



Falcon News

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This Month At Fieldcrest

Dec. 2nd

- Red & Green Day

Dec. 6th

- Hot Lunch Orders & money due.

Dec. 9th

- Festive/Hair/Hat Day

Dec. 16th

- Festive Sweater Day
- Last Day for Food & Toy Drive
- Primary Character Assembly 11:40 am
- Kindergarten Character Assembly 12:30 pm
- Junior/Intermediate Character Assembly 9:30 am

Dec. 21st & 22nd

- Snowtastic Gr. 1-3 7:00 pm. Tickets needed for performance.

Dec. 23rd

- Pajama Day
- Holiday Variety Show: Primary @ 9:30 am; Kindergarten @ 12:30 pm; Junior & Intermediate @ 2:00 pm

Dec. 24th to Jan. 8th

- Seasonal Holidays
NO SCHOOL

Jan. 9th to 13th

- Dental Clinic for Kindergarten, Gr. 2, 2, 6 & 8.

David Brownlee, Principal
Heather Booth, Vice Principal
Debra White, Vice Principal
Daryl Halliday, Superintendent

Holiday Celebrations

It is our pleasure to announce that this year we will be decorating our front foyer with displays of winter holiday celebrations representing our school family and community. We will have displays for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali, Eid, Las Posada and Winter Solstice. Any families wishing to offer suggestions and/or contribute can contact Ramona Deane at the school. We hope to represent as many cultures here at Fieldcrest as we can.

Annual Food & Toy Drive

One way we show Empathy at our school is by collecting NONPERISHABLE FOOD and NEW TOY donations for our annual food and toy drive, which helps many families during the holidays.

Please place your donations in the front foyer. If we are able to fill Mr. Brownlee's office with donations he will be 'canned' from his office. That's right. If we fill his office he will be forced to work in the hallway!!!!!!

Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch forms for January 9th to April 7th have been sent home. Forms and money are due Tuesday, December 6th. No late orders will be accepted. Online orders are available.

This Months Character Trait is Empathy

We strive to understand and appreciate the feelings and actions of others.

Quote: "There is no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.—Scott Adams

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent/late please call the school's safe arrival line at 905-778-2010 and press 1. Leave a message with your child's name (spelling the last name), teacher, date of absence and the reason for the absence. This is a 24 hour machine where a message must be left if your child will be absent or late. If your child is absent for 3 or more consecutive days please send a note. Please do not leave an e-mail or voice mail with your child's teacher.

Planning for School

We are asking all parents to please double check before school that your child has all of the appropriate outdoor clothing that they need as well as lunches, agendas, etc. This will help alleviate the heavy traffic through the front door. Also, please ensure they have a change of clothes.

Lost & Found

All items left in lost & found on Monday, December 5th will be donated to charity.

Candy Cane Sales

Candy Cane sales will be held on December 14th & 15th. \$1.00 for 1 candy cane and \$3.00 for 5 candy canes.

School Times

Supervision Begins	9:00 am
Warning Bell	9:12 am
Entry Bell	9:15 am
Instructional Time	9:15 to 10:55 am
Nutrition Break (Kind.-Gr. 3)	10:55 to 11:15 am
Outdoor Play (Gr. 4-8)	10:55 to 11:15 am
Nutrition Break (Gr. 4-8)	11:15 to 11:35 am
Outdoor Play (Kind.-Gr. 3)	11:15 to 11:35 am
Instructional Time	11:35 to 1:15 pm
Nutrition Break (Kind.-Gr. 3)	1:15 to 1:35 pm
Outdoor Play (Gr. 4-8)	1:15 to 1:35 pm
Nutrition Break (Gr. 4-8)	1:35 to 1:55 pm
Outdoor Play (Kind.-Gr. 3)	1:35 to 1:55 pm
Instructional Time	1:55 to 3:35 pm
Dismissal:	3:35 pm

Please ensure your children are aware of the time that school begins so that they will be on time. There will be no pick up of students after 3:15 pm as teachers are busy getting ready for dismissal.



French Immersion & Extended French

Register your child for French Immersion, find out more at information sessions in January

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout the county beginning in Grade 1. This program gives students a bilingual education and the opportunity to become fluent in another language.

Information sessions will be held in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. 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.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is 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.**

Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application. 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.

Message from the Health Unit

Kids need 10 to 12 hours of sleep every night but sometimes getting them to bed can be frustrating. You can help create a regular sleep schedule for your child by setting a clear bedtime and sticking to the same time every night. Start getting ready an hour before bed: turn off the TV, computers and phones. Spend quality time talking or reading stories to help them unwind. Agree on how many books you'll read before you start! Keep their room dark, cool and quiet - a nightlight is fine. Remember, making sure your child gets enough rest will help improve their mood, behaviour and ability to learn.

For more bedtime tips, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty, you can use alcohol-based hand sanitizer for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

Bus Cancellation Information-Inclement Weather

Although fall has just arrived, winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County. With it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and, as a result, possible bus and school event cancellations.

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. Our school is in the South zone. When buses are cancelled, please remember that schools are still open (unless otherwise noted) for student learning.

The Consortium, in conjunction with bus operators, will make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and as such, will make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Parents should also note that 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 also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions> and you can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus.

High School Information Nights

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this winter! Bradford District HS will be having an information night on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm. They will give a glimpse of what high school is all about. There are many courses and programs to choose from. This evening is a chance for you and your son/daughter to discover interests, skills and to learn about different pathways: Applied/Academic/Locally Developed. Course selection begins in February. Option sheets will be sent home with Grade 8 report cards in February and will be due back to their teacher the following week.

Kindergarten Registration Begins in January

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2013? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in SCDSB! Beginning on January 23, 2017, 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. The office will be open from 4:00 to 6:00 pm for registration on January 23rd. Or you can visit the office between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm Monday to Friday on or after January 23rd.