



West Bayfield Elementary School MAY NEWSLETTER

Home of the Broncos

May, 2023

Dear Bronco Families,

April Showers have brought May Flowers. We are gearing up for a busy month of learning and fun. We have many field trips coming up in the coming weeks. Our musicians are preparing for a variety of performances in May and June. We will also be hosting some sports events this month.

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

May 1: School Council at 5:00pm in the library

May 2: OPHEA Student Leaders doing presentations in Kindergarten-Gr. 5 classes

May 3: Kindergarten Orientation, 4:00-5:30pm

May 3: School wide Wednesday Wellness Walk

May 4: School wide Mental Health Activity Day

May 10-11 and 15-16: Primary and Junior EQAO

May 19th: Jump Rope for Heart, 1:35-3:15 pm

May 31: Bronco Bash Art Show 330-530 pm UPDATED****

Brenda Hotton, VP

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.

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Vice Principal : Brenda Hotton













Superintendent: Charlene Scime

Trustee: Dana Powell

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Children's Mental Health and Education Week	1 Pasta Gr. 1 & 2 Tiffin Trip School Council @ 5:00	2 Osmow's OPHEA team classroom visits	3 Subs Kindergarten Orientation 4-5:30 Wednesday Wellness Walk	4 Pizza Mental Health Activity Day	5 Quesada Red Dress Day House Colour Spirit Day	6
7	8 Pasta Jr Girls Regional Basketball tournament	9 Osmow's Regional Rugby tourn. @ W.B	10 Subs Grade 6 EQAO	11 Pizza Grade 6 EQAO	12 Quesada Grade 4 Scanlon Creek Trip House Colour Spirit Day	13
14 Mothers Day	15 Pasta Gr. 3 EQAO International Day of Families	16 Osmow's Gr. 3 EQAO	17 Subs Kindergarten Round Ranch Trip Gr 8 Trip meeting 6 pm	18 Pizza Gr.5 Tiffin Trip Class Clown performs @ SCDSB Awards Night	19 Quesada Jump Rope For Heart House Colour Spirit Day	20
21	22 Victoria Day No School	23 Osmow's	24 Subs Gr.3 Simcoe County Museum Trip Class Clown School Tour	25 Pizza Class Clown School Tour	26 Quesada Gr. 7 Alt Rock Trip House Colour Spirit Day	27
28 National Access Ability Week	29 Pasta	30 Osmow's Gr. 8 Trip to Wanakita	31 Subs Gr. 8 Trip to Wanakita Bronco Bash Art Show 3:30 - 5:30			

HEALTHY SCHOOLS SHOWCASE



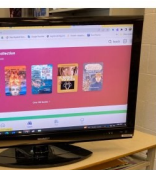
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LEGO Club



Kindergarten Literacy - Luro area
 Decodables - Rm 214c (Book Room)
 Lexia - Rm 214a
 UFLI - Rm 214b
 Sora & Epi-back corner
 SCDSB Course of Study - Young adult section
 Knowledgebook - Hexagon table
 IXL & Prodigy - Hexagon table



Math and Literacy Engagement Night



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HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

1	Beltane Wicca
2	Twelfth Day of Ridvan Baha'l
5	Buddha's Birth Date Buddhism
5	Visak/Buddha Day Buddhism
22	Victoria Day Canadian Holiday
23	Zarathosht-no-diso(SC) Zoroastrianism
24	Declaration of the Bab Baha'l
25-27	Shavuot Judaism
28	Pentecost Christianity
29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah Baha'l

MAY CHARACTER TRAIT



Character attribute for the month of April is **Respect**- we treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity.

More information about character education can be found here: sacsb.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.

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

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



Elementary summer learning programs in the SCDSB

The SCDSB continues to support student achievement and well-being throughout the summer months by providing a range of elementary summer learning programs. This summer, the SCDSB is offering programs that will focus on reading (Grades 1-3), math (Grades 4-8), multilingual learners (Grades 4-8), as well as students with learning disabilities who use assistive technology at school (Grades 4-8). The programs will be delivered through both a virtual synchronous learning format and in-person, and take place from July 10 to 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. daily. In-person programs take place at Terry Fox Elementary School in Barrie.

Interested families are asked to contact their children's school principal for further details and registration information. Registration is completed through the SCDSB's public website starting Monday, May 1. Deadline to register is Friday, May 19.

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>.

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: sacsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

Kindergarten orientation sessions happening soon

Kindergarten orientation sessions will be held throughout the SCDSB in the spring of 2023. These sessions provide families the opportunity to engage with their school community as their children prepare to enter school. Learn more about these sessions and find out when your child's school is holding theirs on the Kindergarten orientation page of the SCDSB website: sacsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten/kindergarten_orientation.

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!

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

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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-smsso.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.

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

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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 session is:

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 scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions.

Licensed summer 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.

EarlyON Child and 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>

Before and after school 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.

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.

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.