



Codrington News

Peter McLean—Principal

June 2018

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the community for a wonderful school year. We appreciate the support we receive throughout the year and enjoy collaborating with parents and community members to both improve student achievement and to enhance our students' experiences during their time as Codrington Cardinals.

This year we are saying good bye to Miss Kocsis, Mrs. Ellingson, Mrs. Shanahan, Miss Fisher, and Mrs. Kempster who have worked with us in our Primary and Intermediate Divisions. We have enjoyed working with them and very much appreciate having had them as part of the Codrington family, if only for a short time. In the fall, we will welcome back Mr. Schofield who will regale with tales from his world travels.

If you know you will be moving over the summer, please let Mrs. Watton know or leave a message over the summer. It will help us with planning here and makes the transfer of paperwork to your child's new school quicker.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to your safe return in September!

First Day of School

The first day of the 2018-2019 school year is September 4, 2018. All students in Grades 1 to 8 will assemble in the gym at the 8:50 bell at which time we will welcome students and ensure that they are in the correct classroom. Parents are welcome to accompany their child to the gym that morning. Please remember that changes to school organization can occur throughout the first weeks of September. Any changes to your child's placement after the first few days will be communicated to you as quickly as possible. See you in September!

Dates to Remember

- June 8—Annual Fun Fair
- June 11—French Play Belle et la Bete—gr.3-8
- June 12—Student Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- June 13—Bridge Tournament
- June 14—Track & Field—Eastview S.S.
- June 21—Jump Rope for Heart
- June 22—Cuts for Cancer
- June 22—National Eat together School Breakfast
- June 26—Grade 8 Graduation
- June 28—Hot Dog lunch and last day of School



Lost & Found

Any items left in our lost and found at the end of the School year will be donated to the Value Village!

Please come and check for your missing items

Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program:

When you purchase something from Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery and mention Codrington School at the check out a portion of the sales from your purchase comes back to the school in the form of a gift card in November. This enables us to purchase items for our school gardens to keep our yard looking beautiful.

Thank you for your continued support!



2018-19 school year calendars now approved

The Ministry of Education has approved the elementary and secondary school year calendars for the Simcoe County District School Board's 2018-19 school year.

2018-19 Highlights:

- First day of school: Tuesday, September 4, 2018
 - First day of school for Junior Kindergarten students: Thursday, September 6, 2018
 - Winter Break: December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019
 - March Break: March 11 to 15, 2019
 - Last day for elementary students: Thursday, June 27, 2019
- Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 26, 2019

You can view the 2018-19 calendars on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca) by clicking on 'Schools' and then 'School Year Calendars.'

Updated criminal record checks required for volunteers

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, and in accordance with the Education Act, the SCDSB requires a complete and up-to-date Criminal Record Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CRC-VSS) for all volunteers across the system. If you are a current, approved volunteer and your CRC-VSS is more than five years old, you will be receiving a notification this month indicating that you are required to submit a new CRC-VSS. If you wish to continue as a SCDSB volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. Contact the school principal to obtain a CRC-VSS request letter.
2. Bring your CRC-VSS request letter to your local police detachment.
3. Submit your original and complete CRC-VSS to the school office for review by Oct. 31, 2018.

If you are a current SCDSB employee volunteering in the system, you are required to submit an updated CRC-VSS to the school where you will be volunteering. If you have completed a CRC-VSS within the past six months of the start of the school year for another organization, you may submit that original CRC-VSS for review. If you have questions, please contact the school.

GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements. Parents/Guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in the next school year, who wish to nominate their child for gifted screening are asked to contact Hailey Mills Knapp before September 28th, 2018. Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent/guardian. A letter examining the gifted screening process in greater detail will be sent to parents/guardians of students in Grade 3 in September. Parents/Guardians will still have the opportunity for nominating their child in September. If you require further information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school.

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.Eyeseeyelearn.ca. The program is available for current JK students until June 30, 2018.

School Council

Hot Dog Day is June 28th! This is a longstanding Codrington tradition with the grade 8 students being celebrated and getting served first after being clapped in down the hallway by the school as a final farewell. Parent council volunteers organize and provide the kids with hot dogs for lunch so no need to pack a lunch on the last day of school!

Jump for Heart is taking place on June 21st and Parent Council will be providing water, oranges and watermelon to all the participants.

We are certainly looking forward to another successful Fun Fair on Friday June 8th to wrap up and celebrate the school year - please come and join us from 3:30-7 pm.

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to thank all parents and families for supporting all of the school fundraising initiatives this year. We truly appreciate your support in providing an excellent learning environment for the students, both in and out of the classroom.

Register now for fall International Language Programs

The SCDSB offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enrol your children in this program to learn a new language, understand a new culture or to extend their knowledge of their first or second language, every student can benefit from this program. The Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) offers Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 15 (classes are dependent on student enrollment). There is no charge for this program. Most classes fill quickly on a first come, first served basis. Register your child by visiting www.thelearningcentres.com and clicking on 'Elementary Student.'

Safe Kids Week is June 4 to 8

This year's theme focuses on concussions at home, at play and on the road:

- Help reduce the likelihood of head injury, like concussions, during sports, recreation and unstructured play by encouraging your child to use correctly fitting protective equipment and to follow safety rules.
- Teach children about wearing the right helmet for the activity. For example: bike helmets can be used for cycling, in-line skating and scootering, but skateboarding helmets should be used for skateboarding as they cover the back of the head better.
- Recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion, which can happen even without a direct hit to the head and without losing consciousness. If your child does have signs of concussion, remove them from the activity and seek medical care.
- Be sure to inform your school principal if your child sustains a concussion, either on or off school property.

Learn more at www.parachutecanada.org.

Barrie Bridge Club

The bridge club invites students and parents too, if interested, to play at the Barrie Bridge Club on Sunday afternoon.

Games are scheduled every Sunday at 1:00 pm for a special price of \$2.00 for students.

The club is located at 18 Alliance Boulevard, unit 3 (the old Telus unit - their sign is still there).