

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



# Trillium Woods E. S.

October 2017  
 Character Trait:

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 Central Bus Zone  
 @TrilliumWoodsES  
 Trw.scdsb.on.ca

J White-McKenna  
 Principal

J. Duffett  
 Vice-Principal

## FROM THE OFFICE

Ms. Duffett and I want to thank everyone for the amazing start to the school year. We are very fortunate to have such a positive, supportive school community. As well, we have a pretty amazing staff! Please stop by the office to introduce yourself to Ms. Duffett if you haven't had a chance to meet her.

Please connect with the school anytime you have questions or great ideas to share. Together we can make this a great year for all students, but open communication is key to this goal!

Thank you for returning the many forms that come home in September. We appreciate your help with this important task.

We will have our first Lockdown Drill on Oct 16th. These drills are completed with Barrie Police to ensure we are as prepared as possible in case of an intruder. Our students are very familiar with them, making the drills highly effective. You can find details about all our drills in the front section of your child's agenda.

On Halloween our students are welcome to wear black/orange or a costume. Each teacher will send home a note home explaining how that class will celebrate the day. Costumes must exclude masks and toy weapons. Please do not send valuable costumes as accidents can happen at school.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	2 Day 5  Food Drive  School Council Meeting 6 p.m. in the library	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4  Last Day to buy Colts Tickets ( form attached)
	9  <b>THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL</b>  Fire Prevention Week	10 Day 5  <b>Pizza/subs/milk Orders due</b>	11 Day 1  Food Drive Ends	12 Day 2  Colts Fundraiser  Cross Country Meet	13 Day 3  <b>SUBS</b>
	16 Day 4  Lockdown Drill  <b>Milk starts</b>	17 Day 5	18 Day 1  Bus Driver Appreciation Day Flag Football Meet <b>PIZZA</b>	19 Day 2	20  <b>PD DAY NO SCHOOL</b>
	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5  <b>PIZZA</b>	26 Day 1  Character Assembly 11 a.m.	27 Day 2  <b>SUBS</b>
	30 Day 3  Retake Day for Photos	31 Day 4  Spirit Day: Halloween Costumes/Black and Orange Day		Madame Stewart reports that Harmony's Angels and her FNMI Club will both start in October.	

## OCTOBER IS INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Did you know that October is International Walk to School month? It's a great way for children to get their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day and also gives parents and staff a chance to be part of a worldwide event that celebrates the many benefits of walking. Here are some ideas:

- ⇒ Encourage your child to walk or cycle to and from school if you live close by and team up with others to make the trip more fun
- ⇒ If you usually drive your child to school, try getting them to walk part of the way
- ⇒ If your child takes the bus, walking to and from the bus stop is a great way to add physical activity minutes into the day

## MINDFUL MINUTES

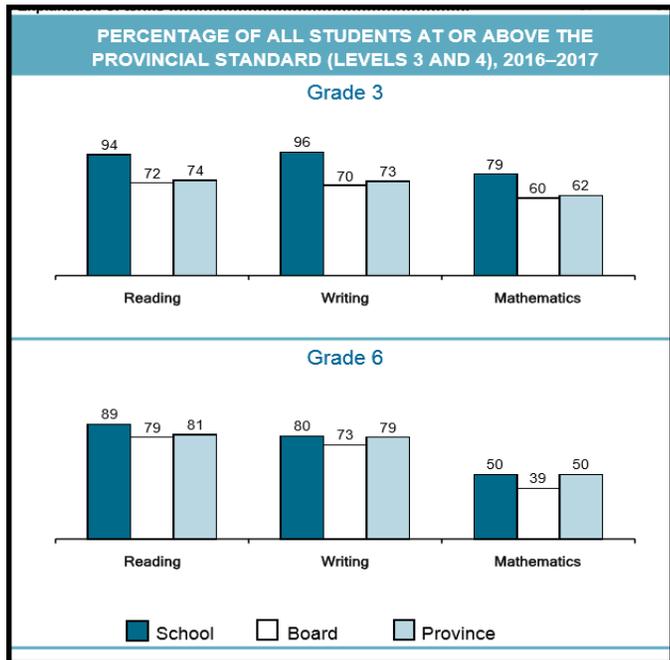
This fall we are focusing on mindfulness as a school community. What is mindfulness? It is developing an awareness of ourselves, an ability to really pay attention to what we are doing and how our actions impact the world around us. Every day we are participating in "Mindful Minutes" as a whole school after both recesses. These opportunities help us to move from the high energy of recess to a ready to learn state through breathing exercises and positive reflection. We are using [www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com) as a tool in our school and many of our classrooms. As a family you can sign up for free and check out what we have been doing at Trillium Woods! A special thank you goes out to Damien and Declan in Grade 7 who have demonstrated amazing leadership by playing our mindful minutes for the whole school every day.

