

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## MOUNTAIN VIEWPOINT



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### Upcoming Events

#### SEPTEMBER 26

School Council Meeting @ 7pm

#### SEPTEMBER 28

Magazine Fundraiser kick-off.

#### SEPTEMBER 28

Meet the Teacher Night 4:30 -6:30

#### SEPTEMBER 30

Terry Fox Day. Assembly at 1:45 then Terry Fox walk.

Our school fundraising link for Terry Fox is:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/MountainViewESCollingwood>

#### OCTOBER 11



School Picture Day

MADD Canada Visits our Grade 8s



We hope that you had a relaxing summer with family and friends. Welcome back our returning families and a special welcome to our new Mountie families. Ms. Moffitt and myself are excited about this upcoming school year!! We would like to welcome our new staff – Mrs. Gilbert (Gr 3/4), Mr. Lang (6/7), Mrs. Petras (Library), Mrs. Czerny-Holownia (Planning Time) and as of September 27<sup>th</sup> Ms. Hodgins.

As I mentioned in a voice message home, classes would not remain the same given the high number of students in certain grades. As it turns out, the School Board granted Mountain View another classroom. We will be reorganizing classes for some students in grades four to five as of Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. No other students will change classes. If your child is changing classes you will receive a notice today (Friday) indicating the new classroom.

I would like to thank Mrs. Rolling and Mr. Randall, our custodial team for their hard work over the summer months to prepare our school building for another exciting year of learning. I would also like to thank Mrs. Finbow and Mrs. Ziskos for their efforts over the past few weeks to register new students and help prepare us for the new year. A huge thanks to all the staff that came to school the week before school to prepare their learning areas to welcome our students.



# In The News @ MTV



The **Meet the Teacher Night is Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30**. Teachers will be in their classes at different intervals so families can meet all their teachers:

Primary teachers (K-3)	4:45 – 5:05
Junior Teachers (4-6)	5:15 – 5:35
Intermediate Teachers (7-8)	5:45 – 6:05

The Grade 8 class will be organizing the BBQ. Proceeds will assist in the cost for their field trip to Muskoka Hills in October.

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Freezies ... more info to follow

## MILK PROGRAM STARTS THIS WEEK

\$1.00 FOR A CARTON

\$10.00 FOR A MILK CARD (12.00 MILKS ON A CARD)



## PIZZA PROGRAM STARTS OCTOBER 6TH

\$ 1.50 per slice

Please note that we will not be selling juice at this time. You can order milk instead – on the day or on-line

## PAY FOR FIELD TRIPS, LUNCH DAYS, ETC. WITH SCHOOLCASH ONLINE



The [SchoolCash Online program](#) is available at our school, offering parents the option to pay online for lunch days and other items. Parents who sign up will receive a notification when a new item becomes available for purchase. Items are personalized to each student. Parents use a secure online account to process payments, and can either make a one-time payment for each item as it occurs, or load money to carry a balance in the online account to make payments in the future. To create an online account, go to [simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com](http://simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com). Please contact the school office with any questions.

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Our school logo is based on the Mounties. Our school colours are red, white, black and silver. Just as the Mounties have a proud history of excellence in our nation, we too at Mountain View realize that excellence must always be present. As a result, our students and staff are involved in many activities that improve the quality of education in and out of the classroom. Through special events and extracurricular activities, our students are given opportunities to strive for excellence in academics, the arts and athletics. We welcome challenges. Our school motto is:

**“Be What You Are and Become What You Are Capable Of Becoming”.**

*By Robert Louis Stevenson*

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## **KEEP CONNECTED WITH MOUNTAIN VIEW**

Ongoing positive communication is a vital part of the process of educating your child. It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and your school board. Please feel free to call the school at any time if you have questions or concerns.

- ✓ The Official Mountain View Twitter account is [@mountainviewES](https://twitter.com/mountainviewES) Please follow us!!
- ✓ The school's website is <http://mtv.scdsb.on.ca> Please subscribe to the website as we will be sending out information all the time. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. When you fill out your email and click Subscribe, an email will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.
- ✓ All Newsletters will be posted on the school's website and emailed. If you wish to receive school communication electronically please make sure you have provided your email on your student's verification form (went home last week) and subscribe to the school's website. Paper copies must be requested.
- ✓ We will also be utilizing a synervice program that allows us to leave messages on your phone and directly to your email



## **PHOTO DAY**

**CHEESE!**



School picture day is Tuesday, October 11. Please keep a look out for more information as we get closer to the date.

**Gifted Screening** will take place this fall for any students in grade 3 or above. Contact Mr. Griggs at the school by the end of September if you would like to nominate your child for the gifted screening process.



