



COOKSTOWN CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL – Next Meeting: October 2, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Library
Elections for Council executive will be at this time**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

September has proven to be a fantastic start to the year as we have a lot to be excited about! We had our first Character Assembly on September 28th to honour those that have demonstrated great character throughout the month. The staff and I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving with family and friends. You certainly have a lot to be thankful for as you have amazing children which we all get to watch learn and grow. Thank you for your support and understanding during our recent re-organization process. The moves went very smoothly and all students appear to be settled into their new classes.

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Please note that our next Character Ed Assembly will be on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st** with the Primary Assembly at 11:35 and the Jr./Int. Assembly at 12:25. The trait for that assembly will be Cooperation and the theme will be Black & Orange Day. No costumes please.

Important Dates

October 4 th	- Gr. 7&8 Trip Meeting 7pm
October 4 th & 5 th	- Scholastic Book Fair
October 4 th	- Meet the Teacher (5:00pm)
October 5 th	- Gr. 8 EXPO Fieldtrip
October 9 th	- Thanksgiving
October 10 th	- Volunteer Orientation & Reading Program Training (9:30am)
October 11 th	- Cross County Areas
October 13 th	- Flag Football Areas
October 16 th	- Milk Program begins
October 17 th	- Cross Country Counties
October 18 th	- Boys & Girls Jr. V.Ball Zones
October 19 th	- Cross Country Areas Raindate
October 20 th	- PD Day
October 24 th	- Flag Football Counties
October 26 th	- Flag Football Counties Raindate
October 27 th	- First Pizza Day
October 31 st	- Character Ed Assembly
November 25 th	- Barrie Colts Night

Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with School Cash Online

If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for school Cash Online. This is our preferred method of payment for all school fundraising, including lunch days and field trips. School Cash Online allows you to pay with your debit or credit card. Follow these steps to get started:

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.

Parent Portal gives parents real-time access to attendance, grade information

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID was provided to you last June. If you have lost the Access ID, visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

Student Accident Insurance for Extra-curricular Activities and trips

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the school board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can happen. It is essential that all students participating in extra-curricular activities

have adequate insurance coverage. The SCDSB has selected *Insure My Kids* as an option for parents to consider. The coverage is for 24 hours a day and offers a variety of plans at reasonable prices. Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com.

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.

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair previews are Wednesday October 4th and buying will take place on Thursday October 5th. The book fair will be open during Meet the Teacher Night.

Barrie Colts Night

This year our Barrie Colts Night will take place on Saturday, November 25th vs. the Oshawa Generals. Ticket information to follow.

Grade 7 & 8 Trip Meeting

There will be a trip information meeting on Wednesday after Meet the Teacher Night, October 4th, for all parents of Grade 7 and 8 students. Information regarding the Grade 8 trip to Ottawa and the Grade 7 trip to Kandalore will be provided. It is recommended that both students and parents attend this meeting as valuable and important information will be shared by the teachers. Any questions parents or students may have can also be answered at this meeting.

Milk Program

The milk program will begin on October 16th. This order will run from October 16, 2017 until March 2, 2018. Please order using School Cash Online. Deadline for orders is October 12, 2017.

Pizza Program

Our first pizza day will be October 27th. Please order using School Cash Online. The deadline for ordering will be October 23rd. **LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** If you are unable to pay through Cash Online please contact the school as soon as possible. Thank you

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place October 16th to 20th. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operator, will offer bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation.

Wednesday, October 18th is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely. For more information, visit the SCSTC website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.

Fire Prevention Week is October 8th to 14th: Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!

Fire Prevention week runs from October 8th to October 14th. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts": Plan 2 Ways Out!" Smoke and fire spread fast. There's no time to figure out how to escape AFTER a fire starts. All households should have working smoke alarms and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in the family BEFORE there's a fire. Find out more at : www.nfpa.org/fpw.

Attendance

It is important that parents ensure that they get their children to school on a regular basis and to make sure they are on time. Regular attendance and punctuality improves student performance and enjoyment. If there are concerns, you will receive notice from admin prior to an attendance councilor being appointed.

Reduce the risk of life threatening anaphylactic reactions.

No peanuts or tree nuts please.

