

★ **Tecumseth South Times** ★

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WE COMMIT TO RESPECT

‘Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect for others guides our manners.’

~ Laurence Sterne

A message from the principal

Dear Families,

We are very excited to promote our next events here at the school- Kate Jones and our Spring Fling. We have parenting expert Kate Jones here on May 10th at 6pm. Kate will be presenting about “HOW TO RAISE POSITIVE, RESILIENT AND HAPPY KIDS”. This event is open to our community, so please save the date.

On June 7th we will celebrate with our “Spring Fling”. There will be activities, food and fun. Please plan ahead as this is also Election Day, so we hope you will join us while you are out and about. Please also plan to order pizza from New Orleans Pizza from 4pm-closing on May 7, 8 or 9th as proceeds will go directly to support our school fundraising.

We have many wonderful happenings over the next few weeks: Our kindergarten orientation, trips to Mansfield, Salmon Girl and Reds in the Hood, Heritage Fair and the GO conference.

To capture all of these memorable moments, our 2017-2018 yearbook is being edited, and you may purchase them online at www.greenapplestudio.ca using the code J7PFDBEF. A flyer will be sent home to families shortly.

Our school focus continues to be about teaching and learning in mathematics, and how to build resilience and grit in our students. To support our school learning and data about student learning, our students write provincial assessments (EQAO) the week of May 22nd. If you have a child in grade 3 or 6 please avoid scheduling appointments during this time.

As always, please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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An Evening with Parenting Expert Kate Jones at Tecumseth South Central May 10th



Join Kate to learn how we can work together to help kids thrive both at home and at school. In this interactive session, you will explore the following:

Your Kid's Resilience versus Achievement

Why Resilience is so Important

Recognizing Resilience

Ways to Increase Kids' Resilience

By applying these practical strategies, you will be able to help your offspring cope with life's challenges in a more positive way.

Register now for Before & After School Programs for September 2018

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2018 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2018**. Please call the school for more information.

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. Twenty schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years old. 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 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

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 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 can be found 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!

Parents invited to information session about special education on May 16

The Simcoe County District School Board is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education and how to support students with special education needs. The last session takes place this month:

Date: May 16

Time: 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst

Topic: Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic Individual Education Plan (IEP) Goals

No registration is required. You can also join this session from home via Google Meet using this link: meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp. Those joining via Google Meet will need to 'mute' while watching the session to avoid audio feedback. Parents are welcome to type in questions using the chat option in Google Meet during the event.

Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Expo takes place May 17

The Simcoe County District School Board's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition on May 17. There are two parts to the event – a day session for Grade 8 students only and an evening portion open to the public. From 5 to 7 p.m., the public is welcome to attend to speak to employers and industry experts. The Expo takes place at the Elmvale Community Arena, located at 14 George St. in Elmvale. For more information, email edo@simcoe.ca.

Ontario schools celebrate Education Week from May 7 to 11

Each year during the first week of May, schools across Ontario celebrate Education Week. It's a great way to recognize the amazing things happening in our schools. This year's theme is *Equity in Action*. To promote the great strides made in valuing equity, diversity and inclusiveness, our school will continue to use our new picture books like "Not Quite Narwhal" and activities that support well being to build a common understanding of inclusion. Follow and share Education Week *Equity in Action* activities on Twitter using #EdWeekON2018.



Applications open for 2018-19 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

Parents/guardians play a vital role in public education, and Ontario's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants are designed to encourage parents'/guardians' involvement in their children's education to support student achievement and well-being. PRO grants are provided to select applicants who develop projects, events or training in support of parent/guardian engagement. Applications are due by June 5. Find out more: www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/.

Stay safe in the sun

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. As the weather gets warmer, follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm
- apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the label instructions
- apply sunscreen to any exposed areas of skin – nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc.
- reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours and after sweating or swimming
- wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses
- if possible, avoid being in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- when you're outside, look for shade

For more sun safety tips, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Summer camp can be a life-changing experience

According to a recent study from the University of Waterloo, the positive development that children and youth experience at summer camp results in sustained behavioural changes at home, school and in the community. Friendships blossom, self-confidence emerges and independence grows – helping children and teens build resilience to help them face new challenges throughout their lives. Here are four life skills fostered at summer camp:

- **Increased independence and self-confidence** – Camp is the perfect place for kids to practice making decisions for themselves without parents and teachers guiding their every move.
- **Making new friends and being part of a positive group** – Free from the social expectations pressuring them at school, camp encourages kids to relax and make friends easily.
- **Increased environmental awareness** – When children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to “unplug” from technology and enrich their perception of the world, while enjoying the great outdoors.
- **Improved attitudes towards physical activity** – Children spend so much time indoors these days and mostly sitting down. A recent Statistics Canada study found that only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 got the recommended hour a day of exercise they need. Summer camp is a great way for kids to get outside and move.

The benefits of camp are plenty – from life lessons beyond the classroom to appreciating nature and building confidence and leadership skills. Learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka camps at YMCASummerCamp.Ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Heritage Fair	2	3 Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation Grades 3-5 to Salmon Girl play	4 Co Ed Volleyball GO conference	5
6 Education Week & Mental Health Awareness	7 New Orleans Pizza Fundraiser	8 New Orleans Pizza Fundraiser	9 Comic Book Art Tour Grades 2-5 New Orleans Pizza Fundraiser	10 Awesome Parenting Series 6pm tonight- all welcome	11 Mother's Day Tea 2pm Kindergarten	12
13	14	15 Red's In the Hood K-2 Grade 8s to Mansfield	16 Gauss Math Grade 8s at Mansfield	17	18 PA day – no school	19
20	21 Victoria Day- no school	22 Autism Reality Experience @ Tec. South	23 EQAO	24 EQAO	25 EQAO	26
27	28	29	30 Grade 7 Immunizations	31	June 1 PA day- No School	