## GIFTED SCREENING

Some children who display an unusually advanced degree of general intellectual ability may require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. In consultation with parents, the school staff determines who these students are through the gifted screening process. Parents of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in the next school year, who wish the school to consider their child for screening, are asked to contact Mrs. Dyer before October 13th. The gifted screening process consists of three components:

- A Teacher Rating Scale;
- A Parent Questionnaire; and,
- Standardized test results (usually the Otis Lennon School Ability Test).

After signing a permission form, parents/legal guardians will complete the Parent Questionnaire. Information obtained from this questionnaire will help the school gain a better understanding of your child's early development as well as his/her strengths, interests, needs and abilities, which the standardized test may not identify. The teacher will complete a Rating Scale, which examines areas such as learning, motivation, creativity and leadership, which he/she has observed in the classroom. Group testing will be completed and the results will provide a standardized measure of school abilities. The information gathered from all three components will assist the school in programming for your child. If you require information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school.



## EQAO

Each May our Gr 3 and 6 students participate in the provincial reading, writing and math assessments. Each Fall EQAO releases our student achievement data and the school shares the results with the school community. Students/ parents receive an individualized report, which will be sent home in the coming weeks.

This graphic shows our achievement data. Our school is the darkest line on all six graphs. The top graphs are Grade 3 and the bottom ones are Grade 6. A complete report which includes a great deal of demographic and attitudinal data can be found within the report. Please visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) for the full report. Please contact the school if you have any questions related to this report.

## LIBRARY NEWS:

Thank you to all families who supported the library during our used book sale at our school Open House. We sold 200 books and made \$100 for Mrs. Marling to buy new books for the library!

On October 18th, Trillium Woods is very fortunate to be having acclaimed Canadian author, **Richard Scrimger** visit our school. Mr. Scrimger will be speaking to the Junior and Intermediate students in the morning. The school will be asking for \$2 from each student to help offset the cost of this visit.

Stay tuned.....A Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to our school in November! Mrs. Marling

The Barrie Colts and our Trillium Woods community have once again teamed up to offer a special night at the Barrie Molson Centre for the Barrie Colts game against the Erie Otters. The Barrie Colts organization has set aside 500 tickets for Thursday, October 12, 2017 for our school community. Tickets are \$20.00 each, which includes all taxes and service fees that Ticket Break charges. The Barrie Colts organization makes a donation of \$6.00 per ticket back to Trillium Woods Elementary School. Our school choir will also be kicking off the evening with the singing of our National Anthem. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available until Friday, October 6th.

## PAY FOR FIELD TRIPS, LUNCH DAYS, ETC. WITH SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

We have made it easy for parents to make their school purchases from the convenience of their own home.

Whether it's lunch days, field trips or school wear, we have it online for you! Follow these three steps to get started:

- Go to [simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com](http://simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com) or visit our school website and click on "Pay Fees"
- Register and add your child to the newly created account
- View and purchase items through bank transfer or credit card.

***It's safe, fast and convenient. Contact the office with any questions***

## TIPS FOR A HEALTHY HALLOWEEN

The month of October is upon us and that means Halloween is just around the corner! For many children, this can be an exciting time of year as they get their costumes ready and their buckets out to fill with candy! Halloween can also be a tough time for parents to keep their kids' diets healthy and balanced. Here are some helpful 'tricks' to help you and your family have a healthy Halloween this year!

- ◆ Walk door to door when trick or treating. It will burn calories and also tire the kids out – potentially limiting the amount of houses you will hit before the end of the night. Try making a competition out of who can walk the most steps.
- ◆ Plan a party. Make the focus of your party fun activities instead of sugary treats. Include Halloween games such as a costume or dance contest, or pumpkin carving.
- ◆ Trade the candy collected for non-edible treats like books, small toys or arts and crafts materials. You can also consider offering to buy back some of the candy, providing your kids with some extra spending money as a reward.

Before your kids venture out in their costumes, make sure they eat a healthy meal. Visit your local YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka for some fun Halloween activities for the whole family to enjoy!

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to respect the guidelines when dressing for school. Our school is a safe space. We work to be equitable and inclusive, and understand that students may choose to express themselves through their clothing choices. Student clothing cannot pose a safety concern or conceal identity. Exceptions are granted to students who wear head coverings or other garments/objects for the purposes of religious observance, medical or sensory needs, or other reasons protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The SCDSB dress code is available in the student agenda and online at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca). If you have questions about the dress code, you can contact the principal or the SCDSB Equity and Inclusive Education Team at 705-728-7570.