



2023



Home of the Broncos

WEST BAYFIELD E.S.

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Hello Bronco Families,

West Bayfield has had a fantastic start to 2023. Our students and staff have been working hard learning in the classroom, around the school, in the yard and in the community.

- ◆ Students are enjoying learning and playing chess at Chess Club
- ◆ The intermediate girls volleyball and intermediate boys basketball seasons are underway.
- ◆ The Student OPHEA leadership team is working on some fun activities for the school in February and May
- ◆ The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion team have prepared lessons to share school wide on Celebrating Black Excellence
- ◆ The Spirit Team is planning another candygram sale.—Stay tuned for more information
- ◆ The grade 8s have started selling popcorn on Fridays and will be helping with milk sales. Orders can be made through SchoolCash-LunchBox

A big thank you to our school community for supporting all of our fundraisers. The funds raised help students participate in field trips, schoolwide activities and the purchase of equipment and supplies classrooms and students.

We are looking forward to February and all the activities and learning that will take place.













Brenda Hotton , Vice-Principal

Every day means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges.

WELCOME TO WEST BAYFIELD!

To report a student absence, or if your child will be late
email Safe Arrival at wesoffice@scdsb.on.ca

All messages must be left before 8:45 AM

 <p>School Schedule 8:40 – Yard Duty begins 8:55 – Classes begin 9:00 – Announcements 10:35 – 11:15 - Nutrition Break / Recess 12:55 – 1:35 - Nutrition Break / Recess 3:15 – School ends (JK/SK at 3:10)</p>	 <p>ALLERGIES Due to life threatening allergies, the following foods/items are <u>not</u> permitted on school property: -ALL NUTS, PEANUTS -We are a scent free school.</p>
 <p>Don't be late! Students arriving to school after the 8:55 bell will be marked LATE. Students <u>must sign in at the front office with an adult.</u> Thank you for your punctuality and not interrupting instructional time!</p>	 <p>Parking Lot Safety Enter from the Kiss n Ride Be aware of pedestrians. Please do not enter parking lot when pylons are present. Drivers should remain in the vehicle while students exit. Kiss n Ride.</p>
 <p>Inclement Weather When buses are cancelled school remains open for learning. If you receive a Safe Arrival call or email, only call the school if your child <u>should be at school.</u> To receive delay and cancellation notifications for your school bus – subscribe on simcoecountyschoolbus.ca</p>	 <p>Calling the school If you are not able to reach us, please email us at wesoffice@scdsb.on.ca. we will get back to you as soon as possible. Arrangements for the school day should be made with your child before school, if changes are need please email to wesoffice@scdsb.on.ca</p>
 <p>We are a CASHLESS school SchoolCashOnline instructions are sent to parents at the beginning of the year or when registering.</p>	 <p>We are a PAPERLESS school. Subscribe to our website http://wes.scdsb.on.ca/ and watch for emails.</p>
 <p>Early pick up Please <u>send a note or email to educators in the morning</u> so arrangements can be made for your child or email wesoffice@scdsb.on.ca .</p>	 <p>Student Information Remember to update your contact and student medical information throughout the year. Please note that only adults listed as your emergency contact(s) will be allowed to pick your child up from school.</p>
 <p>Student Cell Phones Students are not allowed to use cell phones except for 5 minutes before each break time and for educational purposes.</p>	 <p>Student Reminders Please send your child's lunch, weather appropriate clothing, and a water bottle each day.</p>

Thank you for helping us keep your child safe!

