

THE NEWS WAVE

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IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
MAY	ASIAN , DUTCH, JEWISH AND SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTHS
MAY 1	SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' DAY MUSIC MONDAY!
MAY 1-7	CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK/MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK. IT'S ALSO EDUCATION WEEK—SCDSB CELEBRATES!
MAY 2	CHARACTER ASSEMBLY @ LAS RICO FUNDRAISER—DOUGH & MORE DELIVERY!& PICK-UP!
MAY 5	INDIGENOUS RED DRESS DAY
MAY 8	GRADE 8—SKILLS TRADE EXPO FIELD TRIP
MAY 10	INNISFIL COMMUNITY PITCH IN—STUDENTS HELP WITH CLEAN UP!
MAY 12	GRADE 7/8 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC @ LAKE SIMCOE PS
MAY 14	MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 15	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES
MAY 16	LIBRARY FIELD TRIP—FOREST OF READING CELEBRATION IN TORONTO WITH MRS. YATES!
MAY 17	WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION EMAIL GOES OUT! INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA & BIPHOBIA
MAY 18	GRADE 5'S ENVIROVENTURE FIELDTRIP @ ICPS!
MAY 19	SPIRIT DAY—MISMATCHED DAY!
MAY 22	VICTORIA DAY—CANADIAN HOLIDAY SCHOOL IS CLOSED
MAY 23	BOGO BOOK FAIR BEGINS! MAY 23-JUNE 5
MAY 28-JUNE 3	NATIONAL 'ACCESSABILITY' WEEK

- HOME TO THE WAVES -



This Month's Character trait is...

- RESPECT -

"We treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity."

RESPECT

More information about Character Education can be found here:
www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education

SUBSCRIBE & FOLLOW LAKE SIMCOE

Subscribe to our school's website at <http://las.scdsb.on.ca>

(Click Subscribe at the top of home page and provide your email!)

NEWS 'SPLASH'

Important Notes from the Office!

WE LOVE BEING PART OF A SCHOOL BOARD THAT RECOGNIZES A VARIETY OF HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS! FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF WHAT WE CELEBRATE, CLICK THE LINK BELOW! :)

[CLICK HERE](#)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Kindergarten registration for September 2023 is open!

Kindergarten is the beginning of a wonderful journey of learning, and we want your child to begin their journey in a SCDSB school! **Do you have a child who is turning four in 2023?** If so, we invite you to register your child for Kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten. **Junior Kindergarten students will start on Thursday September 7th.**

Once you complete your registration, our Senior Administrative Support, Lindsay Sawyer will reach out to you with an email with instructions of what to do next. Emails are sent out to new registrations at the beginning of each week. Before we can complete the registration process we need to view and confirm proof of birth (birth certificate or passport) and proof of residency (i.e. utility bill) You can come to the front door of the school to show that during office hours.

Once we verify documentation we can complete the registration and prepare you for your student's September start!

MOVING OUT OF THE AREA? STUDENT TRANSFER IMMINENT?

If you know you are going to be moving out of your current home, please contact the office to check that you are still zoned for Lake Simcoe Public School. The zoning around us is very unique and the board dictates that all students be registered with their appropriate school.

If you know you are moving and are going to transfer your student to another school, please email our Senior Administrative Support, Lindsay Sawyer at lsawyer@scdsb.on.ca. This will help us prepare for enrollment, placement and file management for next September.

KINDERGARTEN CONCERT

WED. MAY 10 AT 5:00 P.M.

April practices....brings a May Performance!!!

Kindergarten has been working hard practicing a group song and individual class songs so that we can perform for you!

Performers are asked to be dropped off to their classrooms, no sooner than 4:45. Once you have checked your child in directly to their teachers, please make your way to the gym. We hope to start promptly at 5:00pm.



Kindergarten

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

ORIENTATION...

TWO-PART EVENT!

PART 1:

Date: Wednesday May 17th

Time: 4:30pm (VIRTUAL)

Details:

A Welcome to Kindergarten slide deck presentation resource will be sent to your email for review. This will better prepare you for the in-person portion! See below for more details!

PART 2:

Date: Wednesday May 31st

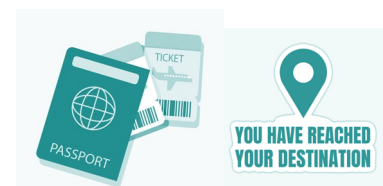
Time: 4:00pm-4:45pm

(IN-PERSON)

Where: Lake Simcoe PS

Details:

Join us for an in-person visit where you will have a brief tour of our school and a look at our Kindergarten classrooms! Meet our FDK teaching team and learn more about the program! Stay tuned for more info!



