



Codrington News

Peter McLean—Principal

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Report card season is upon us! At this time, your child's teacher has completed reports and these reports will be sent out on Friday, February 16th, provided that there are no technical glitches. In some cases, parents are meeting on a regular basis to address the progress of their son/daughter as well as a formal interview if requested. As parents, you should also have a sense of your son/daughter's progress. Remember that if you have any concerns at any time throughout the school year, do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Sign In: All parents are to sign in at the office before entering the school. Please do not walk to your child's classroom at any time during the school day unless you have signed in, made an appointment and received a Visitor's Tag. The office will call ahead to the classroom. In many instances, it is favourable, and causes less disruption, to have your child sent to the office to meet you.

Snow Hills: Please be advised that the snow hills are closed in the morning as well as after school. When the day ends students are to head home unless supervised by a parent.

Early Drop-off: Parents, please be aware that duty times for teachers covering play areas do not start until 8:35 a.m., therefore, if any children are dropped off prior to this time, they will be unsupervised. Students are not permitted in the school prior to the morning bell unless they have a team practice or an appointment with a teacher.

Hello Codrington Families!

The Forest of Reading is going strong in the library. We have some amazing Think Tac Toes handed in already and we're looking forward to more coming in soon. A few students are already eligible to vote and voting doesn't take place until April! Fantastique! Blue Spruce has been taking off as well, with primary students building rockets with their buddies for The Darkest Dark. We've read four books so far! Keep on reading, Codrington!

Mme. Knapp

Walking to school is great for students

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improves outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning.

Thanks to all of you who have generously supported our Alternate Fundraising Campaign! This is where families can make a direct donation to the school with 100% of the funds being used towards school enhancements. Reminder that this campaign is active on the online School Cash Account until **February 28th** and that any donation over \$20 is eligible for a tax receipt. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Our Codrington Colt's Night is scheduled for **Saturday Feb. 10th**-we look forward to hearing our choir perform and watching a great hockey game.

Save the Date! Our 33rd annual Codrington Fun Fair will be held on **Friday June 15, 2018 at 3:30 pm.** A great family friendly event...more info to follow.

Please join us for our next meeting on **Monday April 9th at 6:30 pm.**

National Engineering Month competition takes place March 3

Students in Grades 5 to 8 are invited to submit a model bridge, catapult or grabber for the National Engineering Month (NEM) event. Models will be tested for design, strength, quality of construction and functionality. Students of any age are invited to attend to check out 3D printers and robots, Raspberry Pi computer coding demos, crystal radio construction and CNC machine coding. The event takes place on March 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastview Secondary School (421 Grove St. E. in Barrie). Lunch will be provided. This event is jointly organized by the Georgian Bay Chapter of OACETT and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter of PEO, under the banner of NEM Ontario. For more information and to register for this free event, visit <https://nemsimcoe.wixsite.com/nemsimcoe>.

Lost And Found

Please remind your children to keep checking for those lost and misplaced items The bin is full again.—Lots of hats and mitts and assorted shirts and sweaters. Names or initials help us to get things back to their owner!



Kindergarten registration opens in January

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning Jan. 22, 2018, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

Bus cancellation information reminder



All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium'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.

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>

Our school has moved to an automated safe arrival system. The first parent/guardian listed in the student file will receive an automated call on days when buses are cancelled if their child isn't at school. The recording will tell you that you do NOT need to call the school back unless your child should be at school.

Parents invited to information sessions about special education

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Feb. 19

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

The benefits of youth leadership development

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- encourage outdoor adventures and education
- enrol in camps
- find volunteer and community service opportunities

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Update your child's immunization record

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).



Dates to Remember

Feb 10th—Colts Hockey—Cardinal Choir

Feb 16th—Eastview Band Performs for students

Feb 19th—Family Day—No School

Feb 23rd & 26th—Dental Screening