



November 2017 News

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From the Desk of Mrs Golding

October was a busy month, full of events and activities at the school. We began the month with a school-wide house colour activity as well as our evening "Meet the Staff" event. Students also participated in a number of emergency procedures drills for fire, lockdown, severe weather and bus evacuation. Some of the extra-curricular activities that took place this month included safety patroller training, intermediate flag football, junior volleyball and cross country. We also kicked off our clothing drive that continues into November, and last but not least our Grade 6 "VIP" program through Barrie Police Services. While students enjoyed a day off on the PA Day, our staff participated in valuable learning around equity and school improvement planning.

Looking ahead, November promises to be just as full of excitement and learning. I especially encourage families and community members to come out to our "Holly Day Bazaar" on Saturday November 18th from 10am-1pm. We will have local vendors, a book fair, bake sale silent auction, gingerbread contest, card making for seniors and much more! The event is free of charge but we appreciate donations of a non-perishable food item for the food bank

Wishing all of our families a wonderful month!

From the Desk of Mr Dobson

As we enter into the 3rd month of school, routines have been established and expectations are understood.

If you use the 'Kiss & Ride' Program: Enter the parking lot and remain on the right-hand side (right of garbage bins).

Morning	Afternoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Pull up to designated spot and put car in park-Students must exit the vehicle on the side closest to the school-Students must exit the vehicle independently (drivers must remain in the vehicle)-Once students are safely on the sidewalk, drivers leave the parking lot following the driveway in front of the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Pull up in a single file line in the designated pick up/drop off spots-Child must independently enter vehicle on the side closest to the school (drivers must remain in the vehicle)-If child is not ready, continue along and join the end of the line as the goal is to keep the line moving safely and efficiently

Your child's safety is our biggest priority. Thank you for keeping this in mind!

Important Dates

- Wed. November 1- Gr 8 - transition day to high school
- Thurs. Nov 2-Intermediate presentation "My Online"-Sam Ward- Child Advocacy Centre (grade 7s 11:25, Grade 8s 12:15)
- Mon. Nov 6- School Council- 6pm in the library
- Fri. Nov 10- Progress Reports go home
- Tues. Nov 14- Photo Retake Day
- Wed. Feb 15- Rotary Book Day for Gr 2
- Fri/ Nov 17- PA Day/Student Led conferences, Clothing drive ends
- Sat. Nov 18 - Holly Days Bazaar - 10am - 1pm
- Tues Nov 28- HMES family night at Wendy's- Bryne Drive location. Come dine in or drive through between 4:30-7:30 and HMES gets 10% back to go toward our snack/food programs



Keeping Informed with School Events at HMES

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at HMES, there are lots of ways that you can access this information:

- Follow Holly Meadows on Twitter @meadows_es
- Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/hollymeadowses ...Please note that this is our official page and the platform that the school uses to communicate and answer questions on Facebook. This page is separate from the "Holly Meadows Information Group" which is run by and used by parents to communicate with each other.
- Follow us on Instagram @hollymeadowses
- If you would like to receive occasional reminders via text or email for events like due dates for food orders, picture day, spirit days, newsletters and other school events, you can join us on "Remind". To receive **text** reminders, text (705) 302-3415 and write @hollymes in the body of the text. You can opt out at any time by texting unsubscribe @hollymes to the same number. **OR** To receive **e-mail** reminders, send an e-mail to hollymes@remind.com You can leave the subject blank. To unsubscribe, send an email to the same address with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.
- You can subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://hol.scdsb.on.ca>. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. When you fill out your email and click Subscribe, an email will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. Unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.

HMES Clothing Drive

Our clothing drive is currently underway! If you would like more information about this program, here is the link to the Kidney Clothes program with whom we are running our current clothing drive. <https://www.kidney.ca/kidneyclothes> The Kidney Clothes program has a partnership with Value Village who provide funds for the items donated. The funds raised through the Kidney Clothes program are used by The Kidney Foundation to provide access to programs like financial assistance for families, peer support and educational materials such as their "Living with Kidney Disease" patient handbook which is given to every newly diagnosed kidney patient. A portion of those funds are also then given back to the school, and we will be using these toward arts programs at HMES.

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS!		
Participate in our clothing drive and raise funds for us. This unique opportunity also supports individuals living with kidney disease and the environment!		
	<h2 style="color: red;">Holly Meadows Fundraiser</h2> <h3 style="color: red;">Drop off in front foyer!</h3> <h3 style="color: red;">October 16 – November 17</h3>	
		

Head Lice Protocol and Reminders for Families

A common protocol has been established to provide a standard practice for all elementary schools in the management of head lice in schools. The SCDSB protocol, developed in consultation with the health Unit and Canadian Pediatric Society is as follows:

