



Tecumseth South Central Public School

Newsletter June 2019

Dear Families,

As we enter the month of June, I would like to reflect on the progress of our students. They have participated in countless teams and clubs, performed an amazing musical, completed province wide testing and participated in a wide variety of field trips. Student council has organized popcorn sales, and an upcoming primary play day. Academically, our students have worked hard to develop a growth mindset in math, and to believe that mistakes are the road to learning.

Next week, on June 5, we will be hosting our area track and field meet. Tec. South will host about 450 students as they compete in running and long jump and shotput events. This is an amazing day for fundraising and I would like to give a special thanks to our parent council for organizing the concessions. All proceeds will support the purchase of technology and school grounds improvements.

In June there are always some staffing announcements. With mixed emotions, Mrs. Carter has decided to retire at the end of June. While we think a decision to retire is an easy one, Mrs. Carter adores teaching, her students and our families here at Tec. South. She has been such a valued member of our staff, and has positively impacted the lives of many. On behalf of our staff and our community, I would like to extend a heartfelt "We will miss you!" and we wish Mrs. Carter every happiness as she starts her next chapter.

I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to this *"little school on the hill"*. Coming from a large school of 650 students in Vaughan, I came not knowing what to expect. What I found was a community and staff who come together to make their children's days exceptional. Tec. South is a magical place where our students embrace kindness and responsibility. They strive for academic success and are supported by families and staff to do so. Given this special place, it was a hard decision for me, but I have chosen to take a year to be at home with my own children and family. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Stephanie Jacklin (currently the Vice- Principal at Boyne River) who will be acting principal here at Tec. South. Ms. Jacklin and I will work together to ensure a seamless transition for the next school year. I know that she will love it here as much as I do.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Warmly,

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2019-20 school year calendar now approved

The Ministry of Education has approved the school year calendar for the Simcoe County District School Board's 2019-20 school year.

2019-20 highlights:

- First day of school, including year 2 (SK) students: Tuesday, September 3, 2019
- First day of school for Year 1 (JK) Kindergarten students: Thursday, September 5, 2019
- Winter Break: December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020
- March Break: March 16 to 20, 2020
- Last day for elementary students: Thursday, June 25, 2020
- Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 24, 2020

View the full 2019-20 calendar by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca and clicking on 'Elementary', 'Planning for School' then 'School Year Calendars'.

Register now for fall International Language Programs

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enroll your children in this program to learn a new language, understand a new culture or to extend their knowledge of their first or second language, every student can benefit from this program. The Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) offers Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Ojibwe, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Dari, Mandarin, Russian and Tamil. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m., starting Sept. 14 (classes are dependent on student enrollment). Beginning in September, we are also offering Spanish and Mandarin classes on Monday nights. These classes take place at the Barrie Learning Centre starting Sept. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. There is no charge for the Saturday or Monday program. Most classes fill quickly on a first come, first served basis. Register your child by visiting www.thelearningcentres.com and clicking on 'Elementary Student.'

Register now for Before and After School Programs for September 2019

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2019 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2019**. Please contact Bradford Progress Childcare to register your child(ren).

Summer child care options available

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full-day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information can be found on our website at www.scdsb.on.ca – click on 'Elementary', 'Planning for School', then 'Childcare (Before & After).'

School's in for summer at the SCDSB

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program. Summer school program details are on the Learning Centres website at www.thelearningcentres.com. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

Train as a Personal Support Worker – many employment opportunities available!

The Learning Centres offers an accredited Personal Support Worker (PSW) program, taught by qualified teachers with health science backgrounds. Be finished in six months, receive a PSW certificate and earn up to six secondary school credits! Programs starting in September.

Free information sessions are scheduled throughout the year. Visit www.thelearningcentres.com or call 705-725-8360 ext. 45149 for dates and times.

Get outside and play

Active play does more than help kids to achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity they need every day, it supports their development in many ways – especially when the play is outdoors, self-directed and fun! This allows kids to test boundaries and problem-solve, develop social skills and resolve conflict and learn to control their emotions and behaviour.

