

# OAKLEY PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## OAKLEY PARK COMMUNITY WEEKLY UPDATE Week of October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018

We know that raising children is not only important work but also challenging. Loving relationships that are warm, responsive and predictable help children thrive. How can we build these relationships? Learn how from Dr. Jean Clinton on Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Georgian Theatre from 6-8pm. Dr. Jean Clinton is an internationally renowned advocate for children's issues. Her interest lies in brain development and the crucial role relationship and connectedness play in child development. Please see the attached poster for details.

Oakley Park will also be offering a free 5 week parenting course starting in November. Sessions will be offered from 3:30-5:30 and 6-8pm at Oakley Park. See the attached poster for more information and call the school to register. Our presenter is Cathy Lethbridge, the SCDSB Principal of Well-Being and a certified Mehrit Centre Facilitator.

Together we can raise terrific children!

### The week ahead:

<b>Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup></b> PA Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
<b>Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> – DAY FOUR</b> Vaccinations for Grade 7 students Gifted screening practice test (OLSAT)
<b>Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> – DAY FIVE</b> Bus evacuation practice Take Me Outside day – activities for primary students Barrie Youth Ambassadors presentation – Grade 7s and 8s
<b>Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup> – DAY ONE</b> Sub orders day Raider Wear orders due
<b>Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> – DAY TWO</b> Pizza day Photo orders due

### **Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

October 30<sup>th</sup>: Gifted screening (OLSAT)  
October 31<sup>st</sup>: Caring and Cooperation assembly – 9am; Orange, black and purple spirit day  
November 5<sup>th</sup>: Picture Re-take day  
November 6<sup>th</sup>: School Council Meeting – 6pm – All are welcome!  
November 9<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance Day assembly  
November 14<sup>th</sup>: Rocks and Rings (curling) – Grade 1-3  
November 15<sup>th</sup>: Rocks and Rings (curling) – Grade 4-8  
November 16<sup>th</sup>: Progress Reports go home  
November 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> – Book fair  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Superhero Day; Courage assembly  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>: PA Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
November 29<sup>th</sup>: Grade 7s Swim to Survive  
November 30<sup>th</sup>: Hat day

### **School Updates:**

#### **School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day**

School Bus Safety Week takes place October 22 to 26, 2018. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, will offer bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation. Wed., Oct. 24 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely. For more information, visit the SCSTC website at [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/).

### **SCDSB Updates:**

#### **School Council members invited to *Connections* event on Oct. 23**

School council members are invited to join us at *Connections*, the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) school council development and networking event.

When: Tues. Oct. 23, 4 to 7 p.m.

Where: SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Hwy. 26, Midhurst

Participants can gather tips and important information to help you in your role on school council, contribute to group discussions, browse booths and enjoy snacks from our approved vendors, and network with fellow school council and Parent Involvement Committee members. This year, we welcome Jacqui Strachan, Communications Director, People for Education, who will discuss fundraising and equity within a school council. Register at [www.scdsb.on.ca/connections](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/connections). Register by Oct. 16 for your chance to win a \$500 parent engagement grant for your school. The winner(s) will be drawn at the event. You must be in attendance to win the prize.

### **Parent Portal gives parents real-time access to attendance, grade information**

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID will be provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, you can visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

### **Well-being:**

There will be a teen Triple P seminar series offered by SMDHU at the Barrie Public Library in October.

These are the dates:

- Oct 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. – Getting Teens Connected  
<http://barrielibrary.libnet.info/event/1074276>

They are posted on the Triple P website. Registration is through the Barrie Public Library, either electronically or by calling to register (705-728-1010).



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