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEBSITE!
<http://las.scdsb.on.ca>



**KEEP CONNECTED WITH
OUR SCHOOL AND THE
SCDSB!**

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your 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 'What's New' section at <http://las.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's 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 that you want to subscribe. 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). (also include your school social media account information here if you have active accounts)



EarlyON Child & Family Centres

The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres have locations throughout Simcoe County. These centres offer a variety of services, including programs that help prepare children and parents/guardians for kindergarten. Programming will be offered in the spring of 2023. Check with your local EarlyON provider for dates and times. <https://linktr.ee/earlyonsimcoe>



MORE IMPORTANT NOTES...

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. School staff are expected to plan for such emergencies in order to transition students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather, to their online platforms (Google Classroom and/or SCDSBhub [Brightspace by D2L]) and continue with academic programming. 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>.

SPRING IS THE AIR!

**... AND SO IS OUR ANNUAL
LAKE SIMCOE COMMUNITY
SOCIAL!**

Date: Wednesday May 31st

(Rain date: Wednesday June 7)

Time: 4:30pm–6:30pm

Where: Lake Simcoe PS



Details: Join us for our annual school community event, graciously organized by our School Council.

Enjoy a variety of vendors, fun food and refreshments, activities for the kiddos and helpful information for next year!

More information to follow!

If you are an approved volunteer and would like to get involved—please email lsawyer@scdsb.on.ca.

Can't wait to see you there!

GRADE 8 GRADUATION NEWS!



We can't believe we are almost there! It's May—and Grade 8 Graduation is right around the corner! We know it's going to sneak up on us—so we wanted to inform you of the plans we have in motion! Graduation for our graduates will take place on ...

MONDAY JUNE 26TH, 2023 @ 6:30PM.

MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW AS WE CONTINUE TO PLAN THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION!

GRADE 8 TRIP UPDATES...

We sent out an email on May 2nd confirming that the 3rd—and last installment for the trip is now posted LIVE on School Cash Online. Please review the email and ensure that you have gone into School Cash Online and paid all 3 installments **BEFORE THIS FRIDAY MAY 5TH!**

RIDING THE WAVE... FROM THE LIBRARY!

Scholastic Monthly Book Orders

There is now a "ship to school" option for families when completing their monthly book orders from Scholastic! Families can continue to shop online and may choose to have their orders shipped to their homes for a fee. They may also choose to have their orders shipped to the school with no shipping fee! If you are ordering through the library orders, please use Class Code RC206097. Our May orders will be submitted on May 19th and the June orders will be submitted on June 9th to ensure that they are delivered before the summer holidays. Any orders placed after June 9th may not be submitted until after the summer break. <https://classroomessentials.scholastic.ca/en/home>



BOGO Book Fair is returning!

LSPS is having the final book fair of this school year and it is a Buy One, Get One Free book fair! May 25, 26, 29, 31 and June 1 students may shop with their classes during the school day. Families are invited to shop on May 31st from 4:30-6:00pm. This is a fantastic way to get books and activities for summer reading while supporting our school. There is no online shopping option for this book fair.



Eco Schools!

We will be submitting this year's application for Eco Schools Certification this month. Some of the initiatives and learning this year includes our Gardening club, our Grade 6/7 class applying for a grant to create a pollinator garden, using GOOS paper, our weekly recycling and green bin programs, using and reading environmental literacy texts. Keep an eye out for tips from our Eco Schools team for families to continue our learning and environmental actions through the summer.

JUST CRUISING...

Friendly Reminders from the Office

- Yard Supervision begins at 9:00am.
- Please do not drop your children off before this—as there will be no staff to supervise them.
- Ensure you are respecting the safety and time frame of our Kiss & Ride program.
- We ask that parents remain off school property for the safety of all staff and students.
- We ask that dogs not accompany you to school for safety reasons.
- We continue to offer our Subway Lunch Program on Wednesdays and Pizza Pizza on Thursdays! Be sure to order before 12:00pm NOON on Sunday for your students to enjoy it that week!
- We ask that your children come with everything they need to be successful for the day. We appreciate your consideration in not creating interruptions to the office for midday drop-offs.



THE GRADE 7'S ARE 'BURSTING' WITH GRATITUDE FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT WITH THEIR POPCORN FUNDRAISER!

THEY SOLD THEIR LAST BAGS TODAY AND WANTED TO SAY THANKS!

LAKE SIMCOE'S NEW POLINATOR GARDEN!