**LOOK FOR OUR QSP FALL FUNDRAISER  
COMING SOON!  
*Kick Off September 28th***

**ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE FOR MAGAZINES**

**GO TO [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca), click SHOP NOW  
and search for our school.**

**EVERY ITEM YOU ORDER WILL SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!**

**More Info to follow**

## **In The News @ SCDSB**

**KEEP CONNECTED WITH**



- ✓ For Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) media releases and event information, visit the 'News' section under 'About Us' at the SCDSB's website: [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca). The SCDSB Education Centre can be reached at 705-734-6363.
- ✓ Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB\_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb)
- ✓ Through SCDSB's *Sharing Simcoe* blog ([www.sharingsimcoe.com](http://www.sharingsimcoe.com)), we share stories of some of the amazing people involved in our schools. The blog features stories and tips from our own in-house experts and experts we work with in the community, as well as good news stories about our schools.

### **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 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. 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](http://www.facebook.com/SCDSB) and [www.twitter.com/SCDSB\\_Schools](http://www.twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools)) and website ([www.scdsb.on.ca](http://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. Each school has an evacuation site. Ours is The Home Depot. 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 Simcoe County District School Board 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.

**SAFETY REMINDER FROM THE SIMCOE COUNTY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM (SCSTC)**



A reminder to drivers as children return to school this fall, and school buses are back on the roads:

- Take caution – be extra cautious in the vicinity of school buses and around school bus loading and unloading zones
- Pay attention – Watch for school buses' distinctive chrome yellow colouring, flashing red lights and stoparms. Drivers travelling in both directions on a road without a median must stop for a stopped school bus that has its upper red lights flashing
- Know the repercussions – Any driver that fails to stop for a school bus with its lights flashing is subject to a fine of up to \$2,000 and six demerit points for a first time offence
- Be empowered – Anyone who witnesses a driver failing to stop for a school bus can report the incident to the police

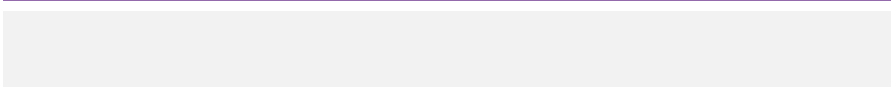
Visit the SCSTC web site at [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) and click on the 'Home' button then the 'Safety' tab for more details

**REDUCING THE RISK**

We are striving to reduce the risk of allergic reactions to peanuts/tree nuts, as well as raw eggs and egg products and shellfish. Please do not bring any foods containing these products to Mountain View. For those students with other life threatening allergies, information will be sent home by the classroom teacher.

*Please see the general Anaphylactic/ Allergen Reminder Letter going out to all families. You may also receive an Anaphylactic Student in Class— Allergen Information Letter*

Peanuts/nuts have become the most common allergenic foods. They are the leading cause of anaphylaxis in the school setting. Peanut/nut oils stay on items in the school like desks, computers, library books and playground equipment until cleaned off with soap and water. Even little amounts of peanut/nut can be enough to cause an anaphylactic reaction. A tiny amount of peanut/nut ingested through the eyes, nose or mouth can prove fatal to an anaphylactic student.



We can all work together to “Reduce the Risk” of exposure to peanuts/nuts at school.

- choose food items for school that do not contain peanuts or nuts
- teach the healthy habit of hand washing with soap and water before and after eating
- teach children not to share food

Peanut/nut safe means that the food does not contain peanuts, nuts, peanut butter or any form of peanuts/nuts. If it does, please do not bring it to school. Thank you so much for your co-operation. We are doing our best to keep all of our students safe.

## **SABRINA’S LAW**

Sabrina's Law is an Act to protect anaphylactic pupils and is currently in effect at all schools in Ontario. As part of Sabrina's Law there is a requirement that every school principal develop an individual plan for each pupil who has an anaphylactic allergy. In order to protect students within our school community to the best of our ability it is critical for parents of children with an anaphylactic allergy to do the following:

- Inform the school principal of your child's allergies
- Work with the school to complete an Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan which has child's photograph, allergy information, contact information and emergency plan.
- Provide a medic alert bracelet for your child to wear at all times.
- Encourage your child to keep an epinephrine auto-injector (Epi-pen) on their person when age appropriate.
- Provide an up-to-date/non expired epinephrine auto-injector (Epi-pen) that may be kept in the office or in a mutually agreed upon location within the school. Parents should keep a log of expiry dates and replace outdated auto-injectors.

We encourage all those within our school community to become familiar with signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and how to respond or access assistance in the event of an anaphylactic emergency. Together we can help create a safe and supportive learning environment for all our students.



## **SAFETY REMINDER: OUR SCHOOL DOORS ARE LOCKED DURING THE DAY**



The safety and well-being of our students is our top priority. We have a number of procedures in place designed to keep our school safe. To access the building, visitors will need to press the intercom button at the front door.

Staff in the office will let visitors into the school. This will help us ensure that all visitors sign in at the office. Please understand that staff may not be available to answer the door immediately. If you have any questions about safety procedures, as always, please contact the office.

If your business at the school necessitates that you travel beyond the office area, you must 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. Only call the office for emergencies.

## **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. It is essential that all students participating in extra-curricular activities have adequate insurance coverage for all instances of injury. **You must either purchase this insurance, or a signed acknowledgement advising that the family has other insurance.**

The Simcoe County District School Board has selected the "insure my kids" program through Old Republic Canada as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider with regards to purchasing student accident insurance coverage for the upcoming school year. The coverage is for 24 hours a day. This insurance offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices. Coverage can be purchased online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com).

