



THE KNIGHT'S NEWS!

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The first week of May is Education week in Ontario. This week we celebrate the students and staff at Allandale Heights Public School. Thank you to all our students, staff and their families for making this school such a great place learn and live together. You can follow #YouMakeADifference! to see some of the great things going on around the county. May 2-8 is also Children's Mental Health Week in Ontario. We encourage you to follow #SCDSBMentalHealthWeek on Twitter to see all the great things happening in our area and perhaps share some of your own great ideas and activities for positive mental health!

We were thankful to have all the winter sand on our tarmac school yard swept away recently. We can now see all the games lines painted on the tarmac and enjoy them again. We're excited that many great things continue to happen at our school. As we enter the month of May, our character education focus is respect, and we encourage and remind our entire community to always respect ourselves, each other and the property of others. Treat people the way you want to be treated. Talk to people the way you want to be talked to. Respect is earned, not given.

This spring we will be conducting provincial EQAO standardized assessments for all our grade 3 and 6 students after two years of postponement. New this year, the entire assessment will be electronic. We're also excited to be having some university students supporting us as tutors in the classroom over the remaining weeks of school. We are currently in the process of hiring these students. We will also be conducting an after-school literacy club for select primary students who meet the criteria to be a part of this club. This literacy club will be led by a couple of our primary teachers along with some of our educational assistant staff.

A virtual orientation for new kindergarten families will take place on May 18 at 12 PM. We look forward to meeting our new students, parents and guardians at that time. The session will be recorded and sent out for all those families who are not able to attend at that time. We do also hope to have an in-person time for families to have a brief tour at the end of August to help students with the transition into school.

Finally, we are looking forward to having an in-person graduation again this year for our grade 8 students. Graduation will take place in our gym on June 27 at 6 PM. Graduates will receive a limited number of tickets for their guests. Looking ahead to next school year, we are anticipating our enrolment to increase. One big change we're also anticipating for our school is Allandale Heights becoming the central hub for all elementary online students in Simcoe County. All teachers teaching online classes will be hosted at Allandale, so we expect to see a number of portables added to our school site over the summer to house the numerous teachers who will be working from this location. We'll have many new virtual students at Allandale next year, but their teachers will be here working from our school location.

-Jan DeCola
Principal of Allandale Heights P.S



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This month's Character Trait is:

RESPECT



We treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity.



Please always walk your bicycle, skateboard, or scooter on school property!

Reminder the Allandale morning school yard supervision begins at 8:40 AM. Students should not arrive at school in the morning until after 8:40 AM.



NO DOGS allowed on school property.

SCDSB Schools Continue to be mask friendly environments

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, staff and visitors are no longer required to wear masks in schools, school board offices and on student transportation. SCDSB schools continue to be mask-friendly environments. Masks remain available to students and staff who choose to continue to wear them while in schools. Please encourage your child(ren) to be respectful and understanding of everyone's choice with respect to masking so that SCDSB schools remain the safe, inclusive and welcoming teaching and learning environments they are meant to be for all.

There are still some situations where masks are to be worn. Examples include:

- When traveling outside of Canada masks are to be worn for 14 days upon return.
- After testing positive for COVID-19 masks are to be worn on days 6 through 10 following a five-day isolation period.

For more information visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website at simcoemuskokahealth.ca

Registration is open for SCDSB's Virtual Learning Program (2022-2023)

Planning is underway for September 2022, including the opportunity for families to register their child(ren) for the SCDSB's elementary Virtual Learning Program. The SCDSB's elementary Virtual Learning Program will be available to students in kindergarten to Grade 8 for the 2022-2023 school year. Families who choose to have their child(ren) learn virtually will be provided with 300 minutes per day of synchronous learning, taught by a qualified SCDSB teacher and supported by education support staff, including educational assistants, as appropriate.

Register by May 6, 2022, to secure a space in the elementary Virtual Learning Program for your child(ren) in 2022-2023. Registrations received after May 6 will only be considered based on available space. For more information and to register, visit scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/virtual_learning_program.

Upcoming Dates

- May 2nd - 8th SCDSB Mental Health Week
- May 4th "May the fourth be with you" (Star Wars Day)
- May 6th Wear **Green** for Mental health week
- May 6th Last day for Virtual Learning Registration
- May 11th May 17th Scholastic Book Fair
- May 18th Kindergarten Orientation @12noon
- May 23rd Victoria Day (School Closed)
- June 27th Grade 8 graduation @ 6pm



Kindergarten registration for Sept 2022 is open

Kindergarten is the beginning of a wonderful journey of learning, and we want your child to begin their journey in a SCDSB school! Do you have a child who is turning four in 2022? If so, we invite you to register your child for kindergarten.

