



MOUNTAIN VIEW POINT

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ONLINE PAYMENT AND PERMISSION

Letters have been sent home to each class with instructions and personal information for each child to sign up for online payments.

WEBSITE

Please have a look at our updated website and subscribe to get information on your phone or computer. We try to update daily or weekly with new information to share mtv.scdsb.on.ca.

VISITORS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Please begin your visits with us at the school office. If your business at the school necessitates that you travel beyond the office area, you will be requested to sign in our Visitors' Log and wear an identification tag during your visit. Office staff will announce you to the teacher. At the end of your visit be kind enough to sign out and return the tag. Please let the classroom teacher know when your child is leaving or returning from an appointment during the school day by sending in a written note. Please remember the office is a busy place and notes should be brought to school by your child. Also, make sure your child is coming to school prepared for their day.

A SPECIAL REQUEST REGARDING END OF THE DAY PROCEDURES

As the school is a very busy place it is best if students follow daily routines with after school arrangements. Ensure your child is arriving to school daily with their afterschool arrangements written in their agenda or in a note.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2011? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten in the Simcoe County District School Board! Simcoe County's public schools are registering children for Junior and Senior Kindergarten classes for the 2015-16 school year.

REMINDER: PARTICIPATE IN THE 'SCDSB HAS HEART' PROJECT!

Students are invited to create artwork to be displayed at a celebration of the arts event on March 26. Please send in your artwork to the Ed Centre before March 13 to be included!

CHESS

Congratulations to the chess club on a terrific day in Stayner. The team finished 3rd overall and the juniors finished 2nd overall. Jayden Buckrall and Megan McNabb will continue on to the County competition at the School Board in March. Congratulations Mounties on a fun day!

INTERMEDIATE WINTER ACTIVITY

Intermediate students had a fabulous time at Blue Mountain. Our lucky students boarded the bus three times over the last month to hit the slopes. All students participated in lessons and worked towards improving their technique. Thank you to all our parent helpers who volunteered to 'free ski' with their groups each afternoon. We certainly couldn't run the winter activity program without their help.

BABYSITTING COURSE



Monday, March 16 (March Break)
 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Collingwood Public Library
 \$40.00 (minimum age 11)
 To Register, call: Cathy Koenig-Red Cross
 Instructor
 705-445-0203, 705-443-1690
cwoodfirstresponse@hotmail.ca

CURLING

Our Grade 6 Mounties have enjoyed another fabulous season of curling with our friends at the Collingwood Curling Club. Mrs. Fitz's and Mr. Wright's classes were treated to four lessons with the members/volunteers at the club. The students participated enthusiastically as they learned everything from curling safety to game strategy. The club has a growing junior program that is fun and affordable.

Subscribe to receive school bus delay notifications

Did you know you can subscribe to receive school bus delay notifications from the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium? Sign up on the Consortium's website: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions> and remember that you can also follow the Consortium on Twitter [@SCSTC_SchoolBus](#).

Circle of Learning Parent Academy - Free workshops to help you boost your child's success

As a parent/guardian, you were your child's first teacher and you are still his or her most important teacher. Your involvement in your child's education has an impact on success. Register to attend workshops throughout the year designed to help you support your child's learning and development.

Upcoming workshops include:

March: *Make the difference in math with a growth mindset*

April: *Math 101 - all parents can support their children in math*

May: *Resilience: Nine things kids need from their families, schools, and communities*

Find workshop dates, times, descriptions and register online at www.scdsb.on.ca/circleoflearning.

The Circle of Learning Parent Academy is hosted by the Simcoe County District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee and made possible with the support of the Ministry of Education through a Parents Reaching Out Grant.

Technology in SCDSB classrooms

Today's students have grown up with technology—it's a regular part of their daily lives. By bringing educational technology into the classroom, we can tap into our students' interests and build on their developing skills to create vibrant learning environments that are innovative, creative and engaging.

Read more about how the SCDSB is supporting technology-enabled learning environments while at the same time protecting student privacy and personal information. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca, click on 'Programs' and then 'Learning & Technology.'

Do you want to recognize a STAR at your child's school?

Our employee recognition program, SCDSB STARS, provides the opportunity for members of the school community to nominate an outstanding teacher, custodian, educational assistant, early childhood educator, administrator, office staff, etc. who has done something wonderful to support students in our system. We have recognized over 100 SCDSB STARS so far!

Nominees will be informed of the nomination and the staff person will receive a personalized thank you card 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.'

Information from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regarding measles

With the recent cases of measles in Ontario, the local public health unit is encouraging parents to ensure their child's immunizations are up to date. According to the Ontario Ministry of Health, children who are in school should have received two doses of the MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) vaccine; the first dose after their first birthday and the second dose at 4 to 6 years of age. Anyone born in 1970 or after should also ensure that they have received two doses of the MMR vaccine. Those born before 1970 are assumed to be immune as they were likely exposed to measles as a child.

According to the immunization records that the health unit currently has on file for all school age children in Simcoe and Muskoka, about 85% of children have received two doses of MMR vaccine. It is important to notify the health unit if your child receives immunizations at your health care provider so that their immunization record can be updated at the health unit.

Measles is a contagious virus that spreads very easily from person to person through coughing, sneezing and even talking. Symptoms begin with fever, runny nose, cough and red eyes followed a few days later by a red rash around the face which spreads to the chest, arms and legs. Approximately 10% of people with measles will develop complications such as ear infections, pneumonia or encephalitis, which can lead to seizures, deafness, mental disabilities or death.

For more information, please visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520.

Take action and make room for play!

In today's culture of busyness, the claim of "no time" for physical activity is often heard, yet, kids aged 5 to 11 are spending 7.6 hours a day being sedentary and 73% of 5 to 10 year olds watch TV, play video games or read books in the after-school period. Moderating kids' screen time (which includes TV, videos, DVDs, computers, video games, and handheld devices) is KEY for healthy development and staying active. Play allows children of all ages to learn new skills, get creative and test boundaries. Aside from the many physical health benefits, active play also helps improve social, emotional and mental well-being. To learn more about the Make Room for Play campaign, visit <http://www.participaction.com/>.

Child and Youth Services in Simcoe County

Kinark Child and Family Services is a local children's mental health organization providing individual, family and group counseling services for children and youth with mental health issues. Kinark also supports children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families. In terms of community mental health services, Kinark offers specialized treatment including Multi-Systemic Therapy, Crisis Services, Residential Treatment, Day Treatment, Respite Programs, SNAP (Stop Now and Plan), and Triple P (Positive Parenting Program). The Kinark Intake number is 1-888-454-6275. The Barrie office number is 705-726-8861 and the Midland office number is 705-526-3708.