



May 2016

Principal's Message

We have been very busy behind the scenes organizing the school for next year. As part of this process, we investigated what model of organization would be best for our school based on three criteria; student need and what supports student instructional delivery best.

We also want to organize in a manner that minimizes the possibility of reorganizing in the autumn, to the extent that we can control it at the school level.

Given this criteria the staffing committee and the staff met several times. Our School council representatives were also consulted.

More information will be shared at our next School Council Meeting in June, date to be determined at a later date.

Parent Appreciation Assembly

Thank you to our wonderful Parent Volunteers: Thank you, thank you, thank you! We could not provide all the enrichment opportunities for our students without all your stellar assistance.

From pizza lunches to Field Trips, School Council, Fundraising donations, reading to our children, special event volunteers, Silent Auction etc. etc. The diversity of our volunteer expertise is outstanding and we appreciate everything you do for our students and the Simcoe family.

We would like to recognize all our parent volunteers at our Parent Appreciation Assembly beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8th, followed by our Volunteer Tea in our new library.

Please mark your calendars and join us as we pay tribute to our volunteers!

The Elizabeth Simcoe Signal

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Your Community



Silent Auction Evening at Ace's Place

HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOAL!

Silent Auction Reminder - Saturday May 14th @ Ace's Place, 7 p.m
Tickets can be purchased at the door if you haven't already bought yours.

Awesome Sport Package Raffle tickets are still available: 1 for \$20 or 3 for \$40 and they may be purchased from Sabrina Hayden, Stuart Rogers, Anita Wright, Karlyn and Cindy Kosa

Over the past five years, this annual event has accomplished big things at Simcoe! Money raised on this evening has:

- Purchased, repaired and maintained our musical instruments, revitalizing this valuable program
- Placed interactive SMART and Promethean boards, and ELMO projectors in our classrooms
- Renewed our library

This year, we continue to focus on rejuvenating our school on the outside to make it into a modern, multi-functional outdoor learning hub for our children. Every student at Simcoe, from JK to grade 6, will directly benefit from an improved outdoor space. This is an extremely expensive project!

This is an opportunity for every Simcoe family to participate. *How can you help?* Donate an item for the auction; help out at the event, or join the planning team. Many companies have opportunities for great gifts and tickets, so please check with your employer.

Most of all, come out to this fabulous evening of fun and entertainment, including a 50/50 draw and other prizes. Show your community spirit, and support our school! And, bring a friend or neighbour along too.

Great Auction items include:

Sports, theatre or attractions tickets, golfing foursomes, gift baskets, summer camps, gift cards for businesses, auto detailing, handmade items, sports memorabilia, art or music lessons, and vouchers for professional services and our class art canvasses return this year; they have been extremely popular the last few years!

See you there!

Simcoe Track & Field Day

When: Wednesday May 11, 2016
Time: Morning 9-11 a.m.
Who: Grade 1-6

What to Bring:

Labelled water bottle
Sunscreen

What to Wear:

Dress in layers
Outdoor running shoes
Hat

If it is raining, we will have our track and field event on Thursday May 12, 2016.

Qualifying Grade 3-6 students will move on to Birchmount Track & Field Meet on Friday June 17th.

Jack Miner Sr. P.S. Grade 6 Parent/Guardian Information Night

Where: Jack Miner Sr. P.S.
405 Guildwood Pkwy

When: Wednesday May 18th

Time: 6:15 p.m.
Location: In the common area

This information night is for all Grade 6 to 7 Transition students including Gifted students.

Summer International Languages Elementary and African Heritage Programs

Encourage your child's natural curiosity and enroll them in TDSB's half and full day international languages summer programs. Open to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8, our language learning programs engage students in cultural activities like games, songs, dance, storytelling, traditional crafts and writing.

Registration is open now. Visit www.ILEprograms.ca for more information.

Music Camps

Enrich your child's summer vacation with music camp through three unique programs.

Summer Sounds - students can play a band or string instrument, guitar, keyboard and sing in a choir.