- Parents/guardians should learn how to recognize head lice and routinely check their children.
- When a child has head lice the parent/guardian should notify the school.
- If the parent/guardian becomes aware that the child has head lice, or the school identifies that a student has head lice, the school must notify the other parents/guardians with children in the same class.
- Upon treatment, a signed Confirmation of Treatment form will be required before a student who returns to school following head lice treatment goes back to the classroom. This form will indicate that the parent/guardian has treated the child with a treatment product according to the product instructions; the parent/guardian is aware that a second treatment is required 7-10 days from the first treatment to kill any newly hatched lice; and that the parent/guardian has examined the child's hair following treatment and has found no evidence of live lice.
- If a returning student is not free of live lice, the parent/guardian will be contacted by the school and arrangements will be made for the child to return home to be re-treated. When there is evidence of a treatment failure (detection of live lice), using a full course of topical treatment from a different class of medication is recommended.
- When a student experiences repeated incidents of head lice, the principal may consult with the SMDHU through Health Connection for written information about head lice, situational management advice, and/or consultation for school staff/parents/guardians. The Canadian Pediatric Society found that school wide screening programs have not been shown to have a significant effect on the incidence of head lice in schools and are discouraged.
- If you would like to see the full policy and procedures around head lice management in SCDSB, please contact the office.

Rainbows Program at Holly Meadows

Our school-based Rainbows Program is a peer support group for students who are dealing with loss in their lives through separation, divorce or death. The program runs once a week for 10 weeks. During this school year, we will be offering the program once a week during one of the nutrition/recess breaks starting the week of January 2, 2018 and ending by the end of March. Each week, one of the facilitators will lead the participants in prescribed activities, games and discussions about the theme for the week.

This program gives the children an opportunity to discuss their feelings about their loss in a confidential environment with grade-appropriate peers who have had similar experiences. After the completion of the program, there is a large group get-together, followed by a certificate presentation with guests invited to help all of the participants enjoy the "Celebrate Me Day".

If you would like your son(s)/daughter(s) to participate in this very worthwhile program, please complete the permission/information slip below and return it to his or her homeroom teacher by December 1, 2017. There is no cost to the child because the school is paying the material fee for each student.

If you have any questions, please contact this year's co-ordinator: Mrs. Moss at 733-2633.

Paying for Milk and Pizza with School Cash Online

If you have not yet registered for School Cash Online follow these steps:

1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or from our school website click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through echeck or credit card

The School Cash Parent Helpdesk is available 24/7 to help you with registration, password recoveries or any other payment issues. Call the helpdesk at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com

Hewitts Fundraiser Update

Thanks to our HMES families for your participation in our Fall food orders through Hewitt's farms. The total profits from this fundraiser are now in and we raised \$1223.14. Way to go Holly families! This money will go toward the purchase and installation of a new projection screen for our gymnasium.

School Lunch Program FAQ

We are thankful for the dedicated volunteers that run our school milk and food programs. These programs are valuable fundraisers for the school.

- **Why aren't there more options for pizza and milk?** - In order to ensure that the program is manageable for our volunteers, to minimize the human error that occurs in a school of 650+ students where many options are available, and to minimize confusion for students not knowing when/what they ordered which causes issues in the office during what is often the busiest time of day, we have limited milk orders to chocolate/white either everyday or Wednesdays only and have limited pizza to 2 options (cheese/pepperoni). There are also discussions of pasta or subs, pending the availability of volunteers to run an additional day.
- **What happens if a student is absent?**- If students are absent, their order on that day will be donated to a student in need
- **What happens when there is no school on a Friday?**- Pizza day will occur on the Thursday.
- **Why pay online?**- Utilizing the "School Cash Online" process helps to eliminate the human error that occurs when tallying individual forms, with the potential for student forms and money being lost and streamlines the process for the individuals running the program.
- **Why are the orders once a month?**- Both our milk and pizza providers require that we pre-order. Some schools choose to organize their orders each term (3x per year). We have decided to go with single month orders which is more financially practical for families, particularly those with multiple children in the school. When you sign up for "School Cash Online", you will receive an email notification when orders open. Please note that when School Cash indicates that orders "close" on a particular date, they close at midnight on that day. As such, families are required to place the order prior to midnight the day before.
- **What if I don't have a computer?**- If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to use one of ours in the school office and our office staff will help you get set up. School Cash allows payments to be made via credit card or debit. Paper forms are also available by request.
- **How are prices determined?**- In order for a fundraiser to be worthwhile, the school needs to balance the work required to run the program with the monetary value that the fundraiser brings in. The program also needs to be affordable for families. This year, pizza is \$1.75/slice. This amount is based on the amount our new provider, Sicilian Gourmet, charges, as well as a survey of other schools who charge anywhere between \$1.50 and \$2.25/slice.
- **Where does the money go?** Based on our fundraising plan which is determined by school council at the beginning of each year, milk subsidizes athletics and general school needs and pizza subsidizes field trips and presentations in school. Our fundraising plan is available to view on the school website Under "Parents", "School Council".

