



THE KNIGHT'S NEWS!

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Principal: Mrs. P. Hamilton

Vice Principal: R. Meraska

Superintendent: P. Murphy

Trustee: J. Cameron

June's Character Trait is...



We are accountable for our actions and we follow through on our commitments.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we are coming to the end of the 2017-2018 school year, it is important to reflect on many of the accomplishments that our students have achieved. Our continued focus on Growth Mindset, mindfulness, grit and resilience has marked significant positive gains for our students as they begin to realize and acknowledge their full potential and embrace new challenges. Take time to congratulate your children and reflect on their growth and achievements in all areas of school life. You make us proud Knights!

As the end of the year approaches, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer, as well as say good-bye to the students who are moving to other schools or beginning their journey to high school. Have a safe and happy summer and see everyone in September!

HELLOS and GOODBYES: STAFFING CHANGES FOR 2018-2019

Congratulations to Mrs. Riley on her retirement! After 29 years, she is hanging up her teaching hat and

looking forward to some traveling and doing volunteer work. As the saying goes, "old enough to retire, young enough to enjoy." We wish you all the best. Your contributions to the young lives you have touched are endless. We wish Ms. Robbins well in her new role at Hyde Park Elementary School. Ms. Robbins has been teaching at AHPS for 12 years and has been a valued member of our school community. Your positive energy and light will be dearly missed. Bon chance M. Norwood. You have brought fun and fabulous to French class. We hope that you will continue to spread the love of French language and celebration as you embark on the next stage of your career. We wish Ms. Gunson all the best as she ventures on in her teaching career. This year she filled in for Mr. Candelino and although we are thrilled to have him return, we will greatly miss her. Thank you for all your hard work supporting AHPS. You have made your mark! Welcome to Ms. Pokorny and Mr. Jewsen who will be joining our staff as kindergarten and grade ¾ teachers. Welcome back to Mr. Candelino who will be fulfilling the roles of planning-time music teacher and SERT. What a great place we have here at AHPS! Go Knights Go!

Upcoming Dates

- June 4 – Hotdog Day
- June 5- Track and Field Day
- June 6 – Track and Field Rain Date
- June 14 - Grade 7 Swim to Survive
- June 11 - T & F Zones Innisdale
- June 12 - Kindergarten @ Tiffin
- June 13 - Earth Rangers Assembly (Gr 1-6)
- June 13 - Reports Due
- June 15 - Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
- June 18 - Staff lunch by School Council
- June 19 – Volunteer Appreciation Lunch 12:30-1:30
- June 22 - Spirit Day (Colour Day)
- June 26 - Graduation 6:00 pm
- June 28 - Last Day of Classes & Character Education Assembly
- June 29 - PA Day



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Thank You to our School Council!

AHPS School Council is instrumental in organizing and ensuring great things happen at our school. Programs and events such as fund raising endeavours, character recognition, ProGrant Family Nights, Eat Well to Excel (Breakfast Club), liaison with Community Partnerships and snack bins for classrooms are a few of the many tasks our School Council takes on. Council meets once a month to ensure a strong connection between our school and the community. Thank you for all you do!

You are always invited to attend School Council meetings. Our first meeting for 2018-2019 will be held on Monday October 5 at 5:00pm in the library. We will be holding elections on that day. Nomination forms will be available in the office from Sept.17-28th. You are welcome to self-nominate as well as to nominate someone you know to be part of this year's council. All parents are welcome to attend meetings whether you are a member of council or not, you are all part of our school community.

Moving?

If you are moving over the summer, please let the school office know. We can help make the transition to a new school a smooth one.

First Day Procedures – Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Students/families will gather in the field behind the school for the regular school day start time. Grade divisions will be separated by signs (on poles) that indicate: Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Intermediate. In those areas, teachers will call out student names and take classes to their rooms. All new families will join everyone in the field as well. We will also have staff members situated around the building and at the front of the school assisting. In the event of rain: all students will report to the gym at the 8:55AM bell.

Classes for September

We are beginning the process of creating our classes for September. Each year the sending teachers meet to provide input into the make-up of the classes for the following year. A number of factors are taken into consideration. Please be assured that our students' needs are our first and foremost concern throughout the process. In the event that we do need to re-organize in the fall we go back to our records of this process and begin again. Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter.

Volunteers Needed for September

For anyone who is interested in volunteering in September, please contact the school office before the end of June. Volunteers are needed in many areas including, breakfast club, snack and lunch programs and various other areas.

Volunteers make these programs possible!

*** New volunteers can pick up a letter from the school, which allows them to have their Criminal Background Check done for free. Current volunteers only need to sign a declaration in the fall to continue volunteering. If you are unsure if you are still on the approved list of volunteers, please stop by the office.*



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End of Year Book Returns

Students please search "**high and low**" for missing or overdue books. The last week for library loans will be the week of June 11th. If a student cannot find a book, families are asked to please review the choices on the overdue notice which will be sent home in regards to replacing the book (e.g., to pay the lost book fee or replace the book with another one of equal value). If the book is "discovered" over the summer holiday then the Learning Commons will gladly refund the money when the book is returned.

Makerspace

The Allandale Makerspace / STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) area in the Learning Commons is running low on supplies. We would like to replenish the following 'consumable' materials and hoping the school community could help. We ask that donations brought to school be labelled 'Makerspace' donations.

