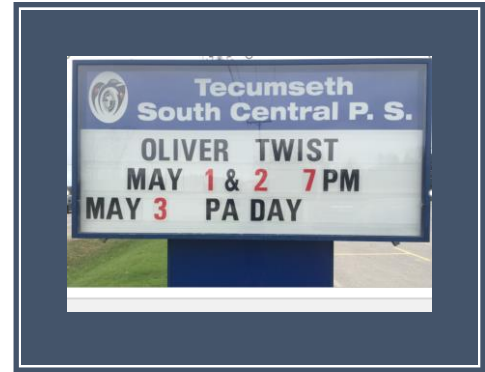




Tecumseth South Central Public School

May Newsletter 2019



Dear Families,

As we enter the month of May, we begin to think about our progress over the course of this school year. Our year one students have grown into independent and creative thinkers, and our grade 8 students have grown into young adults as they take on leadership roles and prepare for high school.

In our September assembly we asked students to adopt a growth mindset. This means that instead of seeing mistakes as something to avoid, we see them as opportunities to learn. While we have focused on seeing mistakes as learning opportunities in mathematics problem solving, the idea that mistakes (in any area of our life) helps us to grow is an important one. Staff have worked very hard to create environments where our students will take risks and we have seen an incredible amount of growth in our students in both perseverance in learning and citizenship.

The upcoming month brings many activities and exciting opportunities. Please see the calendar at the end of our newsletter for more information. Our primary and junior students will also write EQAO at the end of the month. If you have a child in grade 3 or 6, please avoid making appointments the week of May 27th, as they will be writing all sections of EQAO during this time.

A reminder that May 3 and 31 are PA days, so there is no school. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns- thank you for sharing your children with us each day!

Sincerely,

M. Bongard

CHAPTERS ADOPT A SCHOOL

Mrs. Leaist and the staff and students would like to express their appreciation to Chapters for their Adopt-a-School program. Their generous support has allowed us to continue adding new and wonderful reads to our library collection - as well as some 'oldies but goodies'!



Junior Girls' Basketball – A Message From The Coach

Congratulations to the Junior Girls' Basketball team for an excellent season. Our spirited team included Amelia, Cristina, Danya, Ece, Ella, Emma, Jayme, Jude, Kayla, Sarah, Melisa, Payton, Sarah, Sherridan and Violet. The girls worked hard and had fun at the zone tournament in Bradford. The team won all three of their morning games and lost in the semi-final game with a hard fight. The girls worked together as a team, supporting and cheering each other on. Way to show your Tec. South spirit girls! Mrs. Santo is very proud of your effort and determination. Mrs. Santo and the girls would also like to thank Wiggy and Shaelyn for their help during the season.

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 Laura Di Bartolomeo at 905-965-4896 to register your child(ren).

Summer child care options available

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) works in partnership with child care operators to provide summer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years of age in select schools across Simcoe County. Registration in advance is required. More information can be found on our website at www.scdsb.on.ca – click on 'Elementary' then 'Planning for School' then 'Childcare (Before & After)'.

Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Expo takes place May 16

The Simcoe County District School Board's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition on May 16. 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 emclachlin@scdsb.on.ca.

Ontario schools celebrate Education Week and Mental Health Awareness week from May 6 to 10

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 our grade 7 and 8 students will take part in a Youth Symposium at the end of May at Imagine Cinemas.

At Tec. South, staff work on an ongoing basis to provide students with a variety of extra-curricular activities to support the well-being of our students. From enrichment opportunities like debater's forum and the GO conference, to sports teams, clubs and choir, our students have many opportunities to get involved in school life.

What will your kids be doing this summer to stay active?

Helping our kids lead healthy, active lifestyles can sometimes be challenging for families – especially during the summer months when kids may not benefit from programs they participate in during the school year. Summer programs offer children and youth a host of benefits including staying physically active, making new friends and giving kids a sense of belonging and confidence. Here are some ideas on how to keep your kids' minds and bodies active this summer:

- **Summer camp** - We know that when children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to “unplug” from technology and enjoy the great outdoors!
- **Summer kids club** – When your child is too young to take part in summer camp, the YMCA Summer Kids Club is the perfect opportunity for children ages 4 to 6 to engage in interactive indoor and outdoor experiences all summer long. It's the perfect setting for kids who want to embark on thrilling adventures while staying close to home.
- **Swimming lessons** – Swimming is a summer time favourite. Consider signing your child up for swimming lessons, giving them the confidence they need to be safe in and around the water.
- **Aquatic leadership programs** – For older youth, the summer is the perfect time to enrol in aquatic leadership programs such as Bronze Medallion or National Lifeguard training.

Learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka camps at www.YMCASummerCamp.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

Eat Well to Excel

In consultation and collaboration with community partners, Eat Well to Excel (EWTE) promotes the healthy development of school-age children in Simcoe County. The organization helps to provide children with nutritious foods in the context of school nutrition programs, helps to fund such programs, and encourages lifelong, healthy eating habits through nutrition-related education in the schools and the community.

Do you want to get involved with EWTE?

- Visit www.eatwelltoexcel.ca to find out how you can be part of this important program
- Follow the work of the steering committee, who meet approximately 4 times a year, with updates posted on the website
- Share your fundraising ideas by contacting the committee at www.eatwelltoexcel.ca

Information provided by Eat Well to Excel

An important message about vaping

E-cigarette vaping is being promoted as less harmful than smoking cigarettes, but that doesn't mean it is harmless. Studies are underway to determine the long-term risks of vaping. What is known, however, is that vaping is becoming more popular with Ontario students. They risk becoming addicted to the nicotine found in the many flavours of e-juices available with attractive smells and tastes.

Vaping, like tobacco, is banned on school property at all times, but the newer vaping devices can be easy to disguise and use without attracting attention. It's important we work together at school and home to talk about vaping and encourage our kids to make healthy, vape- and tobacco-free lifestyle choices.

For more information, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Please enjoy some photos of school life over the last month...



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>MAY 2019</h1> <p>Thank you to our families and CRIC for all your support. Fundraising and donations allowed us to buy 15 new Chromebooks, 4 iPADS, new basketballs, a scoreboard, track resurfacing, flag football equipment and many educational items for our students!</p>			1 Oliver Twist 7pm	2 Oliver Twist 7pm	3 PA DAY No school	4
5 Education Week	6 NEW ORLEANS PIZZA FUNDRAISER (until May 8) Pizza Day	7	8 Subs	9 Co Ed Rugby Visit to Fire Hall JK/SK/1	10 Vision Screening SKs	11
12	13 Pizza day Immunizations- Grade 7	14 School Track and Field	15 Subs Banting Drama show	16 Track and Field rain date	17 Beeton Honey Festival colouring contest due	18
19	20 HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	21	22 Subs	23	24 Assembly 9:30 Rainbow day- dress in rainbow colours!	25
26	27 EQAO Pizza Day Grade 8s to Tawingo	28 EQAO Grade 8s to Tawingo	29 EQAO Subs Very tired Grade 8s return from Tawingo	30 EQAO Grade 8 to Imagine Theatre	31 PA DAY	Our new electronic scoreboard... 