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This Month At Fieldcrest

Mon Jan. 9th

- New hot lunch program begins

Mon., Jan. 16th

- French Program Info. Night at W.H. Day for parents of SK students who are interested in French Immersion @ 6:30 pm

Thurs Jan 19th

- Grade 8 Information night at Bradford DHS 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Mon., Jan. 23rd

- Kindergarten Registration for children born in 2013 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thurs. Jan. 26th

- Primary Character Assembly at 9:30 AM
- Kindergarten Character Assembly at 10:15 am
- Junior/Intermediate Character Assembly at 11:45 AM
- Beach Day

Fri Jan. 27th

- PA DAY-NO SCHOOL

Tues. Jan. 31st

- Grade 8 Graduation Photos

David Brownlee, Principal
Heather Booth, Vice Principal
Katie Maxwell, Vice Principal
Daryl Halliday, Superintendent

Sharing With Others: Candy Cane Sales

A big thank you goes out to all of the parents and community members who donated to our food and toy drive. It was a huge success. Thank you to Zehrs for donating candy canes for our Candy Cane Sales.

Online Payments

DON'T MISS THOSE IMPORTANT EVENTS LIKE HOT LUNCH! Sign up for online payments and you will receive an email when events come available. You will also receive a reminder email. Information to sign up is available from the office.

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.

Cold Weather

The Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit recommendation is to "keep children indoors if the temperature falls below -25 C, or if the wind chill is -28 C or greater. This is the guideline that the SCDSB uses. Please ensure your child is equipped with appropriate cold weather clothing to go outside and enjoy the Canadian winter.

Lost & Found

We will be donating any unclaimed items on Friday, January 13th.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2017

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2013 begins January 23rd. Fieldcrest E.S. will be holding a registration on the evening of Monday, January 23rd from 3:45 PM to 6:00 PM in the front foyer of the school. Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record and a proof of address when they come. If you are unable to drop in that evening you may come to the school during the day between 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday after January 23rd. Kindergarten students already attending will not be required to register.

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 students ready for dismissal.



This Months Character Trait is Honesty

We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner.

This months quote: "Integrity is telling myself the truth. And honesty is telling the truth to other people." -Spencer Johnson

French as a Second Language

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. Students from our school who enroll in FI will attend W.H. Day E.S. An information session about the FI program for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten will take place at W.H. Day E.S., 410 Maplegrove Avenue on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Other 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.

Inclement Weather -Cancellation of Buses

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 6:00 and 7:00 am. Parents should also note that inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day, buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. Announcements about cancelled or late buses can also be heard on local radio stations. **Please do not call the school for cancelled bus information.**

School Climate Survey

From Jan. 9 to Jan. 27, 2017, all students in grades 4 to 8 will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey at school about how they feel about their school. Your child's teacher will supervise the class during the survey and can answer any questions or concerns your child may have. As well, parents/guardians of students in grades 4 to 8 will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey about how they feel about their child's school.

These surveys provide students and parent/guardians with the opportunity to say what is great about their school, as well as express their concerns. The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff and will help schools to develop their Safe Schools Plans. Respondents are not asked to provide their names and all responses will be combined to ensure confidentiality.

To complete the parent/guardian survey, visit the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) website at www.scdsb.on.ca and click the link to the parent/guardian School Climate survey. The password for the survey is **ElementaryParent2017**. If you do not have access to the internet and/or you prefer to complete a paper version of the survey, you can request one at the school office. Questions about the parent/guardian survey can be directed to SCDSB's Research and Evaluation Services team via email at research@scdsb.on.ca. Thank you for your support!

Attendance

Start the new year off right. Being present and on-time at school is an important skill to teach your child. Patterns of attendance are established during the early years of schooling and there is a direct relationship between attendance and achievement.

Being late for school also affects student learning. If a child is just 10 minutes late for class every day, they will miss over 30 hours of instruction over the course of the school year. Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive peer relationships and students that have learning difficulties are put at even greater risk when they miss school frequently.

Here are some tips to help with attendance and punctuality:

- Talk with your child about why it is important to attend school regularly - give specific examples of how education can help them in their life.
- Make sure that your child stays healthy by eating properly, exercising and getting enough sleep.
- Lead by example; if children see their parents missing work frequently, they may expect to be able to do the same thing.

If your child is having a specific issue at school that is causing them to not want to attend, speak to school staff as soon as possible so we can work with you to solve the problem.

High School Information Nights

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this winter! 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 the information night at Bradford District High School on Thursday, January 19, 2017 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM** or check the schedule on SCDSB's website here: www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool to find out what's offered at your local high school.