Bus cancellation information reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the *Central* zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>

For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, follow our school's social media accounts or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

Snow Valley Coupon Books

Coupon Books for Snow Valley are currently on sale at the office. The books are \$20, \$10 if which is profit for the school (going to the arts and our Drama Club Production of "The Jungle Book"), \$9 is kept by Snow Valley and \$1 is donated to the Royal Victoria Hospital 'Hearts and Minds' program. These booklets make a great gift for the holiday season!

Included in the booklet are the following coupons for Snow Valley (valid until March 31, 2018. Coupons cannot be combined during a single visit):

- Free night lift ticket (\$38 value, no restrictions on time/date of use)
- Free 5 pack tubing, anytime Mon-Fri except Dec 26-Jan 1 (\$20 value)
- 2x Buy 1 get one free - lift ticket, anytime Mon-Fri except Dec 26-Jan 1 (\$64 value)
- 2x Buy 1 get one free - 5 pack tubing anytime Mon-Fri except Dec 26-Jan 1 (\$20 value)
- 2x Buy 1 get one free - Discover Skiing #1 (ages 6+) This includes a 75 Minute Beginner Ski Lesson, Adventure Learning Centre Ticket and Ski Equipment & Helmet Rental (value \$64, no restrictions on time/date of use)
- Buy 1 get one free - Rental or skis, boots and poles, no restrictions on time/date of use (\$42 value)
- Buy 1 get one free - hot chocolate
- Buy 1 get one free - fountain pop

Also included in the booklet is the following coupon for the Barrie Baycats (good for any 2018 season game):

- 2 for 1 admission (\$10 value)

Also included are the following coupons for Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery (seasonal expiry dates depending on product, ending Sept 15, 2018)

- Buy one get one free poinsettia
- Buy one get one free perennial
- Buy one get one free hanging basket
- Buy one get one free Fall mum

Lastly, the following coupons from McDonalds are included (valid until May 31, 2018):

- Buy one get one free coupons for sandwiches (x2), breakfast sandwiches (x2), McCafe beverages (x4)

Booklets can be purchased online or in the office. We currently have a limited number available, so get yours quickly before they sell out!

High school information nights coming to a school near you!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

SCDSB online tool for reporting bullying, drug use or vandalism

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage 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 our top priority. For more information, visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

SCDSB's new Holy Days and Holidays Calendar now available

The students and staff of the SCDSB represent a rich diversity of faith traditions. The Holy Days and Holidays calendar helps identify some of the important days of commemoration, however it isn't designed to be a complete listing of religious days. Students and staff from a particular faith background may or may not be absent from school on these special days. If they do attend, certain accommodations may be required. To view the July 2017 - December 2018 calendar, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, click on 'Schools,' 'School Year Calendars' and then 'Holy Days and Holidays Calendar.'

Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov. 5 to 11

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's Nov. 5 to 11. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty 5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty.

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties and www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/gdoo-sastamoo-kii-mi/.

Voluntary self-identification of First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry

Self-identification is a personal choice to disclose First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry. The choice to self-identify is up to you and does not require proof of documentation (i.e. no status card), regardless of where you live. Self-identification is confidential, securely stored and used only to support First Nation, Métis and Inuit student success. Self-identification helps schools support the needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and their achievement. Student achievement data is collected and protected with other confidential data used to help improve student achievement.

To self-identify your child as First Nation, Métis or Inuit, check off the First Nation, Métis or Inuit box on the school registration form and write in details if applicable. The SCDSB is committed to meeting the learning needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students through responsive programming and services. Past activities have included: the inclusion of First Nation, Métis and Inuit focused resources in schools; school based pow wows; dedicated First Nation, Métis and Inuit student advisors and cultural awareness training for school staff. To learn more about First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education, visit www.scdsb.on.ca > Programs > First Nation, Métis & Inuit Education.

Volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters and our schools

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Barrie & District is proud to partner with the SCDSB to run mentoring programs for students. Volunteers are welcome to apply to mentor students for as little as one hour per week. Call BBBS Barrie at 705-728-0515 or visit www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie to find out more information.

November 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week

Nov 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week. The SCDSB will be marking this week by providing schools with a variety of resources to increase awareness and education among staff and students. We hope that your child will share some of what they are learning this week and we have included some helpful resources to support you in conversations you might be having with your kids:

- www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/unplug-and-play
- <http://parentactionondrugs.org>
- www.drugfreekidscanada.org
- www.camh.ca

Eye See...Eye Learn program offers free glasses for Junior Kindergarten students

The Eye See...Eye Learn program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeyelearn.ca.

OHIP+ provides free prescription drug coverage for children

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrollment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus.

Nutri-eSTEP can help your family encourage healthy eating habits

Are you a parent of a Kindergarten student? Do you sometimes worry about your child's healthy eating? Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP. You answer 17 questions to find out what's going well and what to work on to keep your child healthy. Nutri-eSTEP is a questionnaire for parents with children aged 18 months to five years of age. When you help your children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. For more information, call Health Connection weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or toll free 1-877-721-7520.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

It's time to update your child's immunization records

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up to date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. It's easier than ever to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record, or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520. *Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*