

MARCH

2023



Home of the Broncos

WEST BAYFIELD E.S.

Principal: Jody Jowett

Vice Principal: Brenda Hotton

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Dear Bronco Families,

We thank you for the commitment to learning and fun that you have shown over the last month. We have had many opportunities to learn with your child about black excellence, A is for Activist, and some mini-lessons run by our grade 7 students (student voice and leadership at it's best). In addition to in class learning we have been so fortunate to have volleyball and basketball tournaments and games, as well as our Chess team attending a competition, Art club running weekly, and the start of a Dance club. There is a lot going on in the building and we are so thankful for the student's willingness to participate and to staff for volunteering to run these activities.

We had a lovely OPHEA Healthy Schools grade 2 family night on February 28th and the turnout was wonderful, over 70 people attended. Thank you to our grade 2 families and staff!

We look forward to welcoming families into the school on April 19th as we embark on a learning and showcase evening highlighting what Literacy and Mathematic instruction looks like at West Bayfield E.S. We have purchased over \$1000 worth of new materials to enhance our programming and have received grant monies over \$6000 to complement the purchase of further resources. Staff have been working very hard to get decodable readers into the hands of students and in use daily at school as well as utilizing the new math kits with manipulatives to enhance understanding and practical application. Come see what we have been up to you Wednesday, April 19th from 6-715pm.

Have a wonderful March Break friends and we look forward to a fabulous spring together,













Mrs. Jowett and Mrs. Hotton

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</u> be at school. 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>

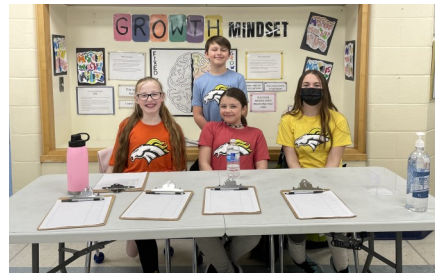
Thank you for helping us keep your child safe!

2022-2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>March is Bangladeshi Heritage Month and Hellenic Heritage Month</p>			<p>1 Subway Colts Assembly 9:30</p>	<p>2 Pizza Chess Tournament @ Trillium Woods</p>	<p>3 Quesada</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 Pasta Little Jammerz</p>	<p>7 Osmow's Wendy's Fundraiser Candy Grams</p>	<p>8 Subway International Women's Day</p>	<p>9 Pizza</p>	<p>10 Quesada School Wide PJ Day Dance</p>	<p>11 National COVID-19 Day of Observance</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 March Break</p>	<p>14 March Break National Pi Day</p>	<p>15 March Break</p>	<p>16 March Break</p>	<p>17 March Break Irish Heritage Day</p>	<p>18 Barrie Colts Game</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 Pasta Little Jammerz</p>	<p>21 Osmow's World Down Syndrome Day International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</p>	<p>22 Subway</p>	<p>23 Pizza</p>	<p>24 Quesada Earth Hour in school</p>	<p>25 Earth Hour</p>
<p>26 Epilepsy Awareness Day</p>	<p>27 Pasta Little Jammerz 6pm Parent Presentation at Pine River P.S.</p>	<p>28 Osmow's</p>	<p>29 Subway County Chess Tournament @ Board Office</p>	<p>30 Pizza</p>	<p>31 Quesada Integrity Assembly 11:30am</p>	<p>April 19— Guardian Math/ Literacy Night, 6pm at the school</p>

HEALTHY SCHOOLS SHOWCASE



Grade 2 Family Fun and Fitness Night was held on Feb. 28. The evening was a great success. We had over 70 people attend to make healthy snacks, play games in the gym and play a huge game of keep up. Thank you to all the student volunteers and Gr. 2 teachers for organizing this fun event.



HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

2-20	Baha'I Fast Bahai
4	Sikh New Year Sikhism
6	Memorial of Shan-tao/ Zendo Daishi Buddhism
6-7	Purim
7	Holi
7	Mid-Sha'ban
20	Festival of Hiigan-e
20	Ostara/Mabon/Lady Day/Spring Equinox Wicca
21	Naw Ruz (New Year)
21	Eid-e-Navroz Islam
21	Navroze (New Year)(FC)
22-31	Chaitra/Chithiiral (New Year)
22	Hinbdu Near Year
22	Vasant Navratri begins
23	Ramadan (fasting month)
25-27	Hola Mohalla Sikhism
26	Khordad Sal (FC)
30	Rama Navami

MARCH CHARACTER TRAIT

INTEGRITY:

We act justly and honourably in all that we do.
More information about character education can be found here:
www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education



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.

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



BARRIE COLTS NIGHT



West Bayfield's student choir will be performing O Canada at the game on **Saturday March 18th**. Bring the whole family/friends out for a fun night of hockey. Our school will be seated all together so we can show our spirit. You can purchase tickets on **School Cash Online until March 7th**.

