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OAKLEY PARK COMMUNITY WEEKLY UPDATE Week of March 5th 2018

Today some of our classes celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by wearing party hats! Did you know that Dr. Seuss was born on March 2nd 1904, and if he were alive today he would be 114!

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss*

March break is coming up. Next week is our last week of school prior to a week off for March break. After March break, Oakley Park will be doing its part to protect the environment and change our environmental footprint by bringing composting to our school. We are piloting a project within SCDSB to have green bins in every class. Students will be learning more about composting in their classrooms, at school assemblies and on the morning announcements. Members of our green team spent Thursday learning about their role in helping schools go green this week at Tiffin Centre and came back with all kinds of great ideas. We look forward to doing our part to change climate change.

Don't forget to try our family math task this weekend! Thank you to our Instruction and Assessment Facilitator Ms. Lowe-Whitley for adding these to our weekly update!

The week ahead:

Monday March 5th – DAY FIVE Grad photo re-takes Cat in the Hat Day – wear as many stripes as you can!
Tuesday March 6th – DAY ONE School Council – 6pm – All are welcome!
Wednesday March 7th – DAY TWO Grade 5s to Springwater Park
Thursday Mar 8th – DAY THREE Pita day Organics (composting) assembly
Friday March 9th – DAY FOUR Pizza day Grade 5/6 to Snow Valley skiing and snowboarding

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

March 12th-16th: March Break

March 19th: Green bins start in classes

March 22nd: Hot dog day

March 23rd: Inclusiveness Assembly, Rainbow Day & Pizza Day

March 28th: Wacky Wednesday - wear something wacky to school (Shirt backward, something crazy in your hair)!

March 29th: Mural painting for students & pasta day

March 30th: Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

School Updates:

Child care programming available for March Break

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full-day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County on PA Days and school holidays. Over 30 of our schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten to 12 years of age, including care over March Break (March 12 to 16). The daily fee is \$34.20 and a fee subsidy may be available to families who qualify. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at www.scdsb.on.ca – click on ‘Schools’ and then ‘Before & After School Care.’

Lost and Found

Please check the school lost and found for our collection of student items! After March break all items will be donated. We will have students tour the lost and found with their classes this week.

SCDSB Updates:

After School Program

Do you have a child with Autism (ASD)? Are they between the ages of 5 and 12? SCDSB is hosting two after school programs for students with an ASD, and one is coming to Oakley Park! Oakley Park will host the “Play Ball” program for 10 weeks starting in April, on Thursdays from 4-5pm. This program teaches gross motor and social skills in a fun, hands-on and active environment. If music is more to your child’s liking why not try the Music Social Skills program at Terry Fox Elementary School? The Music Social Skills program focuses on music and social skills, and runs for 10 weeks as well starting in April. Both programs are free. For further information see the school website or call the school office.

Parents invited to information sessions about special education

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

Community Updates:

Packing a healthy school lunch

A school lunch should give children the energy and nutrients they need to be ready to learn, be more alert and perform better at school. When planning lunches keep these tips in mind:

- include one serving from at least three of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide
- rather than buying pre-made lunch kits, make your own healthy lunch kit with divided containers and small, bite-sized cheese cubes, cooked chicken chunks, veggie sticks or fruit slices
- get your kids to eat more veggies - send cucumber coins, zucchini sticks and pepper strips with dip
- fill whole wheat or multigrain wrap/pits/tortilla shells with your child's favourite foods such as hummus and grated carrot or sliced turkey with honey mustard
- don't have them drink their fruit...send water instead

Looking for more information to help keep you and your family healthy? Call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-5720 to speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

New Path offering child and youth mental health walk-in clinics

New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Collingwood and Orillia. The Walk-In Clinic provides a single session to children, youth and families who require support for emotional, relationship or behavioural challenges. The Walk-In Clinic can be accessed by children, youth and families as often as they require support. Children, youth and families can self-refer by attending one of the walk-in clinic locations across the county. Dates and times of the clinics are posted on the New Path website (www.newpath.ca). For more information, contact New Path's Central Intake Department at 705-725-7656 or from the 905 area code in Simcoe County by calling 1-866-566-7656.



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