2022-2023

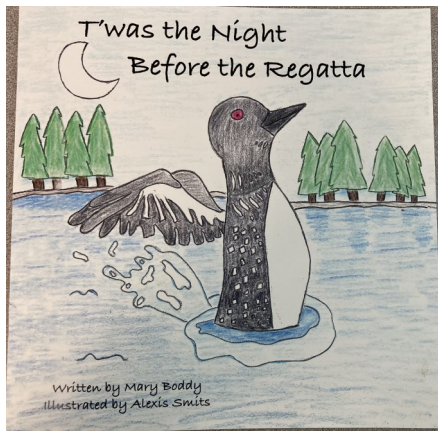
FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February is Black History Month			1 Sub Gr. 4 Outdoor experiences visit #2	2 Grad Photos/ Kindergarten Photos Ground Hog Day	3 Quesada	4
5	6 Pasta School Council 5:30 pm Little Jammerz	7 Osmow's	8 Sub Dairy Presentation Primary	9 Pizza Dairy Presentation Primary Domino's Raise The Dough Night	10 Quesada House Colour Spirit Day	11
12	13 Pasta Milk begins today Little Jammerz	14 Osmow's Valentines Day	15 Sub National Flag Day	16 Pizza	17 Quesada House Colour Spirit Day!! Report Cards Go Home	18
19	20 Family Day No School	21 Osmow's	22 Sub Pink Shirt Day	23 Pizza Rocks and Rings - virtual presentation	24 Quesada House Colour Spirit Day!!	25
26	27 Pasta Little Jammerz	28 Osmow's Gr 2 Family Fun Food and Fitness night 5:30pm		Milk begins on Feb. 13. Order on Lunchbox/ Schoolcash	Save the date March 7th Wendy's Night Fundraiser	

HEALTHY SCHOOLS SHOWCASE

OPHEA Student Leadership Team

The OPHEA student leaders had their first meeting in January with Mrs. Morley, Ms. Carroll and Mrs. Hotton. They have shared some great ideas and suggestions for making West Bayfield a happier and healthier place. The team has begun working on the Grade 2 Family Fun Food and Fitness Night that will happen at the end of February. The team will also be planning a school wide mental health day in May. Students will get to participate in a variety of activities run by student leaders and staff. Stay tuned for updates!



Introducing Alexis, illustrator of her first picture book.

Grade 2 Families—Save the date for Family Fun Food and Fitness Night on Tuesday February 28, 5:30-6:45 pm in the gym. More information to follow.



Look how each colour team is doing!
Way to go Broncos!!



Spanish read a loud with Mr. Centurione in the library.



HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

February 2023	
	Black History Month
1	Imbolc Wicca
5	Magha (Sangha Day) Buddhism
15	Nirvana Day Buddhism
15	Nirvana Day Jainism
18	Maha Shivratri Hinduism
18	Isra'a and Mi'raj Islam
20	Family Day (Ont.) Provincial Holiday
21	Losar (Tibetan New Year) Buddhism
22	Ash Wednesday Christianity
26 to Mar. 1	Ayyam-i-Ha (Intercalary Days) Bahai
27	Clean Monday Christianity

Make a Donation on School Cash Online

Make a Donation anytime through **School Cash Online**. These donations should go to General Needs, we use these funds for field trips and food purchases for students in need.

FEBRUARY CHARACTER TRAIT

Inclusiveness:

We include everyone in what we do and value their contributions.

More information about character education can be found here:

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education



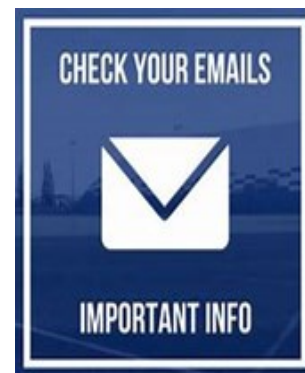
Black History Month

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) recognizes and celebrates Black History Month every February. The SCDSB is committed to improving equity of access and opportunity for Black students, staff, and parents/guardians, and to creating a safe and caring learning environment that promotes the human rights of staff, students, 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.

West Bayfield ES relies on email communication for school newsletters and updates to reach our community quickly and efficiently. It is important to have updated email addresses on file.

always contain important information for you or your child(ren).

Please ensure "School Messenger" is not a blocked incoming email recipient and that you read our school emails in their entirety as they



GRADE 8 GRADUATION PICTURE DAY



**REMINDER TO ALL GRADUATION STUDENTS
GREEN APPLE STUDIO WILL BE TAKING
GRADUATION PHOTOS!**

West Bayfield
Thursday February 2, 2023

Proper attire is required. Students should wear a white collared shirt or blouse. If they would like to wear a tie, they can.

