



# THE KNIGHT'S NEWS!

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Superintendent: D. Maltby

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## We're Building Character

### PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that November is upon us already. We have had an excellent start to the 2018-2019 school year! I am extremely proud of how our students have settled in to the routines and are getting involved in many of the amazing things that AHPS has to offer. Our Green Team has been working hard to continue our recycling program and we are thankful for their hard work and efforts to cooperate with our great custodians - Ms. Shanahan and Ms. McMinn. Our Kindness Club, along with Ms. Rose and Ms. Moritz have started a SPCA drive and would appreciate donations to support this initiative. The Art club led by Mme. Waters and Ms. Moritz is in full swing. The Student Leadership Team is up and running and we enjoyed the kick-off assembly on Thursday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Ms. Rose, Ms. Moritz, Ms. Simmonds and Ms. Nafziger for leading these students. A big thank you to Ms. Green, Mr. Jewson and Ms. Forrest for coaching our Cross-county team. The students did us proud as they travelled to Sunnidale Park for the SCDSB event. Thank you to Mme. Melo for her efforts coaching the Jr. Boys' and Jr. Girls' volleyball teams and to Ms. Rose and Ms. Moritz for coaching the Int. Grils' basketball team. A big thank you to Mr. Jewson for leading our Flag Football team as well as coaching Int. Boys' volleyball with Mr. Armstrong. Great things are happening at AHPS!

### SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

**Co-Chairs:** Kelly Derbyshire and Christine Miller

**Secretary:** Shelley Skinner

**Council Members:** Robin Malandrino, Annie Dillabough, Mary-Ann Robert, Shannon Marek, Andrea Cardiff, Cody Courtenay

All parents are welcome to attend council meetings and we invite you to join us at our next meeting, which will be held on Monday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. It is a great way to get involved at Allandale Heights.

The Character Trait of the Month is...

### COURAGE



### Upcoming Dates:

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| November 5 <sup>th</sup>            | School Council Meeting @5pm                  |
| November 8 <sup>th</sup>            | Picture Re-Take Day                          |
| November 9 <sup>th</sup>            | Remembrance Day Assembly @9:30 (ALL WELCOME) |
| November 15 <sup>th</sup>           | Barrie Colts Night                           |
| November 16 <sup>th</sup>           | Progress Reports go home                     |
| November 19-23                      | Student Conferences                          |
| November 23 <sup>rd</sup>           | PA Day                                       |
| November 27 <sup>th</sup>           | Grade 7 Immunizations                        |
| December 3 <sup>rd</sup>            | School Council Meeting @5:00pm               |
| December 24-January 6 <sup>th</sup> | Winter Break                                 |
| January 7 <sup>th</sup>             | Back to school                               |

## High school information nights for Grade 8 students coming to a school near you!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered at:

Innisdale Secondary School  
[iss.scdsb.on.ca](http://iss.scdsb.on.ca)  
705-726-2552



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## Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

Please be sure that you have signed up for a conference with your child's teacher the week of Nov 19-23. It is your child's chance to shine and show you their good work and for you to learn about what they are working on. If you don't have a time slot yet, please contact your child's teacher at the school at 705-728-3601.

## **Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with School Cash Online**

If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for School Cash Online. This is our preferred method of payment for all school fundraising including lunch days and field trips. School Cash Online allows you to pay with your debit or credit card. Follow these steps to get started:

1. Go to [simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com](http://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com) or from our school website click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through echeck or credit card

The School Cash Parent Helpdesk is available 24/7 to help you with registration, password recoveries or any other payment issues. Call the helpdesk at 1-866-961-1803 or email [parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com).

## **Parent Portal gives parents real-time access to attendance, grade information**

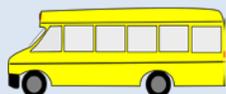
The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID will be provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

## **Bus cancellation information reminder**

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s bus information website at [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Our school is in the NORTH zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day.

You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC\_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>

For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, follow our school's Twitter account @AllandaleKnight or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.



## **Safe water in our school**

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, along with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, works with local school boards in their efforts to ensure children are protected from unnecessary exposure to lead from drinking water. All schools are required to flush their plumbing regularly and sample their water to test for lead. Samples must be collected at every tap that provides drinking water or that is used to prepare food or drink for children under the age of 18. Schools are required to test both standing (water that has been sitting in the distribution lines) and flushed water (water which has run through the lines) for lead on a regular basis (e.g. annually). Flushing has been shown to reduce lead levels in water and is a recognized lead reduction strategy. If a school's drinking water test result is above the provincial drinking water standard for lead, the schools communicate these results to the local Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks to ensure corrective actions are carried out and the problem is resolved.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*



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## Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day Assembly will be held November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30, followed by a speaking engagement with Robert George, VP of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping. All are welcome to attend.

### **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.Eyeseeeylearn.ca](http://www.Eyeseeeylearn.ca).

### **TECHNOLOGY**

The rule for cell phones at school and on the yard is "**Off and Away**". The acceptable use of technology form has been reviewed by the students. As per this agreement computers and other technology are to be used under the **teacher's direction for specific purposes**. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the privilege being removed. Please ensure that your son / daughter has had a mature discussion about respectful language and/or content when using technology (Social Media such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and text messages).

### **MINI KNIGHTS PROGRAM..... Recognition for Random Acts of Good Character at Allandale Heights PS**

Our 'Gotcha' Program is back at Allandale Heights PS again this year. When students and staff want to acknowledge a 'random act of kindness' they have been seen, they can fill out a Mini Knight and give it to the recognized individual. The mini knights are collected and a draw occurs at the end of each month for a prize.

### **Parents have influence on their teens**

Did you know that teenagers rank their parents as having the most influence over what risks they choose to take? And that those who believe their parents strongly disapprove of drug and alcohol use are less likely than their peers to use them! Here are some helpful tips:

- spend time with your kids and talk openly about alcohol and other drugs
- set clear and consistent messages
- know that you are a role model

For useful tips and other helpful information on how you can best communicate with your child about drugs and alcohol, visit <http://www.smartrisknoregrets.ca/index/parent.html> or <http://simcoemuskokahealth.org>.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

## **Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov. 5 to 9**

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's Nov. 5 to 9. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty 5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty.

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit [www.ontario.ca/page/treaties](http://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties).

### **Volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters and our schools**

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Barrie & District is proud to partner with the SCDSB to run three mentoring programs for students. Volunteers are welcome to apply to mentor students for as little as one hour per week. Call BBBS Barrie at 705-728-0515 or visit [www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie](http://www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie) to find out more. The Orillia (705-325-3151), Georgian Triangle (705-445-2330) and North Simcoe (705-526-5051) BBBS locations also welcome volunteers for in-school mentoring programs.



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