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OAKLEY PARK COMMUNITY WEEKLY UPDATE Week of May 22nd 2018

Our Oakley Park scrap metal School Council fundraiser has started. If you have any scrap metal, please bring it to our bin in the school parking lot between now and May 28th. Thank you for your donations!

Grade 3 and 6 testing (EQAO) starts next week. Our students will be writing the assessment over six days. The assessments are divided into 4 language booklets and 2 mathematics booklets. EQAO tests the reading, writing and math skills students are expected to have learned by the end of Grade 3 and Grade 6.

Ms. Telford will be doing a lot of Maker Space challenges in the library over the next month. It would be wonderful if families had any of the following items to donate:

Pompoms	Ping pong balls	Feathers	Popsicle Sticks
Coffee filters	Straws (bendy and regular)	Pipe cleaners	Cardboard rolls
Duct Tape	Masking Tape	Newspapers	Clothes pins
Spaghetti (uncooked)	Styrofoam cups		

Thank you and have a terrific long weekend!

The week ahead:

Monday May 21st – HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL
Tuesday May 22nd – DAY TWO EQAO starts – Grade 3 & 6
Wednesday May 16th – DAY THREE EQAO - Grade 3 & 6 Walking Wednesday
Thursday May 17th – DAY FOUR Sub day Grade 7/8 trip departs to Brock University
Friday May 18th – DAY FIVE Grade 1/2/4 French Immersion to Wye Marsh Grade 7/8 trip returns

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

May 28th: EQAO; dental visit from health unit

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May 30th: EQAO; Welcome to Kindergarten session

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

June 1st: PD Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

June 4th: Barrie Public Library at Oakley Park for Summer Reading Program

June 5th: Sportapalooza; School Council 6pm – All are welcome!

June 6th: School Track and Field Day; Kindergarten field trip on Barrie Transit

June 7th: Pita Day; Students in GLS course to Barrie North

June 8th: Students in GLS course to Trades Tour

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

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. 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!

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 – 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.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka



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