There is no opportunity to opt out of either purchasing this insurance or acknowledging that the participant has another means of purchasing this coverage.

**Regular school day field trips do not require this type of insurance.**

Please watch for your student accident insurance package along with a letter about requirements for extra-curricular activities.



## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Included in this year's agenda is a copy of the Simcoe County District School Board's Code of Conduct. It is very important that you review the code with your child/ren so they are aware of the standards and specific consequences for student actions.

## **MEDICATION FORMS**

It is Board policy that for the dispensing of medication to students a "Request for Administration of Medication" form must be completed by your family physician for each school year. The medication must be in a child proof, clearly labeled original container which bears the student's name, the name of the medication, the dosage and instructions for use. Any change in dosages or times requires this same form to be completed by your family physician, stating the new information. Medication forms are available at the office.



### **VOLUNTEERS-CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK WITH VULNERABLE SECTOR SCREENING**

The Simcoe County District School Board values and encourages the participation of volunteers in schools. Volunteering supports school programs and initiatives for students. The Board has a responsibility to provide safe and secure working and learning environments for all students, staff and volunteers. Currently, all SCDSB employees are required to submit a Criminal Records Check. This requirement is extended to all SCDSB volunteers. All returning volunteers will need to complete an offence declaration. This form can be found at the school office (they have been sent home). Offence declarations must be completed by December or volunteers will be required to complete a new criminal record check process.

NEW volunteers are required to have a Criminal Reference Check with a vulnerable screening sector check.

The work of school volunteers is a key component of school success. The Simcoe County District School Board sincerely thanks all parents, guardians and community members who generously donate their time in the service of public education.

## **THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO DRESS FOR SCHOOL: LEARN ABOUT THE NEW STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The SCDSB is introducing a new student dress code this school year. The dress code was developed in consultation with staff and students. 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](http://www.scdsb.on.ca). If you have questions about the dress code, you can contact the principal or the SCDSB Equity and Inclusive Education Team at 705-728-7570.

**There are lots of ways to dress for school...**



**...but there are a few things that aren't okay.**



Exposed underwear



Spiked or chained accessories



Offensive or inappropriate content

# In The Community

## **REMINDER FROM THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT: PACKING A HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCH**



A school lunch should give children the energy and nutrients they need to be ready to learn, be more alert and perform better at school. When planning lunches keep these tips in mind:

- Include one serving from at least three of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide
- Rather than buying pre-made lunch kits, make your own healthy lunch kit with divided containers and small 'bite-sized cheese cubes, left over chicken chunks, veggie sticks or fruit slices
- Get your kids to eat more veggies! Send cucumber coins, zucchini sticks and pepper strips with dip
- Fill whole wheat or multi grain wrap/pits/tortilla shells with your child's favourite foods such as hummus and grated carrot or sliced turkey with honey mustard.
- Water is the best option for hydration  
Looking for more information to help keep you and your family healthy? Call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-5720 to speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit's website at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).

## **ACTIVE AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

Walking or cycling to school is a great way to help your child get the 60 minutes of recommended daily physical activity. It also teaches them to be aware of their own safety, builds responsibility and independence, and helps them to feel more connected to the community. And it's good for their physical and mental health!

More walkers also means less car traffic around our school, which will help keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality too. Committing to even one day a week of walking or cycling to school can make a big difference!

To find out more about the recommendations for physical activity and how to make Active and Safe Routes to School happen in your school community, visit [www.saferoutestoschool.ca](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca).

# School Council

The School Council would like to thank everyone for their fundraising over the last couple of years. The new audio and video system installed last year has been fantastic! Teachers will regularly use the audio system during gym classes.

Our first meeting is Monday, September 26 at 7:00pm. We will set up our new Council for the 2016-17 school year and have our first meeting. We hope to see parents who attended last year and new parents.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016/2017 NEEDS YOU!  
NOTICE OF SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS AN AMAZING PLACE TO FOR OUR CHILDREN TO LEARN AND GROW. PARENT INVOLVEMENT IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR CHILD'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. AS THE FALL APPROACHES, WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO HELP KEEP MOUNTAIN VIEW THE AMAZING SCHOOL THAT IT IS, BY MOVING FORWARD WITH SCHOOL COUNCIL EVENTS OF THE PAST AND ACHIEVING FUTURE GOALS. AS WE ENTER INTO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, WE INVITE YOU TO COME OUT AND SEE THE VARIOUS WAYS YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 (AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY) IS OUR INITIAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AND AT THIS TIME WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR NEW PARENTS TO FILL SPOTS ON COUNCIL, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING COMMITTEES FOR THIS YEAR.**

**COME OUT AND SEE HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED. A SMALL COMMITMENT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL WITH THE MEETING AGENDA ATTACHED. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT [ANDREAROURKE@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:ANDREAROURKE@HOTMAIL.COM) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS HOW YOU CAN HELP.**