To register online or for more information visit: www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

Mental Health Week 2022

Join us May 2 to 8 for #SCDSBMentalHealthWeek to help celebrate and bring awareness, prevention and promotion to mental health. This year the theme is Empathy. This week, the SCDSB will continue to focus on the importance of compassion, understanding and empathy for ourselves and others as part of our collective responsibility take care of and support the well-being of those around us.



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Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). Here are some ways to do that: Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://all.scdsb.on.ca> You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email. Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca. Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools)

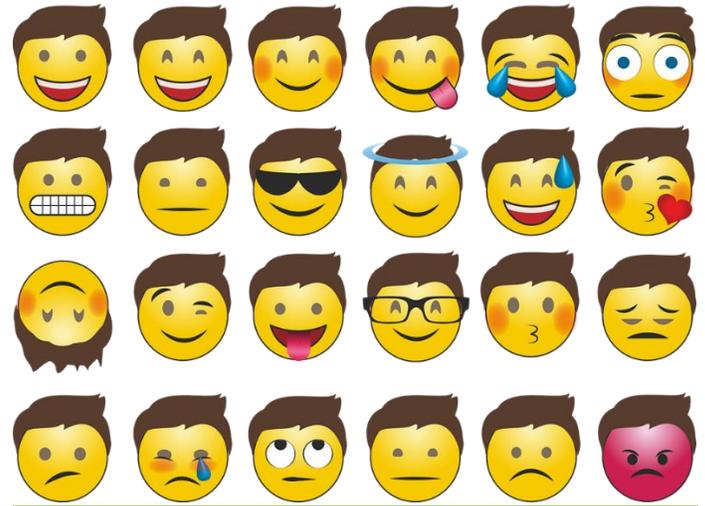


Register now for summer childcare

Childcare programs for children in kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party childcare operators in some SCDSB schools. To support your childcare needs, some operators offer childcare over the summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the childcare operator directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare before after.

Register now for summer school in the SCDSB

Registration is now open for the SCDSB's 2022 summer school courses. Students can take a summer school course to create flexibility in their schedule during the regular school year, complete a credit or upgrade. Summer school credit courses are available online this July. Students can advance online learning skills, earn missed credits or fast-track preparation for college or university in just four weeks. Online learning is fully supported by certified teachers who are available electronically daily. Courses are available from Grades 9 to 12 in a variety of subject areas including English, math and science. Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at <http://thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school>.



Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Day – June 27, 2022

On June 27 all secondary schools will run a Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Day for students. Students requiring an opportunity to receive feedback from an assessment, to rescue or recover a credit or to improve on an area of missed expectations can attend and meet with teachers and support staff. Teachers and support staff will communicate with students who will benefit most from attending this opportunity; however, all students will be invited to attend. There will be no new instruction that day, but it is an opportunity for students to work more closely with their teacher if they require feedback, credit recovery or an opportunity to improve on an area of missed expectations.

School climate survey

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) aims to provide a safe, supportive learning environment that supports all students in being successful. During the month of April, all students in Grades 4 to 12 will be asked to complete an anonymous and confidential online SCDSB School Climate Survey about how they feel about their school. Any participant of a SCDSB School Climate Survey will not be asked to provide their name or other identifying information because all surveys are anonymous.

The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff related to the [SCDSB Strategic Priorities](#) and will help schools to develop and refine their School Action Plans.

Similar to prior SCDSB school climate surveys, the questions cover a range of topics, such as:

- excellence in teaching and learning.
- mental health and well-being.
- equity, diversity and inclusion.



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- community; and,
- experiences of school safety and bullying.

Student Survey

A sample version of the student survey will be available on the [SCDSB website](#). Please call your child(ren)'s school if you have questions about how the student survey will be administered.

Questions?

School staff will be available to answer any questions or concerns a student may have.

Questions about the 2021-2022 SCDSB School Climate Survey can also be directed to schoolclimate@scdsb.on.ca.