Proofs will be sent home for package selection.

Bring your own prop! We are inviting you to bring one small prop that represents you for one pose. Some suggestions: flowers, a musical instrument, sport equipment (ie. soccer ball), art supplies.



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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

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.

Save the date: West Bayfield Kindergarten Orientation will be Wednesday May 3, 2023 from 4:00 to 5:30 in the gym. More information to come.



MABEL LABELS



Please visit https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/

When purchasing items on Mabel's Labels don't forget to enter our school name so that we earn **20%** back.

LOST AND FOUND

We have many items in our Lost and Found at West Bayfield. Please have your child(ren) come and take a look through our collection if you are missing any articles of clothing, snow pants, coats, sweaters ect. Parents are welcome to come in as well during school hours, please check in at the office first.



INCLEMENT WEATHER AND BUS CANCELLATION INFO 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 SCSTC 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 SCSTC 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>.

DOMINO'S RAISE THE DOUGH NIGHT



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West Bayfield Raise the Dough Day



West Bayfield
Elementary School

This is an easy way for you to participate in a fundraiser from the comfort of your own home! "Raise the Dough Day for West Bayfield!" is sponsored by Domino's. All you have to do is order the "West Bayfield Special" from Domino's on Thursday, Feb 9th.

The West Bayfield special consists of Two Medium, Two Topping Pizzas, and an Order of Cheesy Bread for only \$21.99^{+tx}.

Domino's will donate \$5 from every West Bayfield special ordered on this day back to our School. Anyone can order this special; neighbors, family, friends, co-workers etc. So mark it on your calendar and spread the word: Order the "West Bayfield Raise the Dough Special" from Domino's on Thursday, Feb 9th.

NEW	North West Barrie	420 Leacock Dr	(705) 481-1555	**NEW**
	North East Barrie	201 Cundles Road East	(705) 726-0230	
	South East Barrie	827 Big Bay Point Rd	(705) 722-5000	
	South West Barrie	490 Mapleview Dr W	(705) 728-0330	
	Alcona	1354 Innisfil Beach Rd	(705) 615-1516	

This special can be ordered for pick-up or delivery. Delivery area is limited. Delivery charge does apply.

WENDY'S NIGHT

**Save the Date: Tuesday, March 7,
2023.**

West Bayfield Fundraiser.

More information to come home soon.



CHARACTER EDUCATION –SURVEY

SCDSB Character Education program

Our SCDSB Character Education program was developed over 20 years ago. As a school board, we are moving forward to update the SCDSB Character Education program, along with the attributes. The intended implementation date for our new Character Education program will be September 2023. To make this successful, it is imperative that everyone has an opportunity to have a voice. Currently, we are eliciting student voice from our elementary and secondary students and understanding the important partnership with parents/guardians; we are asking if you could take a moment to fill out the below survey.

The survey opens on Feb. 6 and will remain open until Feb. 10: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/>

OUT-OF AREA REQUESTS

Notice to students and parents/guardians of students regarding out-of-area-requests

Under Simcoe County District School Board procedures (APM A7000 – School Attendance Areas), it is possible for students to apply for and receive permission to attend an out-of-attendance-area school. Students will be permitted to continue in attendance as long as there are pupil places available. They may be required to return to their home school or transfer to another

school when the capacity of the school they are attending has been reached and space is required for students residing within the designated attendance areas. An approval may be revoked at any time by the superintendent of education, after consultation with the receiving school principal, for reasons related to the student's behaviour, attendance, actions or inactions. Transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the out-of-attendance-area student and/or parent/guardian.

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE

Early learning and child care

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 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>.

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE ON PA DAYS, HOLIDAYS AND MARCH BREAK

Child care programs available on PA days, holidays and March Break

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 on PA days and holidays, including

over the March Break (Mar. 13 to 17). Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. For more information and contact numbers, please visit: https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER EARNING!

Registration now open for summer eLearning!

