



Fieldcrest Elementary School

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September 2018 Newsletter

Administration Message



Welcome to new and returning Fieldcrest families and school staff! We hope that you had an enjoyable summer. The Fieldcrest school community continues to grow with a student enrolment of over 800 students and 70 staff members. Mrs. Walke is delighted to be re-joining Fieldcrest as your principal and will be working alongside Heather Booth and Martin Orr; our vice-principals, our secretary staff; Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Trimis and Mrs. Zanatta as well as the entire school staff! We will continue Fieldcrest's tradition of striving for excellence in the delivery of public education. We, the Fieldcrest staff, look forward to working with you and your children. As a Simcoe County school, our main priority is to ensure, enhance, foster and support student(s) well-being and success. We value you as partners in public education and look forward to an exciting 2018-2019 school year working and learning together! Let's have an awesome year Fieldcrest Falcons!

Your Administration Staff
Fieldcrest Elementary Public School

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.

What's happening at Fieldcrest in



September 27th

- Meet The Teacher night from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

September 27th

- Terry Fox Run

October 1st

- School Council Elections & Meeting at 6:30 pm all are welcome to join!

September 2018 Re-organization

Yearly re-organization of class placements has been necessary at Fieldcrest to accommodate growth in our school area. We appreciate your continued support and understanding during this busy time. Staffing will be reviewed by the school board in September to adequately cover the actual enrolment at Fieldcrest. Changes may be necessary to your child's class placement and teacher. Information will be sent home if your child is affected.



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Safety Procedures for Keeping our School Safe

Procedures help keep our school safe. The safety and well-being of students is our top priority. We have a number of procedures in place to keep our school safe. You can help your child understand and feel safe by:

- * talking to them about the situations below
- * reminding them that emergencies are rare
- * telling them it's important to follow staff instructions in these situations



Parents should talk about the following emergency drills with their children:

* Shelter in place is used when there is an environmental or weather-related situation, like a chemical spill outside the building, or a major storm. Activities continue inside the school. Students and staff are not allowed to leave the building. The ventilation system may be shut off.

* A hold and secure is used when there is a situation in the community, not related to the school, like a bank robbery nearby. Activities continue, but all exterior doors are locked. No one is allowed to enter or exit the school.

* A lockdown is used when there is a major incident or a threat of violence related to the school. Students and staff move to secure areas, away from doors and windows. Interior doors are locked, lights are shut off and blinds are drawn. Students and staff remain quiet. We practice lockdown drills at least two times per year. In the unlikely event of an actual lockdown situation, police ask that parents do not go to the school. Information will be communicated through the school board social media sites (www.facebook.com/SCDSB and www.twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools) and website (www.scdsb.on.ca), through local police and local media.

* All schools have evacuation plans in case of gas leaks, bomb threats or fire incidents that would require everyone to leave the school. We hold drills to practice our evacuation plan. In a real evacuation, students and staff may go to the evacuation site, depending on the situation. Parents will be informed about pick-up procedures by the school, school board and local media.

* Elementary school main doors are locked during the school day. Visitors must use the intercom system to enter the building. Staff may not be available to answer the door immediately, please be patient. All visitors, including school volunteers, are required to sign in at the school office and wear visitor identification.

* Staff and volunteers must complete a criminal record check before having contact with students.

* We ask parents to contact us when their child will be absent from school as part of our Safe Arrival program. When we don't hear from a parent/guardian and a student is absent, we will call home to find out the reason for the absence.

* At least two staff members in every school are trained in first aid and CPR. All SCDSB schools have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

When parents are at school during a drill or emergency event, they must follow direction from school staff, police, fire and/or emergency personnel. Parents may not have immediate access to their children during drills or emergencies. They may need to wait until the situation is resolved and school staff and/or emergency personnel release students into parent care.

It's important for you to know we'll always take whatever precautions are necessary to keep our school and students safe.



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Online option now available!

New Community Apps feature allows parents to register online and apply to volunteer. The new SCDSB Community Apps website provides access to volunteer and community applications for our schools – you can register your child(ren) for school or apply to be a volunteer at your school. More functionality will be added in the future. You can create a "Community Account" to access these applications.

Visit: communityapps.scdsb.on.ca to learn more.

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. If you have questions about the dress code, you can contact the principal or the SCDSB Equity and Inclusion Education Team at 705-728-7570.

School Bus 'Bus Tag' Program



School bus 'Bus Tag' program helps students get to and from school safely. The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's Bus Tag program supports safety for JK/SK and other school-identified students. The program helps match students to their assigned afternoon school bus and identifies that they must be met by a parent or guardian at their afternoon bus stop. The program provides a colour coded Bus Tag with the assigned p.m. route number to be attached to the student's backpack and a colour coded route card with route number in the windows of the school bus that the Bus Tag is matched to. The program can also provide tags for students who are walkers and/or who remain at an on-site child care centre to make sure they don't get on a bus in error.

If your student will not be taking their assigned bus this year, please notify the office in writing ASAP

For more information, visit main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the 'Safety' tab.

Signing IN/OUT at the Office



Any late students are required to sign IN at the office and receive a late slip before going to class. If you are picking your child up early please send a note to your child's teacher notifying us of their early dismissal. **Student's cannot be picked up between 3:15 and 3:35** as the staff is busy preparing for dismissal and ensuring students are dismissed safely and on time. All student's must be signed **OUT** in the office by an adult on their approved pick up list .

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Agendas



Each student (Grades 1 to 8) will receive a SCDSB agenda. This is a very valuable tool for tracking important school events, homework assignments and provides excellent communication between home and school.

Please read the SCDSB insert inside the front pages of the agenda. This document contains important information that you and your child should review. We have provided every Kindergarten student with a photocopy of this document as they will be using mail bags for communication.

Serious Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis)

It is vitally important that we have the co-operation of all students and parents in maintaining a safe environment for the many students in our school who have allergies to peanut and tree nut products. To some of our students, this is a life threatening issue. Those with a severe allergy can be sent into anaphylactic shock from the smell of peanut butter, or through the touching of a desk or door handle on which there is a trace of peanut/nut oil. Please keep all students safe by sending your child with peanut/nut free snacks and lunch.

GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.

Parents/Guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 this school year, who wish to nominate their child for gifted screening are asked to contact the school by the end of September. Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent/guardian. A letter explaining the gifted screening process in greater detail will be sent to parents/guardians of students in Grade 3 later this month or next. If you require further information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school.



Pay for student items online

Register for School Cash Online

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:

1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or visit our school website and click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through bank transfer or credit card

It's safe, fast and convenient.

Contact the office with any questions at 905-778-2010 and press 0

Student Accident Insurance



Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen. The SCDSB has selected the Insure my Kids program through Old Republic Canada as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider. This insurance offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices. Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com. Participation in extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs) or out-of-province/out-of-country trips requires the purchase of this insurance, or other extended health and dental coverage. Student accident insurance packages will be sent home with students.