

# OAKLEY PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## OAKLEY PARK COMMUNITY WEEKLY UPDATE Week of May 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

Today we finished our day with Jump Rope for Heart. It was a wonderful afternoon of fitness and activity centres for all of our students. We had 100% participation and all of our Oakley Raiders will be tired tonight. Thank you to all of our student leaders and staff who set up and organized this terrific afternoon!

Hot off the press! Next year the bell times are changing at Oakley Park. Our morning bell will ring at 9:00am next year, and dismissal will be 3:20pm. This change aligns Oakley Park's nutrition break and recess lengths (20 minutes each) with other SCDSB schools. Currently we have a 30 minute afternoon recess, and next year we will have a 20 minute afternoon recess.

### The week ahead:

<b>Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> – DAY TWO</b> Intermediate Co-ed soccer practice
<b>Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> – DAY THREE</b> Parent after school session – Helping your Child Cope with Stress 3:45-4:45 in the library
<b>Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> – DAY FOUR</b> Walking Wednesday Chef a l'Ecole
<b>Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> – DAY FIVE</b> Chef a l'Ecole Hawaiian and beach day Pasta day
<b>Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> – PD DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b> Scrap metal collection starts

### Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

May 21<sup>st</sup>: Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

May 22<sup>nd</sup>: EQAO starts, Grade 3 & 6

May 23<sup>rd</sup>: EQAO

May 24<sup>th</sup>: Sub day; Grade 7/8 trip departs to Brock

May 25<sup>th</sup>: Grade 7/8 trip returns; Grade 1,2,4 FI to Wye Marsh

May 28<sup>th</sup>: EQAO; dental visit from health unit

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May 30<sup>th</sup>: EQAO; Welcome to Kindergarten session

May 31<sup>st</sup>: EQAO; hot dog day; Kindergarten trip to Rounds Ranch; Gardening club gardening with native plants

## **School News**

Are you gardening this Spring? We are pleased to be included in the Bradford Greenhouse school fundraising programme. Please tell the cashier “Oakley Park School” when checking out and our school will receive 5% of the net sales. This money will be used for garden upkeep and new plantings. Thank you for helping to keep our school looking beautiful!!

## **SCDSB News**

### **Parents invited to information session about special education on May 16**

The Simcoe County District School Board is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education and how to support students with special education needs. The last session takes place this month:

**Date:** May 16

**Time:** 6 to 7 p.m.

**Location:** SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst

**Topic:** Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic Individual Education Plan (IEP) Goals

No registration is required. You can also join this session from home via Google Meet using this link: [meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp](https://meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp). Those joining via Google Meet will need to 'mute' while watching the session to avoid audio feedback. Parents are welcome to type in questions using the chat option in Google Meet during the event.

### **School's in for summer at the SCDSB**

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program. Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com). Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

### **Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Expo takes place May 17**

The Simcoe County District School Board's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition on May 17. There are two parts to the event – a day session for Grade 8 students only and an evening portion open to the public. From 5 to 7 p.m., the public is welcome to attend to speak to employers and industry experts. The Expo takes place at the Elmvale Community Arena, located at 14 George St. in Elmvale. For more information, email [edo@simcoe.ca](mailto:edo@simcoe.ca).

## Community News

### **Register now for Before & After School Programs for September 2018**

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2018 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2018**. Please contact the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Oakley Park Child Care at: 705-725-8433 to register.

### **Summer child care options available**

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. Twenty schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years old. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information can be found on our website at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – click on 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

### **Summer camp can be a life-changing experience**

According to a recent study from the University of Waterloo, the positive development that children and youth experience at summer camp results in sustained behavioural changes at home, school and in the community. Friendships blossom, self-confidence emerges and independence grows – helping children and teens build resilience to help them face new challenges throughout their lives. Here are four life skills fostered at summer camp:

- **Increased independence and self-confidence** – Camp is the perfect place for kids to practice making decisions for themselves without parents and teachers guiding their every move.
- **Making new friends and being part of a positive group** – Free from the social expectations pressuring them at school, camp encourages kids to relax and make friends easily.
- **Increased environmental awareness** – When children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to “unplug” from technology and enrich their perception of the world, while enjoying the great outdoors.
- **Improved attitudes towards physical activity** – Children spend so much time indoors these days and mostly sitting down. A recent Statistics Canada study found that only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 got the recommended hour a day of exercise they need. Summer camp is a great way for kids to get outside and move.

The benefits of camp are plenty – from life lessons beyond the classroom to appreciating nature and building confidence and leadership skills. Learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka camps at [YMCASummerCamp.Ca](http://YMCASummerCamp.Ca).

*Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka*



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