DownTown Summer Strings - a great benefit to students who have at least one year experience playing the violin, viola, cello or double bass, and wraps up with a concert open to the public.

Toronto Summer Music Camps - offerings students in Grades 5-9 an opportunity to attend a residential music camp held at Mono Cliffs Outdoor Education Centre, near Orangeville.

For more information please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/summer

Education Week

Every year students, parents/guardians and staff across Ontario dedicate a week to celebrate teaching excellence and student achievement.

The TDSB is celebrating Education Week from Monday, May 2 to Friday, May 6 with the theme "Achieving Excellence: Promoting Well-Being".

A number of activities are taking place in schools across the TDSB to celebrate Education Week and we will be sharing a number of the events on Twitter, Facebook and through web stories. For more information please visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/aboutus/educationweek.aspx>

These Education Week activities also include the annual Dance Jamboree, Monday May 2nd and our Annual Spring Concert on Wednesday May 4th, @ 6:30 p.m. here at Elizabeth Simcoe.

TDSB Celebrates Jewish Heritage Month

In April 2012 the Ontario Parliament unanimously passed legislation naming May as Jewish Heritage Month. This month is an opportunity to build understanding and awareness of notable Ontarians of Jewish heritage and identify how they have contributed to our City, Province and Country. Across the board, schools will also participate in activities, research, and discussions about the Jewish culture, identity, history and heritage.

TDSB Celebrates Asian Heritage Month

The month of May is Asian Heritage Month – a month that acknowledges the rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. Asian Heritage Month is an opportunity for all to celebrate the beauty and wisdom of various Asian cultures. Since its inaugural celebration in Toronto in 1993, and the official passing of the motion in The Senate of Canada, cities across the nation including Halifax, Montréal, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver, have been holding annual festivities during the month of May to recognize Asian Heritage Month.



Pedestrian Safety - Safety Tips for Parents

Children under nine should be accompanied by adults or older children when crossing the street. At this age, their judgment and perceptual skills are still immature, yet they often eagerly try to cross streets on their own in order to demonstrate some independence. Teach your children the rules of the road - start when they're young. Think of it as gradually training your children about safety until all the connections are in place. By the time your child reaches age nine and can act independently, the road safety rules will be second nature.

- Teach children how to cross the street safely. Teach them to stop (before stepping onto the road), look left, right and left again, and listen for traffic before stepping out into the street. Teach children to wait until the street is clear and to keep looking until they have crossed the street. They should also look the driver in the eye before crossing.
- Teach children to recognize pedestrian crossing signals but not rely on them. Before crossing, children should also be sure the traffic has stopped. Remind them to continue across if the light changes to "Don't Walk" while they are in the crosswalk.
- Teach children to be extra alert when crossing at a corner with no traffic lights.
- Teach your children to stop at driveways, alleys and areas without curbs and to never run out onto the street.
- Teach children about the dangers of crossing the street between parked cars or when not at a corner. Children should cross only at corners and pedestrian crosswalks, not diagonally or between parked cars.
- Teach children to respect the role of the crossing guard and to understand his/her signals.
- Teach children that wherever possible they should walk on the sidewalk. In areas without sidewalks, teach children to walk as far away from the road as possible, facing approaching traffic (when there is no choice but to walk on the road).
- Teach children that playing games at railway crossings or around trains can be deadly. Teach children that the only way to cross railway tracks is to use designated railway crossings.

Follow the same rules that you want your child to follow. You may want to cut across the street in the middle of the block, but you want your child to learn to cross at the intersection. Be a good role model.

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Upcoming Events

May 3 - 18	Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser
May 4	Spring Concert 6:30 p.m
May 11	Simcoe Track & Field Day
May 12	Simcoe Track & Field (rain date)
May 13	Gifted Open House @ Elizabeth Simcoe 9 - 11 a.m. Rm 30
May 18	Jack Miner Parent Info night 6:15 @ 405 Guildwood Pkwy
May 24 - 26	Jump Rope for Heart week events
May 30 - June 3	Grade 3 & 6 EQAO



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