Cookstown Central Public School is working to reduce the risk of anaphylactic reactions at school and has asked for the cooperation of all parents/guardians to avoid sending peanuts, peanut butter, tree nuts (walnuts, cashews, almonds etc) or products with peanuts or tree nuts listed in ingredient lists to school. This is very important as trace amounts of peanut butter transferred to desks, sports equipment or classroom materials can be fatal. For an allergic child, touching an allergenic food like peanut butter on a

surface and then transferring it to the mouth, nose or eyes could cause a life-threatening allergic reaction. **Please read labels on all packaging for any peanut or tree nuts. Thank you for helping to reduce the risk of anaphylactic reactions while at school.**

Halloween and Anaphylaxis

For our students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts (walnuts, almonds, pecans etc.), **Halloween really is a scary time for them** as so many Halloween treats have peanuts or tree nuts in them. They and their parents are always reading labels and not eating packaged treats that have peanuts or tree nuts in them. No one wants to spend Halloween in the hospital with a life threatening allergic reaction!! We can help to make Halloween less scary for them. Please take the time to **read labels on all candy/treat packages. If you see peanuts, tree nuts or any other nut word on the label, please do not bring the package to school - plan to eat the treat at home.** Remember too, that for candies/treats with no ingredient lists..."When no label, leave it at home!" Thanks for helping to "Reduce the Risk" of anaphylactic (anna-fill-lactic) reactions at our school. A safe and happy Halloween to all of our students, parents and staff!

Insure your child's immunization record is up-to-date

The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires the health unit to have up-to-date immunization records for all students attending school. According to ISPA (2014), students are required to be vaccinated against the following diseases:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (must have two doses after the first birthday)
- Meningococcal Disease (must have one dose after first birthday & Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7)
- Varicella (chickenpox) - only for those born in 2010 and after

The health unit **does not** receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices. Please contact the health unit each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider.

What you can do:

- Check your child's yellow immunization card

- Contact your child's health-care provider to obtain records or get missing vaccinations
- Go to <http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline> to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to 705-726-3962

Bus cancellation information in case of inclement weather

Although fall has just arrived, winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County. 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. 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 notification here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions> and you can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus.

Volunteers

Volunteers are enthusiastically welcomed in our classrooms, to help with reading programs, school projects and field trips. They are needed to assist with special events, in the library, with safe arrival, the snack program, breakfast club, pizza days and to drive for sporting events. Each year every volunteer must go through an orientation/update session. All volunteers must have a vulnerable sector police check completed before volunteering. **Our volunteer orientation will be held on Tuesday, October 10th at 9:30 a.m.**

Cookstown Reading Adventures

Join us on an adventure to promote reading at Cookstown Central Public School.

This program will provide parents/caregivers with resources and strategies to support children's reading progress.

We need volunteers to become **Reading Leaders** for our students.

What does it involve?

- Once a week conduct a reading session - 30 - 45 min. per week

There will be a 30 minute information session that will:

- Provide strategies to help children become more fully engaged in reading.
- Show how to provide positive praises to encourage reading.
- Explain leveled reading expectations.

For further information please feel free to email Erin Helleman: erhelleman@hotmail.com. There will be a training program on October 10th during the volunteer orientation.

New Path offering child and youth mental health walk-in clinics

In response to the increasing wait times for child and youth mental health services, and the increased need for such services, New Path has undertaken a service redesign that will provide more timely and responsive services to children, youth and families in Simcoe County. New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Bradford, Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia.

Children, youth and families requesting service from New Path no longer need to call and complete an intake; they can simply attend one of the local Walk-In Clinics and will receive a single session intervention that day. Should children or youth require further service, New Path will continue to offer a wide variety of community and school-based services as well as residential service and women's service. For further information, including the clinic locations, days and hours, visit www.newpath.ca or contact New Path's central intake department at 705-725-7656.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Simcoe Youth Volleyball House League Association

The Simcoe Youth Volleyball House League Association (SYVHLA) is a new not for profit organization formed in Innisfil Ontario to provide local youth with the opportunity to learn and enjoy the exciting sport of volleyball. SYVHLA's mission statement is to have fun and provide an equal opportunity to play at their level.

Our goal is to have fair play, play the game properly by learning the basic fundamentals and have FUN!

SYVHLA programs will include:

- Volleyball foundations for beginners to learn basic skills and game play
- Year round volleyball experiences through both beach and indoor court programs
- Provide progressive learning plans and drills throughout the program
- Help prepare your child for success in school sports
- Emphasizing social development
- Weekly matches and learning sessions
- Tournaments with other House Leagues in Ontario

For Boys and Girls - Ages 6 to 18

Our coaching staff will provide the first half of the program with instruction and the second half will be game play. Players will be given a T-shirt and freebies provided by our sponsors.

Location: Goodfellow Public School, Innisfil
Thursdays - Session 1 (7 weeks) 6 pm to 8 pm

Start Date: October 26, 2017

End Date: December 7, 2017

COST: \$80 per child

NEW FOR 2018 (Starting Sept 2017)

Girls High Performance Volleyball Training (Ages 10-15)

- Girls will be trained to compete at a club level in OVA
- Tryouts start in late September
- Looking for girls who are passionate about volleyball and would like to play and learn in a more structured environment

For more information and to register please contact: infosyvhl@gmail.com

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To register for one of our courses (The Babysitters Course, The Home Alone Course with First Aid, Stranger Danger; Internet Safety & Bullying 101) please call Dana at: (705) 739-8174 or register on the website at: www.secondsavelives.ca or by email at: dana@secondsavelives.ca.