Lake Simcoe will be adding a pollinator garden to help combat some of the negative effects on pollinators caused by climate change. By adding native pollinator plants to the front of the garden, we will attract pollinators such as bees, butterflies and hummingbirds and give them a safe place to live. We hope to have the whole school participate in preparing and planting the garden with its official reveal date of May 31.

NEW GROWTH IN KINDERGARTEN!

Mrs. Ballantyne and Mrs. Roos and their students are busy in their classroom this spring! They are exploring the life cycle in all kinds of aspects! They are currently growing a variety of flowers, tomatoes and following the metamorphosis of the Painted Lady Caterpillar! The caterpillars are in their second instar at this time—but stay tuned for what they look like next month!



Next up—baby chicks! The classroom hopes to welcome chicks later this month or next month. We can't wait to watch them grow too! :)



WHAT? LAKE SIMCOE'S MATH NIGHT!

WHEN? MAY 25TH 5:00PM-7:00PM

WHERE? LAKE SIMCOE'S GYMNASIUM

- Take home math kits (Limited availability)!
- Games, 3D printing, robotics and coding!
- Free learning resources!
- Prizes and more!
- Register for this event using this link to a form.



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THE FAIRY TALE NETWORK

The cast of Lake Simcoe's Fairy Tale Network have been hard at work. They have been memorizing their lines and really getting into character. Behind the scenes we have students creating sets, flyers and other forms of advertisement. We are excited and proud of all students involved. Keep an eye out for play dates in June!



LAKE SIMCOE'S VERY OWN P.A.L.S PROGRAM!

(PLAYGROUND ACTIVITY
LEADERS IN SCHOOLS!)



Lake Simcoe's Healthy Pals leaders have been hard at work coming up with new games and ordering new equipment to help primary students have a fun and safe recess. Their hard work on the yard does not go unnoticed. A special thank you to the students in Ms. Thomson and Mrs. Brooke-Bisshop's class for their hard work.

Girls at Bat!

Ms. McDonnell and Mrs. Yates are coaching a group of Grade 5 to 8 students who identify as girls through the Jays Care Foundation's Girls at Bat program. The students are learning about softball and developing their athletic skills as well as teamwork and leadership skills. "Girls At Bat is an introductory level baseball program designed to reduce some of the biggest barriers anyone identifying* as a girl may face when accessing or participating in sport." <https://www.mlb.com/bluejays/community/jays-care/girls-at-bat>



Mr. Killin is also working on preparing the boys for a baseball team and has been hard at work ordering equipment. Stay tuned for more information in June's newsletter!



LAKE SIMCOE ' S CHOIR EARNS GOLD!

On Wednesday April 19, the Lake Simcoe Public School Choir performed at the Barrie Kiwanis Music Festival in the school ensembles category. The choir performed well and was awarded a Gold Level of achievement by the adjudicator. We are proud of their hard work, teamwork, commitment to practices and beautiful music! We look forward to more performances in the future!

LAKE SIMCOE ' S APPAREL E-STORE WITH ENTRIPY!

We have gone in a different direction for our school apparel orders. This spring we launched a new e-store with ENTRIPY. It is done a little differently than our past order. There are no deadlines to meet and the orders will not be coming through our school. The e-store will remain open at all times and you can order whenever you want. The order is processed through their site and sent right to your home! Be sure to check out each of the many options on each article of clothing.



Mental Health Week 2023

Join us for Mental Health Week May 1 to 7 by shining a spotlight on how mental health care can be expressed and nurtured (through self-care strategies, art, music, sport etc.). At the SCDSB we are committed to the mental health and well-being of every student and will be shining a spotlight on how mental health is supported in our school communities by sharing on social media using the hashtags #MyStory, #MentalHealthWeek, and #ShineGreen, and tagging @scdsb_mhwb, @scdsb_schools, and @SMHO_SMSO.



REPORTING IMMUNIZATIONS

Parents/guardians are responsible for reporting their child's immunizations to public health to keep records up-to-date per standards of the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) (ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900645) and the Child Care and Early Years Act (ontario.ca/laws/regulation/150137#BK46). Please note, health care providers in Ontario do not automatically report immunizations to their local public health unit. Reporting and viewing immunizations is easy and can be done online.

To book a clinic appointment to receive a vaccine, visit: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Immunization/Clinics-and-Programs/Routine-Immunization-Clinics. For more information or questions, you can call Health Connection at 705-721-7520, or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

OUR SHARING CHAIR!

Does your student have a unique and inspirational experience they would like to share?