WENDY'S NIGHT



We are having a school fundraiser at **Wendy's (Bayfield St)** on **Tuesday March 7th from 4 –7 pm**. You may dine in or go through the drive thru. A percentage of the sales will go to our school if you tell them you are there supporting West Bayfield. All funds raised will support technology, athletics, field trips, and general school needs. Thank you in advance for the support.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



Please wear your mismatched or brightest socks on **March 21st** in support of World Down Syndrome Day.

PARENT PRESENTATION—CYBERBULLYING AND SOCIAL MEDIA

We have been invited by Pine River Public School to join their guardian/parent community at a presentation by Paul Davis on Social Media & Cyberbullying. There is no need to RSVP, simply show up 10 minutes prior to the start time and enjoy.

Date: Monday, March 27th

Time: 6pm

Location: 45 Brian Avenue, Angus (Pine River Public School gymnasium)

SCDSB NEWS

March Break

Please note that March 13 to 17 is March Break for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

Keep connected with our school and with 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:

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). Our schools twitter account is @WestBayfieldES.

Collection and use of personal student information

As students' progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes are authorized under the *Education Act*. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure, and protected at all times. Please contact Superintendent Charlene Scime, Superintendent of Education, if you would like more information about the transition process at Barrie North.

EarlyON Child and Family Centres

Is your child starting JK or SK in September? The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres are excited to offer in person and virtual programs that help prepare children and parents/guardians for Kindergarten. Parents/guardians and children will have the opportunity to interact together in a variety of school readiness activities. We will look at and discuss how does learning happen, self-regulation, social skills, and how to get ready to start school.

If program registration is full, please check back regularly as there may be cancellations. To register for a program in your area visit www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/GRFK.

How is your infant, toddler, or preschool child developing?

Is your child meeting their milestones? Age-appropriate speech and language skills are critical to your child's ability to read, write and be successful in school as well as to their ability to engage with their peers. Free services are available to support you with your child's development. Preschool speech and language programs are located across the County of Simcoe. Call (705) 739-5696 or 1-800-675-1979 to complete a developmental screen. The earlier we work together, the better!

SCDSB NEWS (CONTINUED)

Licensed March Break 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 on PA days and holidays including over the March Break (March 13 to 17). 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 www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after.

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:

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 center 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.

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 thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school

SCDSB NEWS (CONTINUED)

#ITSTARTS week in the SCDSB

The County of Simcoe has once again proclaimed March as #ITSTARTS month. The Simcoe County District School Board will be championing the #ITSTARTS campaign from March 6 to 10. This campaign promotes inclusion, acceptance, and equity within the vibrant, diverse, and growing communities that make up Simcoe County. For more information, visit: www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ccs/lip/itstarts.

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 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.

Just breathe 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 deep breathing. Parents/guardians should practice deep breathing with their children to help them develop a deeper mind/body connection, self-regulation, awareness of emotions, and build resiliency. To practice deep breathing at home, have your child get comfortable by either standing or sitting. Encourage them to keep their back straight, and shoulders and head relaxed. If they're comfortable, ask them to close their eyes. Have your child place their hands flat on their stomach. Ask your child to breathe in deeply through their nose, filling the belly with breath. Point out how hands move out. Encourage them to hold their breath for a few seconds, then slowly breathe out through the mouth to feel the stomach contract and hands move in. Repeat 5-6 times.

Parents/guardians should practice deep belly breathing at home any time their child seems stressed or upset. Watch a deep breathing video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le2TO_MNFxE&t=3s.

SCDSB NEWS (CONTINUED)

SCDSB eBook library - SORA

Did you know that the SCDSB has a digital eBook library available for all students from K-12? Students may access books using either the SORA app on a tablet or visiting <https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/202712> on the desktop version. They simply use their school Google login and password to access the library. Picture books, beginner chapter books, graphic novels, magazines, young adult novels, audio books; there is something for every student. Students may use the search function to select a specific book or browse through one of the many curated collections. Happy reading!

Math @Home parent series

Fostering a strong school-home partnership is an important part of reinforcing math learning at school and extending the learning beyond the classroom. Families are a child's first educator and help build a strong foundation for future success. The virtual math series outlined below is intended to support a positive attitude towards mathematics, enhance motivation and ultimate success.

The SCDSB math department is pleased to offer three evening virtual sessions for families and caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions will focus on practical and fun ways to support students with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. The first 200 registrants will receive a path pack of resources to use at home. Participants must pre-register for each of the sessions.

Making Math Connections @Home

Wednesday, April 12

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore where we find numbers, patterns, measures, and shapes in our daily lives. Participants will learn about practical ways to help their child notice and wonder about the math in their world.

Problem Solving @Home

Tuesday, April 25

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore how to encourage children to be active thinkers and problem solvers, both in math and around the house. Participants will learn about how solving problems at home can help their children solve problems in math class.

Having Fun with Math Facts @Home

Thursday, May 11

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore practical, intentional, and fun ways to practice math facts at home. Participants will leave with ideas, games, and activities to support their child with becoming fluent with their math facts.

Participants must pre-register for the sessions they wish to attend. Registered participants will receive a pack of hands-on resources that will be sent to the school indicated on their registration form.

Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/23MathAtHome>