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This month's Character trait is:

“Honesty”

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their two weeks off and took some time to relax and spent some time with family and friends!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Food Drive and Bringo game—our efforts were appreciated by the local food banks as we contributed over 1000 items. As well, thank-you to everyone who was able to make it to our Christmas concert. It was a fun night and students and staff had a great time putting it together in preparation for the Christmas holiday.

Our Christmas Letter writing campaign was a huge success in its first year. Students, staff and parents enjoyed sending and receiving cards through our School Mail. Special thanks to all those students who helped sort the mail and to those special elves for your assistance in getting the mail out to classrooms. We already miss the sounds of the bells ringing.

Safe Schools:

In order to keep our students and families safe we are reminding everyone that the school parking lot is closed to all traffic (except buses) for the following times:

8:40 – 9:10 AM and 3:00 – 3:30 PM

This will allow all foot traffic to safely leave the schoolyard and cuts down on the confusion of cars

and buses both trying to exit simultaneously. Parents who are picking students up are asked to park on Ottawa or Montreal St and meet students in the yard.

Students Late for School:

If students are arriving late for school, they are asked to enter via the front doors and check in at the main office. Although we often know the parents or adults accompanying our students into the school and are happy to see you, we are going to ask that parents say goodbye outside the office and students proceed to class independently or accompanied by school staff. This helps foster independence for our younger students and follows the safe school protocol. The morning entry at times can be quite busy in classrooms, so although parents think they are helping by accompanying students, it often leads to added confusion for the other students and/or staff. We are asking for everyone's co-operation with this matter.

Science North presents

“Science En Route ”

This is a very unique and interactive program that is coming to Bayview PS on Monday, January 30th and Tuesday, January 31st. The programs are geared to your child's age level and curriculum. This special visit also includes a special live interactive science show for the entire school!

All families are invited –free of charge to:

Forces of Science Family Night

5:30 – 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 31st

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2017/2018

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2013? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning on January 23, 2017, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten

January News from the Library

December was a busy month in the library with every student in the school participating in an Hour of Code activity. Several classes are continuing coding projects into January.

Thank you to all the students and families who bought books in the used book sale. The funds raised will be used to support library programs such as the Forest of Reading and Battle of the Books.

Forest of Reading is a program initiated by the Ontario Library Association. Students in grade 1 to 4 will read (or listen to) 10 nominated books then vote for their favourite. The ballots are counted province wide to choose the Blue Spruce and Silver Birch Express Award winners. Students in grades 4-8 are welcome to independently read 5- 10 of the nominated books for Silver Birch Fiction (grade 4-6) or Red Maple (grade 7-8) and select their favourite.

Battle of the Books: In April, Midland Public library will be hosting it's second Battle of the Books for Grade 4-6 students and it's first competition for grade 7&8. Students read from a list of 35 books and prepare to answer questions about them in a quiz-show style competition against teams from other schools. More information can be found on the Midland Library website at: <http://www.midlandlibrary.com/battleofthebooks>

Open Library Time:

The library is open to students first recess daily for: Library Helpers, Battle of the Books and Forest of Reading readers, work completion, and Makerspace (on day 1 and 3). Students coming to

the library at first recess, please get a library pass from your teacher.

Watch for the return of our used book sale at Bayview School's Science North family night at the end of January.

January 27 is national Family Literacy Day. It is a PA day at SCDSB schools but Midland Public Library is hosting a day of Alice in Wonderland themed activities and movies. You can find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/midlandlibrary/>.

Mr. McGaughey-- Your friendly neighbourhood librarian.

French Immersion:

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout the county beginning in Grade 1. This program gives students a bilingual education and the opportunity to become fluent in another language.

Information sessions will be held in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details. Information session dates will be posted at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language.

While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered in the program. Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically.

Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application. Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

Students and parents invited to complete the school climate survey

From Jan. 9 to Jan. 27, 2017, all students in grades 4 to 8 will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey at school about how they feel about their school. Your child's teacher will supervise the class during the survey and can answer any questions or concerns your child may have. As well, parents/guardians of students in grades 4 to 8 will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey about how they feel about their child's school.

These surveys provide students and parent/guardians with the opportunity to say what is great about their school, as well as express their concerns. The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff and will help schools to develop their Safe Schools Plans. Respondents are not asked to provide their names and all responses will be combined to ensure confidentiality.

To complete the parent/guardian survey, visit the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) website at www.scdsb.on.ca and click the link to the parent/guardian School Climate survey. The password for the survey is **ElementaryParent2017**. If you do not have access to the internet and/or you prefer to complete a paper version of the survey, you can request one at the school office. Questions about the parent/guardian survey can be directed to SCDSB's Research and Evaluation Services team via email at research@scdsb.on.ca. Thank you for your support!

STAY HEALTHY THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Colds and influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty you can use alcohol based hand rub hand sanitizer for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a

tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

The facts of lice: How to prevent and treat this nuisance

Like everywhere else, there are head lice in Simcoe County. Lice are a nuisance, but do not pose a public health hazard as they are not known to transmit any infectious diseases. Anyone can get head lice but kids tend to get them more often because they can have head-to-head contact with other children during school and play. The best way to keep head lice in check is to work together to prevent the spread.

Schools are required to inform parents when a case of head lice is confirmed, to provide parents with timely information to begin their own checks at home. Head lice management and treatment is a responsibility of parents/guardians.

Here are some tips to help prevent and treat lice:

- Teach your child not to share personal things like hair brushes, combs and hats
- Set a schedule to check your child's head regularly. Use an area with bright light and look carefully for nits (shells containing eggs) and live lice in the hair, behind the ears and around the neck and hairline. Nits looks like half the size of the head of a pin, shaped like a teardrop and stick to the hair so you can't blow, flick, or easily side them off. Lice are about the size of a sesame seed and are very hard to see because they can crawl and hide but they cannot hop or fly.
- If you find nits or live head lice, you'll need to use a head lice treatment to kill them. Make sure to follow the directions, and then to do a second treatment 7 to 10 days later to help stop the lice from returning. Head lice are not likely to live in clothing, furniture or bed linen but it's a good idea to wash bed linen and hats in hot water and dry them in a hot dryer just in case.

For more information, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

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