EarlyON Child and Family Centers

Did you know that EarlyON Child and Family Centers offer free programs, resources, parenting courses and developmental screening, as well as referrals to community programs? All children, prenatal through 6 years of age, can participate with their parent(s) or caregiver(s). In Simcoe County there are four agencies that deliver EarlyON Child and Family programs. Services are available in English and French and can be explored by visiting www.simcoe.ca/ChildrenandCommunityServices/Pages/EarlyON.aspx. EarlyON Child and Family Centre staff are trained in child development and facilitation of educational programs for parents/guardians and children and are now providing a new parent/child interactive program called *Getting Ready for Kindergarten* for parents/guardians and children who are starting Kindergarten this fall! Pre-register at www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/hubfs/GRFK.pdf.

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Adult English as a Second Language Program

Looking to improve your English skills? Join our Adult English as a Second Language Program (ESL) classes to improve your listening and speaking skills through class discussions and presentations. Develop your English skills to advance in your current job or open the door to new employment opportunities. Learn more about your local community and explore Canadian culture and history. Adult ESL classes are offered year-round with a continuous intake.

To register for the program, please contact the Barrie Learning Centre at 705-725-8360 ext. 45151, or email ganderson@scdsb.on.ca.

**Please note all students starting ESL for the first time must be assessed prior to starting the class. Fees apply for visitors to Canada and work/study permit holders.*



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Join us! A learning series for parents

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to be part of a three-year partnership with Pine River Institute (PRI). The Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) will provide several multi-part learning series focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There is an upcoming webinar in the learning series specifically planned for parents and guardians during this school year.

May 19-- Understanding addiction and addictive behaviours

We hope you save this date in your calendar and join us for this learning opportunity. For more information and to register, please visit the mental health and well-being page on the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/3jGaC74>. Pine River Institute is a live-in treatment center and outdoor leadership experience for youth aged 13 to 19 struggling with addictive behaviors and often other mental health issues. Combining therapy with a fully accredited education program, PRI reinforces the healthy life skills required for a successful future. CFI@PRI extends PRI's knowledge, experience and evidence-informed treatment approach to families and care providers in the community to support youth mental wellness and prevent the need for more intensive interventions. Learn more about PRI by visiting their website at www.pineriverinstitute.com.



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Family fun with multiplication facts!

Has your child been asked to practice their math facts at home? Math facts are best learned in a purposeful way that helps students make connections between the facts, as opposed to memorizing them individually.

Some tips for supporting fact fluency at home:

1. Practice the facts in a meaningful order.

- start with foundational facts like 2s, 10s, 5s, 1s and 0s
- move on to more challenging facts that can be found using combinations of foundational facts, like 3s, 4s, 6s, 8s, 9s and 7s
- use this Mastering Math Facts link below to learn strategies to support each group of facts:
<https://bit.ly/3jZKROQ>

2. Help your child see that the order of the factors does not change the product.

- example: $2 \times 5 = 10$ and $5 \times 2 = 10$

3. Help your child practice by decomposing more challenging facts into known facts.

- example one: 7×8 can be thought of as $(7 \times 4) + (7 \times 4)$
- example two: 5×7 can be thought of as $(5 \times 5) + (5 \times 2)$

4. Help your child visualize the facts by building arrays and drawing pictures to represent them. Follow this link for helpful resources: <https://mathvisuals.wordpress.com/multiplication-division/>.

5. Play games such as:

- Blockout: <https://mathforlove.com/lesson/blockout/>
- Math Flips: <https://mathvisuals.wordpress.com/math-flips/>
- Stick and Split: <https://www.stickandsplit.com/>

6. Allow your child as much time as they need to find an answer for a fact. This will lower the stress and support them with using the strategies they are learning, and they will soon become automatic with practice.

Interested in learning more about the ways that the SCDSB supports students with special education needs and their families? Join us for a virtual special education outreach series

In 2022, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/caregivers in learning more about programs, supports and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs.

Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma – information for parents/caregivers

May 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to register in advance. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. <https://bit.ly/3s8OBm8>

Join our SCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee for an Unlearning Bias parent series

This May, the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is hosting a virtual learning series for parents/guardians. Unlearning Bias features three sessions that will support participants in exploring the benefits of diversity while gaining language and tools to challenge prejudice, stereotyping and discrimination in their communities.

Identifying and Unlearning Bias

Presented by Shafiq Aziz, Director of Programs, Harmony Movement>> May 3rd 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

How to be a Good Ally

Presented by Shafiq Aziz, Director of Programs, Harmony Movement>> May 10th 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

How to Take Action

Presented by Irfan Toor, Director of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, Ontario Principals' Council>> May 17th 6:30 - 8:30

Participants are asked to register in advance at scdsb.on.ca/unlearningbias. Participation in all three sessions is encouraged but not required.