MAY 2011

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MAY: WE COMMIT TO INTEGRITY
We act justly and honourably in all that we do.

Are You Moving?
Please take time to let us know your plans if you are moving. This courtesy allows us to plan more effectively for the next school year.

GRADES 7 – 12 SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION ONLINE

Again, this summer there will be no paper applications for Summer School; we are going 100% electronic and online! Through school and parent recommendations, current SCDSB students can apply online at http://student.scdsb.on.ca. (To login they need to use their present username and the default password is their birthdate, in the form YYYYMMDD.) We will send more information on this year’s Summer School once it becomes available. Information is also available online at www.thelearningcentres.com or www.scdsb.on.ca.

Grade Three and Six
E.Q.A.O. Provincial Assessment

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) is an agency of the provincial government that measures the achievement of students across Ontario in reading, writing and mathematics, and reports the results to parents, educators and government. EQAO results are reported at the provincial, school board and school levels. They are used by the Ministry of Education, district school boards and schools to improve learning, teaching and student achievement.

For your planning, this year’s grade three and six E.Q.A.O. assessments will take place on May 31, June 1, 2, 7, 8 & 9. If you have a child in either of these grades, please try to avoid having them miss any school time when the testing is occurring.

EQAO 2009-2010

Math
Primary Answers for April’s Newsletter EQAO Questions
Question #5 – (B) 4
Question #10 – (D) 1 m; 140 cm; 1 m 50 cm

Junior Answers for April’s Newsletter EQAO Questions
Question #21 – (D) 10 000 cm²
Question #31 – (D) 3:5

Language
Primary Question from EQAO Language Book 1 2009-2010
Question #13 Write a paragraph about an imaginary machine you have invented. Explain how it works and what it can do.
• Students have a planning box to brainstorm ideas for their writing.
• Students then have 9 lines to write on. Any writing that exceeds the 9 lines allotted is not marked.
• Although they give the reminder for spelling, grammar and punctuation the big / main ideas are what is scored not the mechanics of student writing.

Remember: • Check over your work.
• Check your spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Primary Question from EQAO Language Book 2 2009-2010
Question #16 Which of the following sentences is correctly written?
(A) Its raining.
(B) It’s raining.
(C) It’s raining.
(D) It’s raining.

Junior Questions from EQAO Language Book 2 2009-2010
Question #13 Choose the sentence that is written correctly.
We are in need of some costume donations. If you have ladies, medium, red plaid shirt, a youth, medium, red plaid shirt and/or two pairs of suspenders, please let the office know.

Class Placements for 2010-2011

Soon we will begin to co-ordinate the placement of students on class lists for the next school year. Please understand that teachers put a great deal of time and effort into the task of making up class lists. A great number of factors are considered to determine the best placement for each child. We encourage parents not to request that their child have a particular teacher. Please rely on the experience and wisdom of the teachers to make the best appropriate choice. However, if there are educationally sound circumstances that you feel the office needs to be aware of, please put your information in writing to Ms. Baldry. The deadline for submitting this information to the office is Monday, May 16, 2011.

Food and Beverage Policy

What does this policy mean for schools?

All foods and beverages sold in schools for school purposes must meet the nutrition standards set out in the policy. This includes food and beverages sold in all venues (e.g. cafeterias, vending machines, tuck shops), through all programs (e.g. catered lunch programs), and at all events (e.g. bake sales, sports events).

What about food and beverages that are not sold, but are provided to children in schools?

The nutrition standards do not apply to foods and beverages that are not sold to students. However, schools may want to take this opportunity to consider making it a rule to serve healthy food at all times in a school setting.

Are there any exemptions?

The standards do not apply to food and beverages that are:

- offered in schools to students at not cost;
- brought from home or purchased off school premises and are not for resale in schools;
- available for purchase during field trips off school premises;
- sold in schools for non-school purposes (e.g. sold by an outside organization that is using the gymnasium after school hours for a non-school-related event);
- Sold for fundraising activities that occur off school premises;
- For sale in staff rooms

The Wizard of Oz

The Drama Club at Tecumseth Elementary School will be presenting a “scene study’ of the "Wizard of Oz" on Wednesday, May 18 at 12:15 pm and 6:30 pm. This presentation will showcase the collective approach the students of Drama have learned this semester. Please come and help us celebrate this team effort.
From the Library
Book Fair – May 4-6

We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair during school times on May 4 to the 6th. Students will have a chance to preview and purchase books during their scheduled class time. We will be open during Math/Fitness/EQAO night. See you there! Thank you for supporting your school library!

