



THE KNIGHT'S NEWS!

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Principal: Mrs. J. DeCola

Vice Principal: F. Van Arragon

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Our school has grown a lot this year. With so many new students, we had to add three additional classes. We now have a new kindergarten class, grade two class and a grade 4/5 class. We've run out of space in the school building, so you'll notice a new portable classroom is being installed in our junior yard for our grade 4/5 students. We welcome many new staff to our school this year as well.

Ms. Cardiff & Mrs. Arnone - Kindergarten
Ms. Glauser - Kindergarten
Ms. Collet - grade 1
Ms. Apter - grade 2
Ms. Buchmayer - Primary Special Education Teacher
Ms. Hillis - Online grade 2 teacher
Ms. Vlahos - Planning Time and Special Education
Mr. Pepin - French
Ms. Banton - Learning Centre
Ms. Boyd - Planning Time
Ms. Benton - Office Administrator

We trust that your children have settled into a routine that enables them to learn and grow successfully. By now, the culture and climate of the individual classrooms are in place and provide young learners with the stability and routines that they need to be successful.

The first of parent/teacher conferences are a little more than a month away. Progress reports will be sent home on November 4 and conferences will be scheduled during the week of November 8-12 and will be scheduled virtually. If there are concerns you have or if you have information to share that will help the teacher work more effectively with your child, you do not need to wait until then to talk with the teacher. You might call, email or send a note to them at any time.

This month we are conducting numerous safety drills so our students are prepared for emergency situations. Please note we will be conducting fire and evacuation drills as well as a lockdown drill this week and next week. You may reinforce at home with your child the importance of carefully, quietly following all teacher instructions in an emergency situation. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jan DeCola

Octobers Character Trait is **Cooperation**
-we work together towards shared goals and purposes.





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Black & Orange & Costume Spirit Day

We're excited for our first spirit day here at Allendale Heights taking place on Friday, October 29. This day will be a black & orange or costume spirit day at our school. We're looking forward to many of our students and staff showing school spirit by dressing in black and orange, or wearing their favourite costume to school. Please remember students are asked not to wear masks that cover their entire face. As well, we ask that all costume accessories, particularly things like toy weapons, etc. be left at home. Students should come to school prepared to remove their costume before we head outside for first recess. This will help ensure costumes stay safe, undamaged and ready for use during the weekend.

Due to Covid 19 safety protocols, we will not be having a Hallowe'en parade in the school. Neither will any food be shared in the classroom so please do not send any extra food or candy with your child.

Rain or Shine Recess

We recognize the importance of all our students getting outdoors every day. Even on rainy days we will make every effort to have students go outdoors for recess, get fresh air and a mask break with physical distancing during recess. Students should come to school every day prepared for rain or shine recess, dressing appropriately for whatever the weather.



Days of Awareness and Recognition taking place in October



Throughout the year, there are many awareness days that focus on different causes and recognition. The Simcoe County District School Board has developed a list of these days as a guide for schools. Schools may participate in recognizing some or all of these days in various ways. This list is not exhaustive. Following are the days of awareness and recognition that the SCDSB will recognize during the month of October.

October	Canadian Autism Awareness Month
Oct. 2	National Custodial Workers Recognition Day
Oct. 3	World Communion Day
Oct. 3-9	Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 5	Bodhidharma Memorial Day
Oct. 5	World Teachers' Day
Oct. 7	International Walk to School Day
Oct. 10	World Mental Health Day
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 18-22	National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 21	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Oct. 24	Child Care Worker and ECE Appreciation Day
Oct. 27	Ontario Dress Purple Day - Association of Children's Aid Societies

**Lets continue being Ecofriendly
Don't forget to Bring your
Allendale Heights Water Bottle
daily to fill up at our Bottle filling
station.**





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School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place **October 18 to 22, 2020**. Please visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/ for information on school bus safety and links to school bus safety resources. October 21, 2020 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely.

School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC

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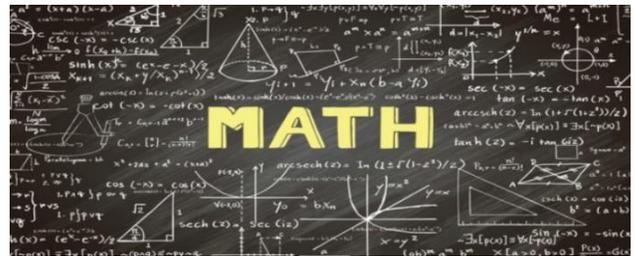


Inclement weather and bus cancellation information reminder

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. Our school is in the **central zone**. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

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](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>

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Supporting your child's math development

Are you looking for ways to support your child in developing their love of math? In class, your child has been learning about how their mindset, experiences and identity have shaped them as a math learner. You can make a difference and support your child's learning by helping them see connections between their everyday experiences and the mathematics concepts they are learning about at school. Ways to help your child develop their personal connection with mathematics:

- notice and name the math in your day-to-day lives at home
- talk about the ways math is used in your culture
- tell stories about your positive math experiences
- share ways that math has helped you solve problems at work or home
- identify the beauty of math in nature and at home (in patterns, symmetry, geometric shapes, etc.)

We're planning a Math@Home learning series for parents and want to know what you would like to learn more about! Complete the survey at <https://bit.ly/scdsbmathathome>, and include your email for a chance to win one of three Math@Home prize packs!



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Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 3rd – 9th

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety' works to educate everyone about the different sounds smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.

Information from the National Fire Protection Association website

October is International Walk to School Month

The Simcoe County District School Board recognizes October 7 as International Walk to School Day. Get in on the fun and be part of this worldwide event! Encourage your child or teen to walk or cycle to and from school if you live close by and team up with others to make the trip more fun. If you usually drive your child to school, try getting them to walk part of the way. If your child takes the bus, walking to and from the bus stop is a great way to add physical activity minutes into the day. Walking or cycling allows kids to enjoy the outdoors and get their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Learn more: <http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/international-walk-to-school-month/>.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



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Our digital ebook/audiobook collection contains over 4,000 titles waiting to be checked out by our SCDSB students. Students simply download the app, use their SCDSB login and start reading for free on their phone or tablet. The collection can be accessed at: meet.soraapp.com.

THANK YOU TO OUR CUSTODIANS

We are truly thankful for our awesome custodians at Allandale Heights! Ms. Shanahan, Ms. McMinn & Ms. Barclay work extremely hard to keep our facility and yard in great shape. However, they can't do it alone but rather need COOPERATION from our students, staff and community to keep our school a clean and a happy place to be. Please join us in supporting our custodial staff by doing our part both inside and outside the school. Thank you. ☺