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering summer school courses in July 2023 for current high school students or adult learners who are interested in earning a new credit or upgrading a previous mark. Students can advance online learning skills, earn missed credits or fast-track preparation for graduation or post-secondary in just

four weeks. eLearning is fully supported by certified teachers who are available electronically daily.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at <http://thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school>.

IMPORTANT HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFORMATION

SCDSB Anti-sex Trafficking Protocol and resources for parents/guardians

In 2021-22, the Ministry of Education directed Ontario school boards to develop an anti-sex trafficking protocol that was tailored to the needs of their community. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has developed a protocol and relevant training and resources for staff, students and parents/guardians. The focus of the SCDSB's protocol and resources is to protect students and empower school communities to play a key role in fighting sex trafficking and keeping children and youth safe from sexual exploitation.

More information, including a link to the SCDSB Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol and associated resources, is available on the SCDSB website: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/safe_schools/anti-sex_trafficking_protocol.

MATH GAMES AT HOME

Math games at home

Playing math games at home is a great way to reinforce math concepts that students learn at school. The YouTube channel MMMathMania has a large number of videos of math games that can be played using paper, dice, and/or playing cards. Check out the channel at: www.youtube.com/@mmathmaniamathgamesmore3985 or search MMMathMania on YouTube.

LEARNING SERIES WITH PINE RIVER INSTITUTE

Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians with Pine River Institute

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) to provide several curated learning sessions focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There are five webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents, guardians and other caregivers during this school year. The remaining sessions include:

Feb. 9, 2023	Guide to Attuned Limit Setting
March 2, 2023	Emotional Regulation for Kids and Adults
April 27, 2023	The Biology of Stress

We hope you save these dates in your calendar and join us for these learning opportunities. For more information and to register, please visit the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/3jGaC74>.

Pine River Institute is a live-in treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth aged 13 to 19 struggling with addictive behaviours and often other mental health issues. Combining therapy with a fully-accredited education program, PRI reinforces the healthy life skills required for a successful future. CFI@PRI extends PRI's knowledge, experience and evidence-informed treatment approach to families and care providers in the community to support youth mental wellness and prevent the need for more intensive interventions. Learn more about PRI by visiting their website at www.pineriverinstitute.com.

EVALUATING EARLY LITERACY

Evaluating early literacy

The Ministry of Education has directed all Ontario school boards to begin implementing the recommendations outlined in the Right to Read Inquiry. As a result, primary educators are shifting from using leveled texts for reading instruction as they encourage reliance on guessing strategies to solve unknown words. Instead, educators are beginning to use a scope and sequence to systematically teach phonemic awareness (awareness of the sounds in words) and phonics (understanding of the letters that represent sounds). Students may apply the phonics skills they have learned by reading 'decodable' or 'phonetically controlled' texts.

As a result, educators are moving away from using PM Benchmarks and moving towards assessments that measure foundational reading skills. For example, in Grade 1, educators will be observing a child's ability to identify the sounds they hear in a word, identify the letter(s) that represent the sound, and their ability to

blend the sounds together to decode (read) the word and encode (write) the word. In later primary, educators will be observing a child's understanding of more complex letter/sound relationships such as prefixes and suffixes.

Educators will also consider a child's achievement in reading fluency, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension when assigning a report card grade for reading.

To support your child at home, the following documents provide activities that may help foster these foundational skills:

1. Phonological Awareness Activities for Families <https://bit.ly/3WVsexb>
2. Supporting Reading Development at Home <https://bit.ly/3X3wB9w>

VIRTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION OUTREACH SERIES

Interested in learning more about the ways that the SCDSB supports students with special education needs and their families? Join us for a virtual special education outreach series

In 2023, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/caregivers in learning more about programs, supports and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs. The remaining sessions include:

Supporting students with autism spectrum disorder

Feb. 14

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Supporting students as they transition into school, from one school to another, and from school upon graduation

April 20

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma

May 9

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to register in advance. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. Learn more about each session and how to register on the SCDSB website at www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions.