



# COOKSTOWN CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL – Next Meeting: Monday, 7, 2016 in the Library at 6:00pm**

## Remembrance Day

We will be holding a Primary Remembrance Day service on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. and a Junior/Intermediate Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:20 a.m. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome to do so. Please remember to sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's tag and poppy. All students will receive a poppy prior to the assembly. Any donations would be greatly appreciated by the Royal Canadian Legion.

## High School Information Nights coming soon to a high school near you

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter! Information nights give an overview of what's new and what to expect, and are a chance to ask questions.

Students from our School Attend:

### **Banting Memorial H.S.**

203 Victoria St. E., Alliston

Date of Info. Night - Tues. Feb. 7 - 7pm

### **Bear Creek Secondary School**

100 Red Oak Dr., Barrie

Date of Info. Night - Thurs. Jan. 12 - 6:30 pm

### **Bradford District High School**

70 Professor Day Dr., Bradford

Date of Info. Night - Thurs., Jan. 19 - 6-7:30pm

### **Nantyr Shores Secondary School**

1146 Anna Maria Ave., Innisfil

Date of Info. Night - Wed., Jan. 18 - 7-8:30pm

## New School Council Executive, 2016-17

Elections for this year's School Council were held in October. The following are our 2016-17 executive members:

Chair - Erin Helleman

Vice-Chair - Alison Hall

Secretary - Karen Cooper

Treasurer - Donna Lange

Thank you to these individuals for the key roles they play, helping the students and staff of Cookstown Central Public School.

## Start Knittin' those Mittens!

We will have our annual mitten tree in the Library again this year. We hope to have a tree full of **NEW** mittens, hats, gloves, scarves, socks and slippers for all ages. Please send your donations into the office. Thank you!

## Snow Valley Coupon Booklet Fundraiser

Once again this year we will be selling coupon booklets for Snow Valley at a cost of \$20.00. These booklets offer available for purchase through SchoolCash online.

## Picture Re-takes

Please note that Picture Re-take day is on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Cookstown Elf Shelf



It's that time of year again for the Cookstown Elf Shelf!!

This event is the perfect time for the little ones to do some grown-up Christmas gift shopping of their own!

- ✿ Cookstown is looking for items to fill our Elf Shelves so our children can purchase and wrap their treasures for their families.
- ✿ Special Elf helpers will assist their young customers with gift selection and wrapping.
- ✿ Shopping will take place on December 19<sup>th</sup> but collection of items is starting now so box up all those giftable items and support the Cookstown Elf Shelf fundraiser.
- ✿ Drop box will be in front of the office.

### Items needed

- ✿ New or gently used items, especially gifts for men!
- ✿ Wrapping paper, gift bags
- ✿ Tape, tissue paper
- ✿ Name tags

Elf Shelf Shopping will take place on  
**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

### Christmas For Kids 2016

Starting the week of November 14<sup>th</sup> and continuing until December 16<sup>th</sup>, Cookstown Central Public School will be having its annual food, toiletries, and toy drive.

Christmas for Kids is a registered charity in Innisfil that helps families at Christmas. In the past many families in Innisfil have contacted the Christmas Cheer program in Barrie; however, families do have the option of getting help in their own community. There are many generous people in Innisfil who want to support their own residents. "Christmas for Kids" treats all families with dignity and respect as all information is kept confidential. If your family could use assistance this Christmas please speak to the principal in confidence before December 16<sup>th</sup> and you will be referred to the director of the program who will give you a call.

### Coats for Kids

We will be collecting new and gently used coats and boots during the month of November to be donated to families in our area. Please bring any donations into the school office. Thank you.

### Gift Card Program

The Gift Card Program will be underway soon so please watch for the email or order forms to be sent home. There will be opportunities to place orders before Christmas. Thank you to all who purchased the cards last year making the program a huge success!!

You can purchase gift cards for grocery or personal shopping you would be doing anyway. They make great birthday gifts, teacher gifts and Christmas gifts!

### Acorn Fundraising Orders

Thank you for getting your Acorn Fundraising orders in. You can expect the final product towards the end of November ready to send out for the holidays!

### Barrie Colts Fundraiser

Please join us for an exciting hockey game! Barrie Colts vs Ottawa 67's at the Barrie Molson Centre on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are still available online for \$20.00.

**VanGo Art Program**

The Kindergarten to Grade 6 classes will be participating in a half day art lesson with the McLaren Art Museum in Barrie. The VanGo team will be visiting your child's classroom between November 22 and December 9 to teach them about various art techniques and to create a masterpiece that your child will bring home. A huge Thank You to Parent Council for subsidizing \$5 per student to help lower the cost of this activity. We appreciate your support!!

**Book Fair**

Our recent Book Fair was the most successful yet! Mrs. Warren would like to thank everyone who supported this event. It brought us many new books for the library!

**Terry Fox Fundraiser**

Thank you to all Cookstown families who donated and made our Terry Fox Run successful this year. Our school collected a total of \$5,074.

**Cookie Dough Pick up**

Cookie dough will be available for pick up on **Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:35 until 7 p.m.** This is a one night only pick up time as the cookie dough needs to be kept cold. Make arrangements to have your order picked up no later than 7 p.m. in the front foyer of the school. Orders will not be sent home with students on busses.

**Congratulations to Our Teams****Cross Country Team**

Mrs. McDermott and Mrs. Morris would like to recognize students who made up this year's cross country team. They are all true examples of what sport, character, commitment and dedication are. Over the course of 4 weeks, these students ran between 16 and 24 km just to try out. They are examples of dedication and responsibility. They continually listened for announcements and made sure that they fulfilled their responsibility by

coming out for their runs and if any runs were missed, they ensured that they ran at home or ran at another recess. These students were truly dedicated and committed athletes and this resulted in a 1<sup>st</sup> place finishing at Areas. The coaches extend their thanks for making the day at the Area meet so enjoyable.

Thirty of fifty then qualified for the County meet. These students competed against the top athletes in all of Simcoe County; this included the Public board, the Catholic board and the French board (well over 30 000 students). Our school was one of a few schools that had athletes in each and every race. Mrs. McDermott and Mrs. Morris were amazed with the impressive placings and with the positive attitudes these students had!

Thanks to all athletes for a truly enjoyable and successful season. Mrs. McDermott and Mrs. Morris were very proud to be Cookstown Central coaches.

Thank you to all of you for making coaching over 8 weeks so enjoyable.

**Junior Girls Volleyball**

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Volleyball team who won the Zone tournament at Baxter Public School.

The girls showed excellent determination, focus and amazing sportsmanship. Thank you for an astounding season! Congratulations to the Zone Champions!

**Junior Boys Volleyball**

While the Blue Jays may have lost their chance at the World Series, we can celebrate together for the victory of our Junior Boys Triple Ball team. The boys came in first at the areas! They showed amazing sportsmanship and team spirit. Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Reilly would like to thank the boys for a great season. Congratulations to the team including, Camden, Jake, Sebastian, Carter, Jacob, Palmer, Kiefer, Dylan, Nathan, Christian, Garrett, Mitchell, Aiden and Daniel.

**Intermediate Co-ed Flag Football Team**

The intermediate co-ed flag football team was working overtime this year with around 60 players on two teams. The teams were split into an A and B team based on South Simcoe rules and continued to work together to run the majority of their own systems throughout the season. The A team went on to a fourth place finish at the South Area Tournament losing to eventual county finalist Alliston Union. The B team continued to improve all day long and finished fifth winning their last game against Fieldcrest. Mr. Trafford and Mr. Miller were proud of the commitment the players showed this season.

**Pizza Days for December**

Remember to order pizza for the month of December through SchoolCash Online at <https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com> or through the school website at [ckt.scdsb.on.ca](http://ckt.scdsb.on.ca) via Pay Fee Tab. December's orders are due November 27, 2016.

**Healthy Snack Program**

The Healthy Snack program is in full swing at Cookstown Central. Thank you to Angela Hickey for all her work to get this program organized and running smoothly. We are also grateful to the many parents who have volunteered to help fill and deliver baskets to our classrooms.

Our Breakfast Club is also up and running and we would like to thank the numerous volunteers who make this program a success.

We have been very fortunate to receive funding from the Eat Well to Excel program. Please check out their website for information about other programs available in Simcoe County. You can find them at [www.eatwelltoexcel.ca](http://www.eatwelltoexcel.ca)

**Safe Arrival (705) 458-4461 x1**

Please remember to call into the Safe Arrival program and leave a message if your child(ren) is going to be absent/late. The Ministry of

Education requires that all schools operate a Safe Arrival program using volunteers.

We would like to thank Lisa Peterson for coordinating the program again this year as well as the many other volunteers who are donating their time each week to keep this program running smoothly. ***Our Safe Arrival Program is now fully operational.***

**Safe Schools 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, [ckt.scdsb.on.ca](http://ckt.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 [Scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident](http://Scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident).

**Meeting Your Child from the Bus**

We have had a few incidents of bus drivers not being able to release a student at the end of the day because a parent is not there to meet them. The transportation policy is that Junior and Senior Kindergarten students and other identified students must be met at their assigned spot by a parent/guardian or responsible older student. This is to assist with the safe return of these students from school vehicle to home.