Please encourage your student to reach out to their teacher about sharing an experience with our admin team!

INFORMATION FROM THE SCDSB...

Reading with Sora

Sora is the SCDSB's digital eBook library which is available to all students from K-12. Each year, Sora has a collection of diverse eBooks and audiobooks (juvenile to young adult) curated into a collection called Sora Sweet Reads. From May 15 until Aug. 28, students may access these books using either the Sora app or by using the desktop version: <https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/202712>. The best part of this collection is that each title is simultaneous use, meaning that there are unlimited copies available so there are no holds on the titles! Simply use your school Google login and password to access the library. We hope that this collection will encourage students to stay engaged in reading even when the weather gets warmer. Happy reading!



Four finger affirmations coping strategy

Well-being is a strategic priority in the Simcoe County District School Board, and our well-being department provides monthly strategies to support student and family well-being.

This month's strategy is four finger affirmations. Parents/guardians can guide their child to think positively in the face of stress or challenges by using affirmations to promote confidence, a growth mindset, self-regulation, and resiliency. To practice four finger affirmations at home, work with your child to generate four words that make them feel calm and confident. For example, "I am loved today" or "breathe, listen, smile, love." Explain that each word will match a finger on their hand. Have them say the words (affirmation) aloud or in their head and connect each finger with their thumb. Tell your child they can repeat this as many times as they like, to themselves or out loud.

Consider practicing four finger affirmations at home with your child at a time of day that will be most helpful for them. Find more easy and fun mental health activities to do at home here: <https://smho-smso.ca/online-resources/easy-and-fun-mental-health-activities-for-home/>.

Follow along on the SCDSB's Mental Health and Well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB_MHWP) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools.

Together, we can support the mental health of every student



LICENSED SUMMER SCHOOL- SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS!

Child care programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party child care operators in some SCDSB schools. To support your child care needs, some operators offer child care over the summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS FOR THE 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR!

Register now for before and after school programs for the 2023-24 school year. Please contact the child care operator at your child's school directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after.

ADULT ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Looking to improve your English skills? Join our Adult English as a Second Language Program (ESL) classes to improve your listening and speaking skills through class discussions and presentations. Develop your English skills to advance in your current job or open the door to new employment opportunities. Learn more about your local community and explore Canadian culture and history. Adult ESL classes are offered year-round with a continuous intake. To register for the program, please contact the Barrie Learning Centre at 705-725-8360 ext. 45151, or email ganderson@scdsb.on.ca.

INFORMATION FROM THE SCDSB...

Complete your diploma and get a head start on your career in healthcare in the SCDSB's PSW program!

Did you know that the SCDSB's Learning Centre offers an accredited personal support worker (PSW) program? Individuals interested in a career in healthcare can earn 7.5 credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and a PSW certificate upon completion of the program!

Applications are now open online for PSW programs beginning in September 2023 in Barrie, North Simcoe (Midland), and Orillia. To apply, visit thelearningcentres.com and watch the mandatory virtual information session video. This video includes important information about the PSW program and the application process. Applicants will also be required to complete an online PSW Literacy Assessment. Register for the assessment using the 'Assessment Registration Form'.

Registration for September 2023 closes July 7 at 12 p.m. Have questions or need more information? Contact the Learning Centres at psw@scdsb.on.ca.

Making 'cents' of financial literacy

All students need the skills and knowledge to take responsibility for managing their personal financial well-being with confidence, competence, and a critical and compassionate awareness of the world around them. In the 2020 math curriculum, there is focus on financial literacy learning in Grades 1 to 8, including understanding the value and use of money over time, how to manage financial well-being and the value of budgeting.

Students build their skills and knowledge about the value and use of money, how decisions impact personal finances, as well as develop consumer and civic awareness.

Students will:

- Learn how to manage finances responsibly, such as creating a budget to help save enough money to buy something they want such as a book, toy, or video game
 - Begin to develop a greater awareness as consumers and contributors in the local and broader economic system

Wondering how you can support the development of your child's financial literacy skills at home? Check out some of these great tips and resources!

Tips:

- Find daily, real-world opportunities to talk about money in the contexts of earning, saving, spending, and giving
- Consider the financial habits you want to instill in your child, and talk about them
 - Involve your child in making decisions about purchases for household items, and compare the costs of different items (e.g., we need to save money to repave the driveway so we're going to cut down on spending, do you have any ideas?)

Resources:

Peter Pig's Money Counter, Practicalmoneyskills.ca
 Financial Literacy Rocks, financialliteracy.rocks/financial-literacy-for-kids