Active play outdoors in the fresh air and nature also helps to improve mood and lower stress. Support your child to play outside with friends in the neighbourhood and at your local park as much as possible.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Summer camp can play an important role in your child's growth and development

To many people, summer camp might appear like nothing more than fun and games. However, a recent study shows that camp is a setting for positive youth development where invaluable life skills are acquired and nurtured. Here are five critical life skills that are fostered at camp:

1. Emotional intelligence - At camp, children learn how to cope with others in various social situations. Talk to any camp alumni and you'll likely hear how some of their most meaningful friendships and lessons on how to get along with others came from camp.
2. Personal development – Camp provides a safe environment, allowing children to freely learn how to take risks, overcome challenges, and develop and grow their capabilities.
3. Increased physical activity – Summer camp is a great way for kids to stay active all summer and ensure they are surrounded with great role models and supportive friends.
4. Self-confidence – Camp pushes children out of their comfort zone and exposes them to new activities and experiences. Campers gain confidence by exploring different activities and discovering new hobbies and passions.
5. Independence – At camp, children learn the responsibility of making their own decisions with the safety net of insightful counsellors in a safe environment. Camp provides peer support that allows children to discover new facets of themselves and overcome their need for constant parental dependency.

To learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

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Hot weather is on the way!

Help your child stay cool at school by giving them plenty of water and encouraging them to drink even if they're not thirsty. Kids don't sweat or release heat from their bodies as easily as adults, so they can become dehydrated quickly. Dress them in light weight, light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and don't forget to put sunscreen on before they leave home in the morning.

For more tips to help your family stay cool this summer, visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

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Healthy celebrations

Classroom and school celebrations are great opportunities for children to practice the healthy eating messages they learn in the classroom. Help us teach the importance of healthy eating by choosing healthy foods to send in the next time your child's class is celebrating. Here are a few ideas:

- watermelon slices, box of clementines or fruit kabobs
- homemade mini muffins with whole wheat flour and grated carrots or apple
- whole grain crackers, cubes of lower fat cheese and grapes
- a veggie platter
- chocolate-dipped strawberries for a sweet treat

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.

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Visit EarlyON Child and Family Centre!

EarlyON is open all summer long!

EarlyON Child and Family Centre is a place for adults and preschoolers to learn together. Stay Play and Learn, a program for children 0 to 6 years of age is offered. Enjoy play, creative and sensory activities, while meeting other families. Circle time and snack offered as well. A great early learning opportunity and good for kindergarten readiness!

Adults have a chance to meet other parents, learn new parenting skills, get referrals to community services, and much more.

All programs are FREE!

Main site – 13 Wellington Street West, Alliston Satellites in:

Beeton – DA Jones Library
42 Main Street West
Tuesdays & Fridays

9 am to Noon, 1 to 4 pm

Tottenham – Tottenham United Church, 26 Mill Street East
Wednesdays & Fridays
9 am to Noon, 1 to 4 pm

No afternoon hours the third Friday of the month for either satellite.

Go to our website, www.e3.ca for monthly calendars and lots of information. Call 705-435-4308

We look forward to welcoming you to our main site and satellites!

A walk around our school...



June 2019



Our volunteer tea will be held on June 19th at 8:30 a.m. If you volunteered in any way, please join us so that we may properly thank you for all of your help! More formal invitations to follow...

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	School Council 6:30 Pizza	Welcome Trustee Beitz and Superintendent Halliday	Area Track and Field Subs		Area Track and Field Rain Date	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Pizza		Subs		Father's Day Ice Cream Party FDK	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Pizza		Subs Volunteer Tea 8:30	Bus Patroller Movie Day	National Indigenous Peoples Day	
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Pizza House Cup Play Day! Wear House Colours	Sunglasses Day	Tec. South Spirit Day FDK tree planting and Grade 8 Grad Report Cards Subs	Assembly 9:30 Last day of classes Zany hair Day	No School	