



MAY 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.**

Mark Your Calendar

May 2	Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart Assembly School Council Meeting
May 2-6	Education Week
May 2, 9, 16, 30	Mr. Warman and Mrs. McDiarmid's classes; swimming
May 4, 11, 18, 25	After School Numeracy Program
May 4	Primary Edufest @HMES 7:45-8:45 am for parents/guardians Grade 5; R.A.C.E. Against Drugs @ YMCA Junior Boys Basketball Regional Tournament
May 5	Mental Health Evening @HMES 7-9 pm for parents/guardians/community members
May 10	Early Societies Artifact Fair; Grade 4 artifacts displayed in library for all classes Junior Girls Basketball Regional Tournament
May 11	Grade 7-8; Gauss Math Contest Wendy's Night 4:30-7:30; Bryne Drive location
May 12	Grade 8; Treetop Trekking STEAM Maker Fair
May 13	Grade 4; Field Trip to Highlands Grade 7; Treetop Trekking Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament @ Joan of Arc
May 17	Grade 7; Field Trip to Tiffin Grades 5-8; Bear Creek Band Presentation
May 19	HMES Track and Field Meet
May 20	Star Student Assembly; Pr. 9:30, Jr. 11:35, Int. 2pm
May 23	Victoria Day; Holiday
May 24	Welcome to Kindergarten
May 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, June 1	Grade 3 & 6 EQAO Provincial Testing

Wendy's Night

HMES School Council members invite you to join in the fun on **May 11th, 2016** for our **Wendy's Night** fundraiser located on **Bryne Drive**, between the hours of **4:30 and 7:30 p.m.** Bring your family and friends out for a Wendy's delight. Sit and enjoy the company of other Holly Meadows families or stop by and order your supper for your family on the way home. HMES will receive 10% of the profits made and will use it to

support student achievement. We thank you, in advance, for your support!

Holly Meadows Spring Fair Coming Soon

Attention HMES families

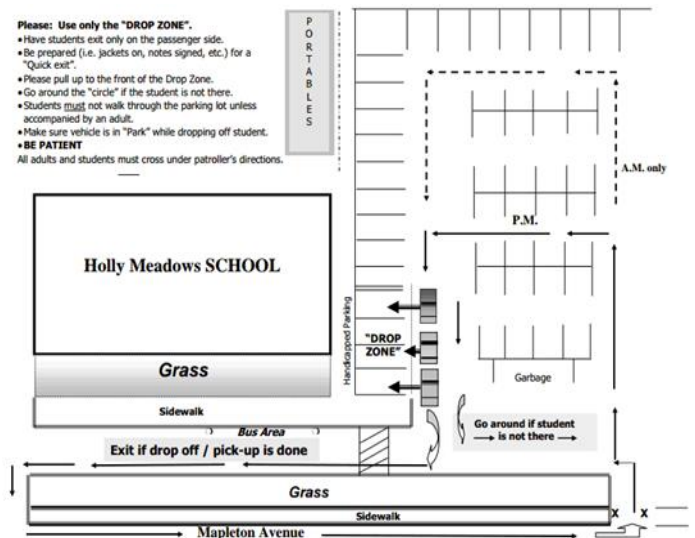
Our Spring Fair day has changed. The new scheduled date is **Wednesday June 15th from 5-8 pm.** Come out for our **BBQ, Bake Sale, snow cones, cotton candy, bouncers, silent auction, games, vendor area, photo booth, pitching radar set-up** and more. If you would like to donate baked goods for the bake 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 your child(ren) from the yard. Designated **bus loading zones 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.

Full STEAM Ahead!

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) Integrated Learning

The goal of STEAM education is to give students an opportunity to build skills across subject areas while applying those skills to authentic tasks. Students at Holly Meadows will have several opportunities to engage in STEAM initiatives that are creative, innovative, and unique learning activities. STEAM supports inquiry-based hands-on learning that builds students' competence and confidence in the creative process, technological problem solving and scientific inquiry.

We are in need of different items for our STEAM initiative. We welcome donations such as puzzles, old board games, and building blocks (Lego, Duplo, Zacks, Meccano, Megabloks). If you have incomplete sets that you are looking to get rid of please send them to our school. Located outside of the library is a bin for our collection of donations. We are also collecting Rubbermaid bins with lids for storing these items.

We thank you, in advance, for your generous donations and your support in making a difference for students at Holly Meadows.

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 include:

- 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.

Summer School Registration Now Available, Including Free Math Prep Program for Gr. 7, 8, 9 Students

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.

Families Invited to Imagine, Create, Play at SCDSB Maker Faire on May 12

Students, teachers and families can create and play at the 2016 SCDSB Maker Faire, taking place on May 12 at Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School. This free event is in partnership with the Essa Public Library and will feature:

- makerspaces with various materials and technology, including robotics, coding, sewing and silk screening
- vendor booths
- Student Invention Convention with displays of student work

- educator workshops

The Maker Faire runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Nottawasaga Pines is located at 8505 County Road 10 in Angus. For more information, visit www.scdsbmakerfaire2016.blogspot.ca.

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>.

Ensure your child's immunization record is up to date

All families are required to provide the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) with a record of their child's immunization information. This is required by law under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). **The SMDHU can suspend students whose immunization records are not up to date.**

You can update your child's immunization record in one of the following ways:

- Online at:
www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline
- Fax: 705-726-3962
- Call: 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8807

The health unit hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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: Safe Kids Week is May 30 to June 5

We all have a role to play in teaching our children to be safe as they explore, discover and creatively problem solve at home and in the great outdoors!

- Set age appropriate guidelines and talk to your child about how to play with safety in mind, then let them get adventurous. Climbing trees, over rocks, running up hills or watching the clouds can all be fun activities.
- It is never too early to start talking to kids about pedestrian and bicycle safety. Kids under age of 10 do not have good depth perception or the ability to judge oncoming traffic speed. Teach your child how to safely cross roads and at traffic lights, watch for cars and the dangers of texting while walking. When biking, ride with your child to help them learn to navigate safely around traffic, and make sure everyone wears a good fitting helmet.

2016 marks the 20th anniversary of Parachute Safe Kids Week. Learn more about how you can keep kids safe by visiting: <http://www.parachutecanada.org/>.