



JUNE NEWS

Holly Meadows School Website and Twitter.

Holly Meadows is working at becoming green.

We continuously add important information on our school website. Visit <http://hol.scdsb.on.ca/> to view upcoming current events, newsletters, school council information, classroom blogs, Team and Club information, etc. Milk and Sub order forms are found on our website under the parent section.

We currently have many subscribers to our website. ***Our goal is to have 70% of our school community members' as followers by the end of the school year. Help us meet this challenge!***

Hard copies of newsletters and other information will only be distributed if there is no email address on file at the office or if you are not subscribed to our website. If you wish to add an email address to the list, please contact the school office. To subscribe to our website click on the word subscribe at the top of our home page.

We also encourage you to follow us on **Twitter @medows_es.**

Holly Meadows Staff 2015-16

We would like to wish warm goodbyes to Mrs. O'Hallarn. We welcome Mrs. Davis back in the grade 4 class.

Mark Your Calendar

June 1	After School Newsletter
June 2	Grade 4 & LC; Cineplex field trip
June 5	Grade 5 Science Fair @HMES 9:30-10:30 am & 2-3 pm
June 6	School Council Meeting @HMES 7-9pm Track & Field @ Bear Creek
June 6-8	Grade 7; Kandalore field trip Grade 8; Ottawa field trip
June 6-9	Grade 3; Director's Cut
June 7	Special Olympics @ Innisdate 9:30-2 pm
June 9	Kindergarten Spring Concert Mrs. Matthew's class; Springwater Park Pow Wow Ultimate Frisbee Tournaments@ Allandale Heights
June 10	PA Day
June 11	Bear Creek Guidance visit for Grade 8
June 14-15	Grade 6 Toronto Trip
June 14	Primary Puppet Presentation
June 15	School Council Spring Fair @ HMES 5-8pm Int. Girls Baseball Tournament@ Spring Water Diamonds
June 16	Hoops for Heart
June 17	Volunteer Appreciation
June 20	Jump Rope for Heart School Council Meeting @ 7-9
June 21	3-Pitch Int. Girls Tournament @Barrie Sports Complex
June 22	3-Pitch Int. Boys Tournament @Barrie Sports Complex
June 23	Primary Summerfest
June 24	Star Student Assembly; Jr 9:30, Int. 11:35, Pr. 2pm
June 27	Grade 8 Commencement
June 28	Report Card distribution HMES Talent Show
June 29	Last day of school

Holly Meadows Spring Fair Coming Soon Attention HMES families

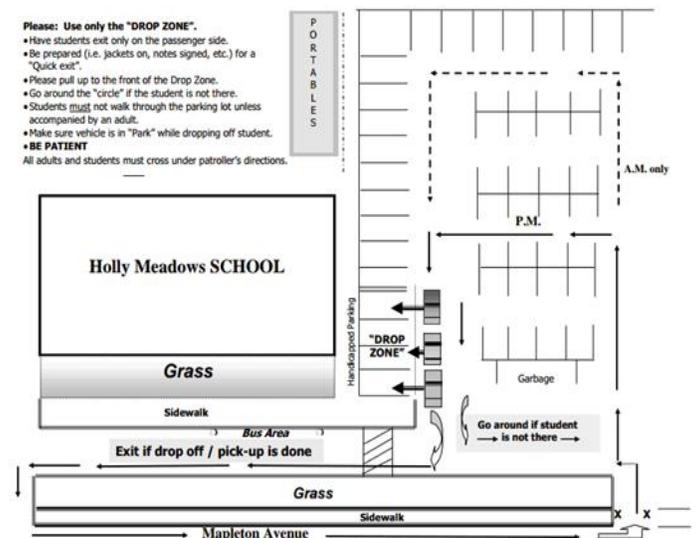
Join us at our School Council spring Fair on **Wednesday June 15th from 5-8 pm.** Come out for our **BBQ, Bake Sale, concert, snow cones, cotton candy, bouncers, silent auction, games, vendor area, photo booth, pitching radar set-up** and more. If you would like to donate baked goods for the bake sale, would like to volunteer your time or even encourage your high school teenager to work for community service hours please contact us at CouncilChairhol@scdsb.on.ca.



Reminder about Our School Parking Lot

There have been a significant number of concerns raised regarding our Kiss and Ride. We have a large number of students who are being dropped off at the recreation centre or in the parking lot and walking through parked and stopped cars. If your child is meeting you at the Holly Recreation parking lot, they are to walk behind the pylons and the school yard fence as this is a no drive zone at the end of the day. This is extremely dangerous for both students and drivers. Parents are asked to only use the designated spots and have students exit or enter on the passenger side as indicated on the diagram below. Please do not leave vehicles in the driving lane at any time. Drivers must stay with their vehicles. We ask that you park in a designated spot if you need to pick up **are out-of-bounds** during arrival and dismissal times, with the only exception being Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium buses. Private childcare providers will be asked not to use these areas. Parents are also not allowed to drop off or pick up in the bus zones. Traffic must be in constant flow in this area at all times, meaning no parked vehicles are permitted in this area.

