

INNISFIL CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Character Trait Honesty

“We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner.”

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A “Visual” walk around ICPS!

We are always working on ways to share the learning from “inside” our school with families. Our school uses Social Media to share learning and school activities and events with our families. We hope to create short video clips to post to the You Tube channel of “how to” or “what does this mean?” at school. We are looking for ideas from families as to what you are interested in learning more about from our school.

Example: How is the WHAT model used?

What is STEAM?

Please send ideas to icpssafearrival@gmail.com Subject Line “You Tube Suggestion” or write a note in your child’s agenda.

Winter has arrived!

Please make sure your children, regardless of age, are wearing a coat, hat, gloves or mittens to school every day. We plan to go outside every day for recess and sometimes for Daily Physical Activity (DPA) blocks. Snow pants and boots make it more fun to play in the snow. It can be helpful to have extra clothes or for Phys. Ed. if your child gets their clothes wet while outside.

Reminders and Checking In...

We want to ensure everyone is getting our e-mails and some addresses have changed. If you receive this newsletter via our e-mail, send a note in your child’s agenda or send an e-mail to icpssafearrival@gmail.com Subject line: “Newsletter received” and in the body let us know the “Family Name of Who” received the e-mail.

We will put your child’s (or children’s) name in for a popcorn or pizza draw.

We are still collecting pop tabs and clean empty salad containers to hold paint.



Literacy Week is coming up!



Student Committee will be planning activities for Literacy Week! Our “Dress as your favourite literacy character” is Thurs. Jan. 28th. More details will be shared soon.

School Council Information

Thank you to ALL of our volunteers who assisted with our Turkey Lunch! This special tradition at our school would not be possible without you!

The Snow Valley Coupon books are \$20.00 each and

are available from the office.

We have a few ICPS cookbooks still available



for purchase. If you are looking for a unique gift for a special someone contact the school.

Recognize a STAR at your school!

Our employee recognition program, SCDSB STARS, provides the opportunity for members of the school community to nominate an outstanding SCDSB teacher, custodian, educational assistant, early childhood educator, administrator, office staff person, etc. who has done something wonderful to support students in our system.

Nominees will be informed of the nomination and the staff person will receive a personalized thank you and commemorative lapel pin from our Director of Education. It’s just one way to recognize the shining stars in our education system who make a difference every day in our schools, facilities and classrooms. Nominate an outstanding staff person by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca and clicking on ‘Staff’, then ‘SCDSB Stars.’

Bus Cancellations

You can receive bus delay notifications by subscribing here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>
You can also follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus.

French Immersion and Extended French info nights and registration info

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) and Extended French as a Second Language (EFSL) at select schools throughout the county. FI begins in Grade 1 and EFSL begins in Grade 5. These programs give students a bilingual education and the opportunity to become fluent in another language.

Information sessions will be held in January for parents of Kindergarten and Grade 4 students. A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details. Information session dates will be posted at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language.

To apply for these programs, you must complete the online application form in January at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. The FI application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 18, until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016. The EFSL application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20, until 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016.

While every effort will be made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered in the program. Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically.

EFSL is an open access program. This means that any student starting Grade 5 in September 2016 will be eligible for the EFSL program, and all online applications will be processed. **It is important to note that January 2016 is the last time students can register for the EFSL program in the SCDSB, as the EFSL program is being phased out.** Parents who do not have Internet access at home, or who require other assistance accessing the online application, should contact the school.

ECO School Updates

Our ECO team thanks everyone for their efforts in reducing our environmental footprint. Our team includes students in grades 3 to 8 who give up their breaks to work on plans to implement at our school and in our community to reduce our environmental footprint.



We will be looking for materials for upcoming activities at ICPS. Please watch for “Tweets” or e-mails about “needed materials” from around your house!

Provide input on proposed 2016-2017 school year calendar

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2016 to June 2017). Input can be provided by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca, then clicking the link on the ‘School Year Calendars’ page under the ‘Schools’ menu. All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. **Feedback is invited until Jan. 15, 2016** to ensure the SCDSB meets school year calendar development timelines set by the Ministry of Education.

High School information nights coming soon to a high school near you

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen in January and February! **Nantury Shores information night is February 17th @ 7:00pm.** Information nights give an overview of what’s new and what to expect, and are a chance to ask questions.

High school is an exciting time—there are so many programs, clubs and activities for students to try. Attend an information night to find out what’s offered at your local high school. See the info night schedule and more information on the SCDSB’s website at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

Free International Languages program starting in January, limited spaces available

Would your child like to learn a new language or maintain their native language? The International Languages program is open to any student in Grades 1 to 8. Classes run Saturday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. There is currently space in the following classes: Spanish in Bradford; Beginner Mandarin, German, Spanish and Greek in Barrie. In-person registration at Barrie and Bradford Learning Centres takes place on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 9 a.m. Registration will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis as there are limited spaces available. For more information, visit www.thelearningcentres.com.

English as a Second Language – Register now for winter sessions

Do you or someone you know want to improve your English language skills? The SCDSB Learning Centres can help. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for adults are offered at the Barrie and Bradford Learning Centres, and at the Allison Learning Centre (pending enrolment numbers). Please visit www.thelearningcentres.com or call for more information: Barrie 705-725-8360, Bradford: 905-775-4432 or Alliston: 705-435-7778.

Message from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit: Blast off with breakfast!

Eating breakfast is one of the surest ways to get your family off to a positive start to their day. Both researchers and educators think breakfast is both important and necessary to support the learning potential of children. Breakfast does not have to be complicated – here are some quick breakfast fixes:

- Whole wheat tortilla wrap with cheese and salsa
- Rice cakes, cheese sticks and canned peaches
- Smoothie shake made with fruit, yogurt and milk
- Cereal trail mix, banana and yogurt
- Whole wheat pita spread with light cream cheese and wrapped around a banana

With these breakfast ideas the whole family will rise, shine and save time! For more information, you can call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-5720 and speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

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Kindergarten Registration starts January 25

Do you or someone you know have a child who was born in 2012? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning on January 25, 2016, Simcoe County's public schools will be registering children for Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. For more information, visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

Message from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit: What's the deal on sleep?

Getting enough sleep is a big deal for children. Sleep is important for normal brain development, physical growth and development and emotional control. Children 3 to 12 years of age should get 10 to 12 hours of quality sleep.

A lack of sleep can lead to:

- Behavioural problems, hyperactivity, poor memory and attention
- Irritability, frustration and even aggression
- Weight gain due to an increased appetite.

Here are some tips to help develop healthy sleeping habits:

- Set up a consistent bedtime routine
- Limit screen time (i.e. TV, laptops, iPod) or collect devices before bedtime
- If your child has difficulties staying asleep, speak with your healthcare provider.

For more information visit:

<http://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/En/HealthAZ/HealthandWellness/Sleep/Pages/default.aspx>