Check out our school blog for daily updates on “Today’s Announcements.” Also, check it regularly for updated news, pics and upcoming events on “What’s Happening.” Listen to some of our podcasts/audio books that we made with one of our new document cameras purchased from School Council funds. Thank you goes out to Cal and Emily who update the announcements daily and to some of the students in Miss Garratt’s class who have done some of the slideshows. James edited one of our podcasts. It is a collaborative effort. It is worth taking a look!

tbes.edublogs.org – Check it Out!

We would like to extend a big Thank You to the Michael Worrod Memorial Fund for their donation toward our school rugby jerseys! Go Stingers!

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to be ahead of the game this year with Volunteer Offence Declarations. If you are currently on our Approved Volunteer List, then you need to visit the office and complete a Declaration form. This will be submitted to the school board for approval, in preparation for volunteering during the 2011-12 school year.

Volunteer Tea

Mark your calendar

We will be celebrating our Volunteer Thursday, June 16 from 10:30-11:30. Light refreshments, sweets and fruits will be served.

Look at our Gym!

Come in and see our new black and gold padding. More changes are coming soon!

Warm Weather Alert

As the weather warms up, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for both the weather and our school dress code (as stated in our school agenda). As our schoolyard has limited shade, please also provide your child with a hat and sunscreen.

Bicycle Helmets

Spring is here and so are the bicycles, skateboards, and scooters! These provide a healthy and popular recreational activity but are also the leading cause for hospital admissions for head injury in children.

Law requires helmets for children under the age of 16 as they can reduce head injuries by 85%. Model safety yourself by wearing a helmet and always protect your children with helmets.

Please remember that bicycles, skateboards and scooters are not to be ridden on school property. If you rollerblade to and from school, please remove them and put your shoes on prior to getting on school property.

Allergy Awareness

We have a display in our front hall with information and safe school snacks. Have a look the next time you are in for peanut free alternatives.

BUSSING REQUESTS

All students are to be riding on their own designated bus. Unless it is a true emergency situation, we do not accommodate students riding on a different bus or getting off at a friend’s stop. Students are reminded that if alternate bussing is required, notes need to be brought to the office early in the day.

Also now that the weather has warmed up, some of our bus students would prefer to either walk or ride their bikes. If your child is a regular bus rider but now has your permission to walk, please send in a letter to your child’s teacher. Thank you for your understanding.

Reminder: Check our Lost and Found area for your child’s articles. We are donating unclaimed items to charity on a monthly basis.

Track and Field

Thursday, May 26, 2011
(raindate May 27)
Light refreshments and pizza will be available for sale.
We are in need of parent volunteers for track and field. If you are able to help and
are on our approved volunteer list, please contact Mr. Mayer.

**Immunizations**
Parents are required to contact the health unit each time their child receives an immunization from their health care provider. Parents can now report their child’s updated immunization information on the health unit’s website [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline) or by faxing the information to 705-726-3962.

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**SUMMER ADVANTAGE**
"Summer Advantage" is a fully coloured 192 page, activity book designed to reinforce and maintain Kindergarten to Grade 7 students’ academic learning skills over the summer months. There is one 192 paged activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. There is also a Language Toolkit for students entering Grade 8 and 9 in September. Every book is aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations. In addition to the summer, the books can be used all year long from September to the following June. All books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. The cost of each book is $19.05 plus GST ($20 Total). This is a savings of up to $4 from retail stores and online. You can visit [www.summeradvantage.ca](http://www.summeradvantage.ca) to view a unit of the book you would like to order. With all books orders, Summer Advantage will provide attraction discount coupons to numerous attractions including Wonderland, Ontario Place, Medieval Times, Wings of Paradise, Centreville, South Simcoe Railway, Pucks Farm, Safari Niagara Zooz, Bowmanville Zoo the Hamilton Civic Museums, Bingemans, Santa’s Village, Bird Kingdom, Kitchener Museums, Stratford Shakespeare Festival and more with over $300 in savings.

An order form/information sheet with more details about the "Summer Advantage" program will be sent home with your child in the near future.

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**May – Active Fun Tips!**
Physical activity strengthens your children's hearts and helps kids and teens maintain a healthy weight and healthy blood pressure, which may lower their risk of developing heart disease and stroke as they grow. It is beneficial to start early, as active kids are more likely to become fit adults. Children and teens need to be active 60 to 90 minutes a day, most days of the week.

**Check it out:** geocaching.com

**Snack Idea** for after school: fruit slices with vanilla yogurt dip

**May – Bullying Prevention**
We don’t all have to be the same. We don’t all have to think the same. We don’t all have to dress the same. We like it that people are different. We have the right to be ourselves. We speak up if we see others being treated unfairly.

**Check it out:** [www.safecanada.ca](http://www.safecanada.ca)

**Stand Up – Reach Out – Tell Someone**