



**Allandale
Heights
Public School**

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Please contact the school for your child's teachers' email, it is the best form of communication.

Upcoming Dates in January

February 13th – Grad picture day
February 16th – Report cards go home
February 19th – Family day Holiday
Thursdays are \$2 popcorn

Dear Allandale Heights Families,

As we embark on the month of February, I am thrilled to share some exciting updates and important reminders with you all.

Let's take a moment to recognize the outstanding achievements of our students and staff over the past month. From academic accomplishments to commendable extracurricular feats, our school community continues to shine brightly.

February marks Black History Month, a time to honor and celebrate the contributions of African Americans throughout history. Our school has planned a series of educational and engaging activities to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of this significant heritage..

A gentle reminder to stay updated on our school's communication channels, including the school website and newsletters, and emails for the latest information. Your active participation and engagement contribute significantly to the success of our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a fantastic February filled with learning, growth, and meaningful connections.

Mr. Cave Principal,

Allandale Heights Public School



Black History Month

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) recognizes and celebrates Black History Month every February. The SCDSB is committed to improving equity of access, positive identity affirming experiences and opportunities for Black students, staff, and parents/guardians, and to creating a safe and caring learning environment that promotes the human rights of students, staff, and parent/guardians. The initiatives undertaken by the SCDSB have been embedded in teaching and learning at all school levels, and centrally, for Black History Month and throughout the year. Follow the SCDSB on social media to see how schools are recognizing Black History Month and celebrating Black excellence.



Safe Arrival

If your child(ren) will be late or away, please call Safe Arrival:

(Note: if your child(ren) will be away for multiple days, you can report them all in one call or email).

- Call the NEW Safe Arrival Line at [1-888-885-8065](tel:1-888-885-8065)**
Callers will be prompted to identify the school before leaving a message. Parents should include the student's name, teachers' name, dates and reason for the absence. (Parent Instruction Guide: [Safe Arrival Line Reference Guide - Parent Version.pdf](#))
IF YOU HAVE NOT CALLED SAFE ARRIVAL AND RECEIVE THE SAFE ARRIVAL CALL, PLEASE CALL THE SAFE ARRIVAL NUMBER AND NOT THE SCHOOL.
- Email allattendance@scdsb.on.ca**



Emails & Communication

At Allandale Public School we rely on email communication to reach our community quickly and efficiently. It is important to have updated email addresses on file and to check school correspondence on a regular basis. Please ensure "School Messenger" is not a blocked email recipient and that you read each email entirely as it likely contains important information for your child(ren).



Phone Calls

Administration, staff, or students may call home for a variety of reasons. Please be sure voicemail is setup on your phone and to **check all messages before returning calls to the school**. This will help expedite your call and connect you with the person you were contacted by.



After School Pick Up Changes

We understand that last minute changes may occur; unfortunately, the end of the day is **very** busy in the office, and classrooms may be in various locations (including outdoors). Therefore, unless it's an emergency, **please refrain from making changes after 2:30 pm** for the safety of our students.



Parking Lot Safety

Please enter from the East entrance. Please do not enter the parking lot or pass school vehicles (buses/vans) when they are on school property. Please patiently wait behind them until they exit.



Cashless School

Allandale Heights Public School aims to be a cashless school. Please remember to sign up for **School CashOnline**; it is a convenient and efficient way to purchase various school items such as lunches, fieldtrip, sporting events, activity fees, and complete annual Permissions and Acknowledgements.

KEV Parent Help Hotline: 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com



LUNCHBOX by SchoolCashOnline

With every meal delivered funds generated are put toward our school. If you haven't already, be sure to create your School Cash Online (SCO) account to have access to this opportunity!

Parent Support: 1-877-426-6860 or info@lunchboxorders.com

Orders Due: Sundays by 12:00 noon (or order multiple weeks in advance!)

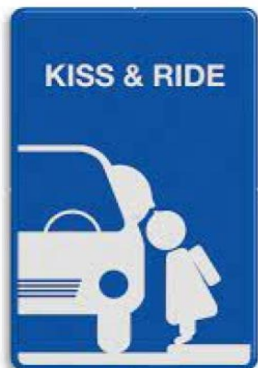
Did you know: If you know your child(ren) will be away you can cancel your order up to two days in advance, and SCO will credit your account.



We kindly ask that you be mindful of the following as the office is a very busy place:

- If you miss a call from the school, please check your voicemail for details before calling back to help expedite your call and connect you with the right person.
- Please make any medical or other appointments ahead of time outside of school hours the best you can, as things are very busy during nutrition/recess breaks. Please make sure you let your child's teacher know ahead of time via email
- If you need to make changes to your child(ren)'s dismissal, please try to do so well ahead of time and no later than 2:30pm the day of and communicate this with the classroom teacher via email as classrooms may be in various locations in the school or on the school yard.

In acknowledging the safety of our walking students, it's essential to emphasize that we cannot assume a walking child is safely at home on a bus cancellation day. Our responsibility includes following up and ensuring the well-being of any absent child. Even on bus cancellation days, it remains a requirement to promptly call the safe arrival line before 8:30AM and report your child as absent. Your cooperation is crucial in maintaining the safety and security of all our students.



Thanks parents for making Kiss and Ride a success. Let's make it better!

Reminders to make it even better:

- Parents must stay in the car
- Keep the bus lane open at all times
- Exit quickly and Safely

Parent and Community Resources and Links

2023-24 Days of Awareness	Inclement Weather Information	Summer e-learning Opportunities for students starting Grade 9	Supporting Math Learning at home- Resources and tips
Math at Home Learning Series for Parents and Guardians	Developing Reading Fluency Tips for Parents and Guardians	Mental Health Strategy of the Month	Online Safety Tips from ECNO
Fostering Opportunities for families in Barrie	SMDHU Tips for Staying healthy this season	Holiday and PD Day Child Care Programs	Pine River Parenting Learning Series
Special Education Learning Series	Parent Portal Information	Parents Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	Subscribe to Community Connects
Kindergarten Registration	Kindergarten Connections	EarlyON Child and Family Centres	Developmental Screening for Pre-School Students

DID YOU KNOW?

The Simcoe County District School Board is a registered charity. An excellent way to support your school is through a charitable donation. Simply log into your SCO account and click “Make a Donation” at the top, right of the screen. Enter your payment information and complete your order. An official tax receipt will be issued for income tax purposes.



Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB

It’s important to get accurate information about what’s going on at our 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 “School News” section at
- <http://all.scdsb.on.ca> You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It is 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. 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), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb).



- For school bus transportation, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium’s website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.