Thank you for working with the staff to ensure the safety of our students.



Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Head lice are a common problem that can affect anyone and are a concern at this time of the year. They do not cause a health problem, but can be a nuisance when they are difficult to eliminate. To prevent the spread of lice, please continue to check your child(ren)'s head a couple of times a week. You may also wish to consult your pharmacist or physician to determine an appropriate treatment for your child if head lice is present. A few fresh laid nits may not be killed by treatment shampoos or crème rinses. Following treatment, please check for any live lice. A second treatment is now recommended 7 – 10 days after the first treatment. If you find more head lice, talk to your pharmacist or doctor about the next step.

Also, please remember to notify the school when your child has head lice so that we can work together to reduce the spread. If you don't see lice or nits on your child's head, please continue to check his/her head two times a week for a month or more if there is an outbreak. If you have any further questions, please contact the school or the Simcoe County District Health Unit's Health Connection Line at 705-721-7330.

2016-2017 School Year Calendar Is Now Available

The calendar for next school year has been approved and can be found on the Simcoe County District School Board's website at www.scdsb.on.ca under 'Schools' – 'School Year Calendars.'

Key dates:

- Students start school on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. All Junior Kindergarten students will begin school on Thursday, September 8 and will attend continuously from this time.
- The holiday break is December 26 to January 6
- March Break is March 13 to 17, 2017.

Summer school filling fast – Register today!

Summer school options include a Grade 7, 8 and 9 math preparation program and math, science and English credit recovery courses for students in Grade 9 and 10. Grade 10 to 12 full credit courses are offered in a traditional classroom or online. The courses are available at locations throughout Simcoe County. Students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program or experience camp at the YMCA's Geneva Park location while earning leadership credits.

Summer school program details and locations can be found on The Learning Centres website: www.thelearningcentres.com. Students can also get information from the school or from any of the SCDSB's Learning Centres. Online registration for current SCDSB students is available.

Attention Grade 1 to 3 Parents: It's time to update your child's immunization record

You must update the local health unit any time your child receives a new immunization - like their 4 to 6 year booster. If your child is not immunized, you will need to provide the health unit with a current medical exemption or affidavit to keep on file. **The health unit can suspend students whose immunization records are not up to date and who do not have an affidavit or medical exemption on file.** Before the summer holidays, take a few moments to make sure your child's record is updated. Here's how:

1. *Check:* Your child's yellow immunization card.
2. *Contact:* Your child's family physician or healthcare provider to obtain records or to get missing vaccinations.
3. *Share:* Visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org (click on 'Topics' – 'Immunization') to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to 705-726-3962.

Every student must have an up-to-date immunization record on file at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit – it's the law. For more information, or to speak with a nurse on the health unit's immunization team, call 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Free International Languages classes – registration for 2016-17 program available now

Would your child like to learn a new language or maintain their first language? These courses are FREE and open to any student in Grades 1 to 8. Register now for the 2016-2017 program. Classes run Saturday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 17, 2016. Registration forms can be found at www.thelearningcentres.com or call 705-725-8360 x45151 or 45160 if you have any questions.

Register now for ESL summer classes

Do you or someone you know want to improve English language skills? The SCDSB Learning Centres can help. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for adults are offered at the Alliston, Barrie and Bradford Learning Centres. Visit www.thelearningcentres.com or call for more information: Alliston: 705-435-7778; Barrie 705-725-8360; Bradford: 905-775-4432.

New Safe Schools tool to report bullying, drug use or vandalism

The SCDSB has developed a new online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://hol.scdsb.on.ca>, as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is always our top priority. For more information please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

Summer Childcare Available at Select SCDSB Schools

In partnership with community child care operators, we are pleased to support your child care needs, offering full-day child care programs for children (JK to 12 years) in select schools across Simcoe County this summer. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. A fee subsidy may be available to families who qualify.

For more information, please contact S.E.E.D.S at 705-726-3770.

Message from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit: Stay safe in the sun

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. Follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe this summer:

- Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm.
- Apply the sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the label instructions. Make sure to apply it to any exposed areas of skin – nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc. Reapply every 2-3 hours and after swimming.
- Wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses.
- If possible, avoid being in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Harmful sun rays are most intense at this time.
- When you're outside, look for shade, stay under a tree or use an umbrella.

For more sun safety tips, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.