If a parent is not there, then the driver has no option but to contact their manager who then contacts the school. The driver will then return the student to the school. Please understand the impact this has, not only on school staff who will now need to be at the school to supervise the student until a parent can come but also the bus driver who must now return to the building.

Parents can be charged the overtime required for the driver to return a student to the school.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter and please be at the stop to greet your child at the end of each day.

### **Alternative Transportation Arrangements**

Please note that alternative transportation arrangements (e.g., traveling on a different bus) **can only be made for reasons of emergency.**

In the interest of student safety, please reserve alternate transportation arrangement requests for true emergencies only. Transportation to birthday parties or to work on a project at a friend's house are not considered valid reasons. Should an emergency arise, please submit a written request for the change to the office in the **MORNING**. The reason for the change and a daytime phone number must be included in the note.

### **Severe Weather Procedures, School Bus Cancellations and School Closures**

Winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County, and with it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and, as a result, possible bus and school event cancellations.

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](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Our school is in the South zone. When buses are cancelled, please remember that schools are still open (unless otherwise noted) for student learning. The Consortium, in conjunction with bus operators, will make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and as such, will make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Parents should also note that 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 also subscribe to receive bus delay

notifications here:

<https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions> and you can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTCSchoolBus.

The Hot lunch or milk program will not run on bus cancellation days. During very cold temperatures, please take extra measures to ensure children are dressed appropriately and please do not send children to the bus stop too early (to avoid having them standing in cold weather for lengthy periods).

### **Dress for the Weather**

We are now well into fall. Days can combine sun, rain, warmth and cold. All students should dress in layers each day. Students should be dressed for cooler temperatures at the beginning of each day.

### **Playground Equipment**

At the onset of colder temperatures (i.e., when night temperatures are below freezing), for safety reasons we will close the playground equipment due to unsafe ground conditions. It will reopen with the arrival of good weather in the early spring.

### **Magazine Sales Fundraiser**

Our Family Reading program (QSP) offers a large selection of the most popular magazines. There are over 700 of your favourite titles to choose from including children's, teen's, entertainment, business, sports, lifestyles, crafts, computer, travel and much more.

**Magazines can be ordered online throughout the year by using group # 8985.**

### **Space still available in International Language classes**

The Simcoe County District School Board is pleased to offer an International Languages program to students in Grades 1 to 8. This program allows students to develop their first language skills or study a new language.

The Learning Centres offer the following languages:

- Russian, Spanish, Tamil and Ukrainian in Bradford
- Russian, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean and German in Barrie

To register, visit [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com) or call 705-725-8360.

### **Message from the Health Unit: Stay Healthy This School Year!**

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty you can use alcohol based hand rub "hand sanitizer" for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact *Health Connection* at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).

### **Pediculosis (Head Lice)**

Parent/guardians should check their children's heads on a weekly basis for head lice. At school we do our best to keep you informed of outbreaks of head lice reported to us by parents. It is the responsibility of each parent/guardian to monitor this situation and inform the school of an outbreak. Such reports will remain confidential but general notification will be sent home to affected classes.

### **Pediculosis Facts and Treatment**

Head lice is spread primarily by direct head-to-head contact with an infested person; however, it is still recommended that parents discourage their children from sharing brushes, combs and hats. The eggs (nits) of lice hatch in 7-10 days. Head lice can be passed on to others as long as there are any live lice. Head lice may be brown or grayish, with flat wingless bodies. They are small insects about 2-3 mm in length and about half as wide. They move quickly and shy away from the light, making them difficult to see. They bite the scalp to obtain blood which is their only means of survival. It is the biting which causes the infested person to feel itchy. Head lice can only survive for up to 56 hours if off the head. The nits are tiny and may be yellowish-white, brown or gray. They are glued to the hair near the scalp. Unlike lint or dandruff, they will not wash off or blow away. Eggs may be found throughout the hair but are most often located at the nape of the neck, behind the ears and at the crown. A magnifying glass and natural light may help when looking for them.

Treatment: All infested family members should be treated at the same time. There are special crème rinses and shampoos which contain chemicals which kill the lice. Regardless of the product used, the nits must be removed manually. If you are treating others, wear plastic or rubber gloves. Read the package directions of the product you have chosen and follow them carefully. If you have questions about the product, ask your pharmacist or consult with your doctor. To help loosen the eggs after the treatment, a suggestion is to rinse hair with warm water and vinegar (half water, half vinegar). Keep hair wrapped in a wet towel and leave vinegar on hair for one hour.