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Codrington News

FROM THE OFFICE

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EQAO RESULTS

Last school year, Grade's 3 and 6 students across Ontario participated in the 2016-2017 assessment of reading, writing and mathematics. The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) conducted this assessment. Parents with students in these grades will be receiving results of this assessment for their child and the school and board results have been publicized in the media. When reviewing these results, please keep in mind that the results represent one measure of a child's achievement that can be added to the various other school measures of performance.

Below are Codrington's results for the 2016/17 school year along with our school's 2015/2016 results for comparison. From this and other informative assessments, modifications in programming in order to improve student achievement in all areas of literacy and numeracy delivery are made.

The percentages reflect the number of students achieving at the Level 3 provincial standard or better.

| | <u>2015-2016</u> | <u>2016-2017</u> |
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| <u>Grade 3</u> | | |
| Reading | 74% | 80% |
| Writing | 78% | 70% |
| Math | 61% | 80% |
| <u>Grade 6</u> | | |
| Reading | 90% | 92% |
| Writing | 82% | 86% |
| Math | 67% | 67% |

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Literacy, Numeracy and Character Education remain important board and school wide priorities. Learn more about these priorities by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca.

Dates to Remember

October 16th—Picture Day

October 23rd—Health Unit—grade 7

October 20th—PD Day—no school for students

October 30th— Film Festival—grade 4 to 8



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT;

BIKES, SCOOTERS AND ROLLER BLADES ARE NOT TO BE USED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30 AM AND 3:40 PM

AFTER THAT TIME STUDENTS ARE REMINDED TO PLEASE WEAR THE APPROPRIATE SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR THE SPORT!

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.

School Council

Thanks to the new parents who joined us for our first Parent Council meeting last week, it was great to see so many new faces! Our next meeting is **Monday November 6th @6:30 pm**. Everyone welcome!

Hot lunch programs are underway-Pasta Tuesdays, Pita Wednesdays, and Pizza Thursdays.

Wonderful school support for our Spiritwear orders-items should be delivered by the first week of November.

School pictures are scheduled for October 16th and we will also be doing a **FAMILY PICTURE NIGHT** on Thursday November 16th from 3:00-7:30 pm during our annual Book Fair and Parent Teacher interviews. More info to follow.

Stay tuned for our fundraising plan for the year-details are being finalized and will be sent home with students very soon.

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day



School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 16 to 20. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, will offer bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation.

Wed., Oct. 18 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. For more information, visit the SCSTC website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.

Irlen Syndrome Awareness Week

Next week, October 16 - 20 is Irlen syndrome awareness week. As a school, we are going to shut out the lights on Tuesday, October 17th at 10 a.m., for one minute to show support and increase awareness for Irlen syndrome. In short, it is a perception problem caused by sensitivity to light which in turn, causes distortions on the written page and in your environment. Mrs. Knapp will be showing a video in the library, or just check out: <http://irlen.com/isaw2017/>

There will also be a public information meeting on October 18th at 7-8:30 at Loblaw's community room on Bayfield St; all are welcome.



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:

- Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or from our school website click on "Pay Fees"
- Register and add your child to the newly created account
- 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.

LGBTQI2S Junior Youth Connection for kids aged 12 to 15

The Gilbert Centre is offering a new drop-in and social program for LGBTQI2S identified youth to connect, explore and learn. Meetings take place on the first and third Friday of every month from 5-7 p.m. at 80 Bradford Street in Barrie. For more information, please call Ve Tao, Youth Support Worker at 705-722-6778 x109, visit lgbyouth.ca or email vet@gilbertcentre.ca.

New Path offering child and youth mental health walk-in clinics



In response to the increasing wait times for child and youth mental health services, and the increased need for such services, New Path has undertaken a service redesign that will provide more timely and responsive services to children, youth and families in Simcoe County. New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Bradford, Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia.

Children, youth and families requesting service from New Path no longer need to call and complete an intake; they can simply attend one of the local Walk-In Clinics and will receive a single session intervention that day. Should children or youth require further service, New Path will continue to offer a wide variety of community and school-based services as well as residential service and women's service. For further information, including the clinic locations, days and hours, visit www.newpath.ca or contact New Path's central intake department at 705-725-7656.



Fire Prevention Week is October 8 to 14: Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!

Fire Prevention Week runs from Oct. 8 to 14. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" Smoke and fire spread fast. There's no time to figure out how to escape AFTER a fire starts. All households should have working smoke alarms and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in the family BEFORE there's a fire. Find out more at: www.nfpa.org/fpw.

October is International Walk to School Month



Did you know that October is International Walk to School month? It's a great way for children to get their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day and also gives parents and staff a chance to be part of a world-wide event that celebrates the many benefits of walking. Here are some ideas:

- Encourage your child 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



Tips for a healthy Halloween

The month of October is upon us and that means Halloween is just around the corner! For many children, this can be an exciting time of year as they get their costumes ready and their buckets out to fill with candy! Halloween can also be a tough time for parents to keep their kids' diets healthy and balanced. Here are some helpful 'tricks' to help you and your family have a healthy Halloween this year!

- Walk door to door when trick or treating. It will burn calories and also tire the kids out – potentially limiting the amount of houses you will hit before the end of the night. Try making a competition out of who can walk the most steps.
- Plan a party. Make the focus of your party fun activities instead of sugary treats. Include Halloween games such as a costume or dance contest, or pumpkin carving.
- Trade the candy collected for non-edible treats like books, small toys or arts and crafts materials. You can also consider offering to buy back some of the candy, providing your kids with some extra spending money as a reward. Before your kids venture out in their costumes, make sure they eat a healthy meal.