See list below:

- large and small popsicle sticks
- pipe cleaners
- glue sticks
- glue gun glue 'low temperature'
- masking tape
- straws
- duct tape
- balloons
- Velcro
- toilet/ paper towel rolls
- toothpicks
- old CD's

Summer Reading

Summer is a great time for fun, relaxation and reading! The Barrie Public Library is running the Readopoly program in July and August for Primary students. Junior and Intermediate students are encouraged to use the Battle of the Books list from the Barrie Public library as a guide for their summer reading choices. Check out their website at <http://www.library.barrie.on.ca>.

2018-19 school year calendars now approved

The Ministry of Education has approved the elementary and secondary school year calendars for the Simcoe County District School Board's 2018-19 school year.

2018-19 Highlights:

- First day of school: Tuesday, September 4, 2018
- First day of school for Junior Kindergarten students: Thursday, September 6, 2018
- Winter Break: December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019
- March Break: March 11 to 15, 2019
- Last day for elementary students: Thursday, June 27, 2019
- Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 26, 2019

You can view the 2018-19 calendars on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca) by clicking on 'Schools' and then 'School Year Calendars.'

Updated criminal record checks required for volunteers

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, and in accordance with the Education Act, the SCDSB requires a complete and up-to-date Criminal Record Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CRC-VSS) for all volunteers across the system. If you are a current, approved volunteer and your CRC-VSS is more than five years old, you will be receiving a notification this month indicating that you are required to submit a new CRC-VSS. If you wish to continue as a SCDSB volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. Contact the school principal to obtain a CRC-VSS request letter.
2. Bring your CRC-VSS request letter to your local police detachment.
3. Submit your original and complete CRC-VSS to the school office for review by Oct. 31, 2018.

If you are a current SCDSB employee volunteering in the system, you are required to submit an updated CRC-VSS to the school where you will be volunteering. If you have completed a CRC-VSS within the past six months of the start of the school year for another organization, you may submit that original CRC-VSS for review. If you have questions, please contact the school.

Register now for fall International Language Programs

The SCDSB offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enrol 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



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student can benefit from this program. The Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) offers Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 15 (classes are dependent on student enrollment). There is no charge for this 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.'

Community Involvement Hours – Opportunity for high school students who speak an International Language

Do you speak Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu or Vietnamese? The SCDSB is currently looking for high school student volunteers to help support the Saturday morning international language classes for students in Grades 1 - 8. The classes run from 9 to 11:30 a.m., starting Sept. 15, at the Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) and the Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E., Suite 200). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the program coordinator, Amanda Hickling, at ahickling@scdsb.on.ca

Eye See...Eye Learn program offers free glasses for Junior Kindergarten students

The Eye See...Eye Learn program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeyelearn.ca. The program is available for current JK students until June 30, 2018.

Canada Education Savings programs are available to help fund your child's education

The Government of Canada encourages Canadians to use Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP) to save for a child's post-secondary education, which includes full- or part-time studies at a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university or in an apprenticeship program. Employment and Social Development Canada administers two education savings incentives linked to RESPs:

- **Canada Education Savings Grant** - a basic grant of 20% on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a RESP (this grant is available to all eligible Canadians regardless of their family

income), as well as the additional amount of Canada Education Savings Grant.

- **Canada Learning Bond** - available for eligible Canadian children from low-income families born in 2004 or later and provides an initial payment of \$500 plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000. Personal contributions are not required.

For more information, visit: www.canada.ca/education-savings.

Register now for Before & After School/Child care Programs for September 2018

Register now for this September! Your child's space in the program for the 2018-2019 school year will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted by June 30, 2017. Please contact 705 726-6421 ext.250 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. 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 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!

Safe Kids Week is June 4 to 8

This year's theme focuses on concussions at home, at play and on the road:



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- Help reduce the likelihood of head injury, like concussions, during sports, recreation and unstructured play by encouraging your child to use correctly fitting protective equipment and to follow safety rules.
- Teach children about wearing the right helmet for the activity. For example: bike helmets can be used for cycling, in-line skating and scootering, but skateboarding helmets should be used for skateboarding as they cover the back of the head better.
- Recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion, which can happen even without a direct hit to the head and without losing consciousness. If your child does have signs of concussion, remove them from the activity and seek medical care.
- Be sure to inform your school principal if your child sustains a concussion, either on or off school property.

swimming lessons, giving them the confidence they need to be safe in and around the water.

- Unplug and enjoy the outdoors! Did you know that the average Canadian child spends almost eight hours a day in front of a screen? Research tells us that when children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Look for opportunities for your child to get connected with nature.

With some creativity and advanced planning, parents can keep their children's minds and bodies active this summer! To learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

Learn more at www.parachutecanada.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Keep your kids healthy, active and engaged this summer

Summer is the time for kids to get outside and grow. But for some kids, exposure to activities that stimulate the body and mind ends with the school year. Studies show 90 per cent of children ages five to 11 years old in Canada do not meet their minimal physical activity requirements. We know that having an active lifestyle in the early years is essential to healthy child development and has a positive impact on mental health. Here are a few tips on how to keep your child's mind and body active this summer:

- Learn a new skill! Over the summer months, there is a wide variety of programs to keep children and youth active. Whether outdoors or in a facility like the YMCA, swimming is a summer time favourite. Consider signing your child up for



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