



## Bayview Public School

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## FEBRUARY

**This month's Character trait is!**

### “EMPATHY”

“ We strive to understand and appreciate the feelings and actions of others”

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

*Well it is hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year. The days are getting longer and Bayview continues to be a busy place. February's calendar already is filling and looks to be an exciting month. Our cross country ski program is up and running with the return of some wintery weather. Report cards will soon be coming home and Parents are encouraged to spend some time looking over the Report and discussing it with your child.*

*Thank-you to everyone who was able to make it out to the Science North Evening! It was a great night of exploration and students enjoyed two fun filled days of new and exciting science activities led by the Science North staff.*

### **Student drop off/pick up:**

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: (as decided on by the Simcoe County DSB safety audit team) :

8:40 – 9:10 AM and 3:00 – 3:30 PM

This will allow all foot traffic to safely enter and exit the schoolyard and cuts down on the confusion of cars and buses both trying to enter and exit

simultaneously. Parents, who are dropping off children in the morning or who are picking up children at the end of the day, are asked to park on Ottawa or Montreal St. We understand that space is limited, so please be mindful that many families are attempting to do the same thing. If you could try and limit the time you are parked this will help everyone, and allow a safe and timely entrance and exit from the schoolyard. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

On most days, we are all in a hurry to get to where we need to be. As we move closer to the good weather, I would encourage as many families or students as possible, to walk to and from school. Not only would that help cut down on the traffic at school, but it is also a great form of exercise and a good chance for some quality family time.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Our next meeting is Monday, February 6, 2017 @ 6:30pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

### **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](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten)

## OPERATIONS APPRECIATION DAY; A chance to say “Thank you”

Feb. 8th is Operations Appreciation Day in the Simcoe County District School Board. We celebrate and recognize our Chief Custodians, Custodians and Operations Maintenance employees for the great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to our Chief Custodian, Mr. Mark York and our evening Custodian Mr. James Tickell. Their dedication goes above and beyond and is very noticeable at our school! Please take a moment to stop and thank these very important staff members on Feb. 8th. Share your support on social media using #props2ops.

### EXTRA WARM CLOTHING



The cold weather is still here. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with extra mittens. We do not have extra hats or mittens to offer them on a daily basis. Also, we ask that you avoid scarves if possible as they can be a safety hazard. A reminder to students to have indoor shoes -the wet snow coming into the school is making the floors dangerously slippery!

### YOUR TOP EIGHT SNOW DAY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Bus cancellations and snow days are inevitable in Simcoe County. Each time buses are (or aren't!) cancelled, the SCDSB and the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) receive many questions from students, parents and community members. Check out the *Sharing Simcoe* blog for the top eight questions and answers - visit [www.sharingsimcoe.com](http://www.sharingsimcoe.com) and search for 'snow'. Remember to follow the SCSTC on Twitter @SCSTC\_SchoolBus for bus updates and cancellations.

### SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIP FROM SCSTC

Winter weather is here, so please be sure your child's clothing provides the appropriate protection against the weather while waiting for the bus.

Students are requested to be at their bus stop at least five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time. School vehicle delays of 15 minutes or more are posted under 'View Bus Delays' at the SCSTC website: <http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca>.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STATEMENT

“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. Select student information will be shared at different times as appropriate. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII of the *Education Act*. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact Stuart Finlayson, Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at Bayview Public School.”

### PROJECT BUILDING COMPETITION



March is National Engineering Month! Design and build a model bridge, catapult or rubber-band powered car and join us to test your models at Eastview S.S., 421 Grove Street, E, Barrie on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm. There will be a lunch-time fun “Engineering & Technology Quiz”, with prizes. Registration & Competition details at: [www.simcoe-muskoka.peo.on.ca](http://www.simcoe-muskoka.peo.on.ca) (select EVENTS from top menu then select National Engineering Month from the drop-down menu). On Website: watch short video on how to register. Also see list of hands-on & demonstration events. For more information email: [nem.smg.org@gmail.com](mailto:nem.smg.org@gmail.com)

Happy  
Valentine's  
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