



THE KNIGHT'S NEWS!

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Superintendent: P. Murphy

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COMMIT TO CHARACTER

The Character Trait of the Month is:

INCLUSIVENESS

We include everyone in what we do and value their unique contributions.



Upcoming Dates

February is Black History Month!

- Feb 2,9,16,23 - Pizza Day
- Feb 5th - School Council @5pm
- Feb 9th - Olympic Spirit Day/Pizza Day
- Feb 14th - Red, White, Pink Day
- Feb 15th - Canadian Flag Day
- Feb 16th - Report Cards go Home/Pizza Day
- Feb 19th - Family Day
- Feb 22nd - Allandale Winter Olympics
- Feb 23rd - Character Ed Assembly @9:30am
- Feb 26th - Hot Dog Day
- Feb 28th - Pink Shirt Day
- Mar 2,9,23rd - Pizza Day
- Mar 5th - School Council @5pm
- Mar 9th - Dance-a-thon
- Mar 12-16 - March Break
- Mar 26th - Hot Dog Day
- Mar 29th - Twin/Multiples Spirit Day
- Mar 30th - Good Friday (no school)

Principal's Message

Hello Allandale families,
 Can you believe it is February already? We are half-way through the 2017-2018 school year and I am pleased with the progress the students are making in their growth mindset and achievements both in and outside the classroom. Report cards will be going home on Friday February 16th. These reports reflect the on-going assessments of students' progress through the triangulation of data (observations, conversations and products). Teachers also use the provincial achievement chart categories of Knowledge and Understanding, Thinking, Application and Communication to assess student work. If you have any questions about the assessment process please contact your child's teacher or go to:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/growSuccess.pdf>

Pamela Hamilton ~ Principal

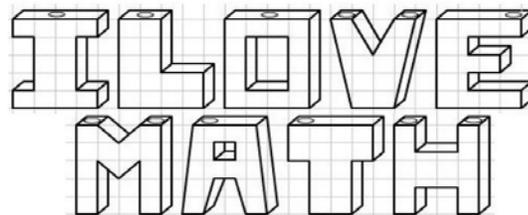
Math Problem of the Month

Math problem solving is going on at AHPS! We are developing our math skills by solving problems and working hard to communicate our thinking and justify our answers. Productive struggle working through the problem solving process is key to deep learning.

Try out our latest Math Challenge!

Minds On: Fill'em Up

Nine containers look like letters of the alphabet when viewed face-on. Water is slowly poured into each container through one of the holes at the top at the same rate.



Which container takes the longest to fill? How do you know?
 Tweet your solutions using #scdsbmath

adapted from nrich.maths.org



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Kindergarten Registration

Now accepting Kindergarten registrations



Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten! Elementary schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

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

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at www.learningcentres.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!

Special Education Information Nights

Parents invited to information sessions about special education

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Feb. 19

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

Walking to School



Walking to school is great for students

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

WINTER PARKING – walking means less traffic!

During the winter months parking becomes more difficult as spaces are lost to snow hills and lines are covered by snow and ice. We all need to do our best to only park in designated spaces. **Walkways as well as bus and fire lanes need to be kept clear.** From 8:15 until 9:00 every morning, the bus lane is **closed** to all other traffic. Side streets in the community to accommodate temporary parking are available if our lot is at capacity. Thank you for your continued cooperation in making our parking lot safe for our students.

Immunization Records

Update your child's immunization record

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their



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child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Youth Leadership

The benefits of youth leadership development

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- encourage outdoor adventures and education
- enrol in camps
- find volunteer and community service opportunities

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

FAMILY DAY

Monday, February 19, 2018 is the Family Day Holiday. There is no school on this day. Enjoy the day with your family! For some ideas, visit <http://www.ontariotravel.net> and click on the Family Day link.



Getting to School on Time

Getting out the door on time in the morning

Ah, the morning chaos of a household waking up: cleaning, dressing, eating and racing out the door... Any number of things can make for a stressful morning: lack of sleep, a child needing reminders every step of the way, the last minute lunches. The key is organization. Be realistic about how much time you need to get ready in the morning. Time pressures add stress to everyone.

Some tips from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit:

- Get yourself ready first, before your child. Go to bed at a reasonable hour so you wake up rested and ready for the day.
- Plan ahead: pack lunches, find the mittens, and pick clothes the night before.
- Keep the television off! Electronics and TV can be very disruptive first thing in the morning. If there is extra time, let them use it to read, chat, or help out.
- Be clear and realistic about what your child can do. Praising them when they do something well encourages them to do it again and gain new skills.

Remember to have patience. Your child learns from watching you and you have the unique opportunity to show these skills. In time your child will learn to plan ahead, be organized, and develop patience. For more information you can call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 and speak with a public health nurse or click on the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or visit www.tripleontario.ca.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to the many volunteers who help out in our school everyday. Your commitment to supporting the programs and activities we offer to students is greatly appreciated! Without your efforts and hard work, we would not be as successful! Thank You!!

If you are interested in helping, please contact the school.





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Website: Subscribe to our website to stay up-to-date on what's happening at our school. You'll receive our news and newsletters right to your email inbox! Visit the subscribe page at <http://all.scdsb.on.ca/subscribe> and enter your email address. You will receive an email with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. Once you've confirmed, you'll start receiving all the important news from our school.

Twitter: You can also follow us on Twitter @AllandaleKnight

Email: Is your email on file with the school? If so, then you will receive important updates as well as our monthly newsletter directly to your email address. How convenient is that! If you do not have an email on file with the school, please feel free to send your email in your child's agenda to give to the office.

SAVE THE DATE



Allandale is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and we want to see you there! Please mark your calendars for **THURSDAY APRIL 19th, 2018**. If you have any memorabilia that we could borrow to showcase the decades from 1967 until now we welcome them. Please contact the school for additional information.



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