |
| M. Laronde/M. Emistica (Shared position) | Non-teaching Rep |
| K Stapleton/J. White-McKenna | VP/ Principal |

Stay tuned for updates from our School Council in upcoming newsletters. All School Council meetings are open to visitors. Please consider joining us to learn about the work of this volunteer group.

WHAT'S THE SCDSB DIFFERENCE? WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We need your help developing the new strategic plan for the Simcoe County District School Board. The purpose of a strategic plan is to set goals and directions that will guide the work of our organization and help us realize our vision of a community of learners achieving full potential.

We want to know:

- What does the SCDSB do already to help us realize our vision of a community of learners achieving full potential? (What are we doing well?)
- What is the most important thing that we can begin to do to help us realize our vision? (What else can we do to improve?)
- What role do you think SCDSB schools play or should play in your community?

Get involved:

- Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/difference to take our survey and complete the *Where should we invest?* sorting activity to help identify priority areas.
- Follow our @scdsb_schools Twitter account and join our #SCDSBDifference Twitter chat to share your ideas on Thurs., Oct. 6 at 8 p.m.

We'll use the input to identify the key areas stakeholders think the SCDSB should focus on. We will also review research on effective practices in education, our own data and the expectations we receive from the Ministry of Education. This information will help the Board of Trustees set our priorities. The strategic plan will outline how—together—we inspire and empower learning for life. Ultimately, our strategic priorities should move us toward our vision of a community of learners achieving full potential.

LIBRARY NEWS

We have had a great start to our school year this year! Students have been busy exploring new titles and have been investigating technology through the use of Google Docs, Google Slides, Math Prodigy, keyboarding programs and by creating Word Clouds on the computers in the library.

OUR TRILLIUM WOODS' LIBRARY HAS BEEN "ADOPTED"

Until **October 9th**, you can support our library by going to adoptaschool.indigo.ca. Find "Trillium Woods" and you can share your story about our school and Chapters will donate 1 book to our school. Chapters/Indigo will also donate 1 book for every 2 books donated through this site (\$20). Thank you to all of those community members who have already helped our library!

REMINDER FROM THE HEALTH UNIT: SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE SMOKE FREE 24/7

Protect yourself and your children from the health hazards of secondhand smoke. Remember, it is against the law to smoke ANYWHERE on school property at ANY TIME. This includes smoking in your vehicle while picking up or dropping off students. It is also against the law to smoke or hold lit tobacco in a vehicle carrying anyone under age 16. The fine for ignoring the law is \$250. For more information contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 9-15: JOIN THE *DON'T WAIT, CHECK THE DATE* SELFIE CHALLENGE

Fire Prevention Week is October 9 to 15, 2016 and local fire departments want you to join the *Don't Wait, Check the Date!* selfie challenge. Smoke alarms wear out over time and need to be replaced within the time frame indicated by the manufacturer, usually 10 years. The date of manufacture is indicated on the back of the smoke alarm and the expiry date is taken from that date. Smoke alarms are required on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Test all of your smoke alarms monthly by pushing the test button on the alarm, and replace batteries at least once a year or when the alarm's low battery signal begins to chirp.

Families are challenged everyone to take a selfie of their family checking the expiry date of their smoke alarms and post it on social media using #checkthed8. For more information about testing and replacing your smoke alarms, visit: www.ontario.ca/firemarshal.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH UNIT: ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD IS UP-TO-DATE

The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires the health unit to have up-to-date immunization records for all students attending school. According to ISPA (2014), students are required to be vaccinated against the following diseases:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (must have two doses after the first birthday)
- Meningococcal Disease (must have one dose after the first birthday & Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7)
- Varicella (chickenpox) - only for those born 2010 and after

The health unit **does not** receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices. Please contact the health unit each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider.

What you can do:

- check your child's yellow immunization card
- contact your child's health-care provider to obtain records or get missing vaccinations
- go to <http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline> to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to 705-726-3962

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

This annual fundraiser had a kick-off assembly this week. Congratulations to our Early Bird Draw winner of the 5 lb. chocolate bar. Nancy Thompson, our School Council Chair was excited to present this prize to Madelaine B.

Next week will be the next draw, so everyone who has taken a box of chocolates to sell will have a chance to win this prize too.

