



Huronia Highlights

December 2017

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Vice-Principal: Mrs. E. Skazin



Website <http://huc.scdsb.on.ca>

HCES Safe Arrival Phone Number 705-322-1101 Press #

Upcoming Events

Dec 4	EDHS Band Road Show @ 11:30 (Gr. 4 - 8 and band members in Gr. 3)
Dec 4-19	12 Days of Giving
Dec 4	School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
Dec 5	Boys Volleyball Tournament @ Le Caron (all day)
Dec 5 - 7	Dental Screening
Dec 6	Leadership Team Meeting in Gym 3:20 - 5:00 pm
Dec 7	Huronia Museum (1/2, 2 & 2/3)
Dec 9	Barrie Colts Game @ 3:30
Dec 12-14	Treasure Sale
Dec 15	Kindergarten Christmas Concert - 2:00 pm (Snow date Dec. 18)
Dec 18 - 22	Candy grams
Dec 19	Band Winter Concert 7:00 - 8:30 pm (Snow date Dec. 20)
Dec 20	Winter Fun Day (Whole School)
Dec 25-Jan 7	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Jan 8	First Day Back to School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy December!

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the student-led conferences in November. If you haven't had a chance to speak with your child's teacher, please contact them to set up a meeting date.

As with every December, we have a jam-packed activity schedule this month. Our staff members have been busy planning educational and fun activities, including events like the 12 Days of Giving/Les 12 Jours de la Gentillesse @ HCES which Mme. Hotton will be leading, with the help of Ms. McGinnis' grade 6 students. All items collected will be donated to the Elmvale & District Food Bank. We will also be having a Winter Fun Day on December 20. This day will include STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) activities, outside activities, a whole-school 'Snuggle-Up-And-Read', and caroling. If you are able to volunteer to help with this Winter Fun Day, please contact the office.

The Staff Hawk Award has been created this year, and is awarded at each assembly. This award is presented to a staff member who has demonstrated what it means to 'Be Your Best Self' every day. Recipients so

far have included: Mrs. Schors, Mrs. Isaac, and Mrs. MacDonald, who is the current owner of this award. We do have a wonderful staff at HCES, and we want to thank them for everything they do to support student learning, achievement, and well-being.

Please follow us on Facebook this month as we post daily 'Kindness Challenges'. Our student announcers will also be sharing these challenges with students during morning announcements. The kindness calendar (www.actionforhappiness.org) can be found at the end of this newsletter.

BE YOUR BEST SELF

Congratulations to the following students for earning a Best Self coupon in the month of November: Ellis M., Londyn W., Paige T., Jeff B., Liam M, Max S., Jordan S., Wyatt R., Nathan V., Emma C., Maici H., Katelyn P., Bryce M., Seth C., Jack R., Aubrey M., Joel T., Lukin G., Cohen W., Maeve G., Claire B., Scarlet B., Samantha H., Talia F., Riley Fl., Averi O., Edward M., Jakeb C., Kayla M., MacKenzie M., Jacob S., Jessica V., Isaiah M., Abe S-D., Johnny L., Lily B., Mekayla N., Aimee A., Liam C., Sofia J., Brayden P., Trinity W., Jadah M., Tia M., Hope C., Darby R., Jordan M., Myles D., Nash C., Evelyn S., Nic N., Cailynn M., Sarah K., Taya S., Megan C., Dakota H., Max C., Quinn M.

Keep doing awesome things, everyone!!

WINTER ACTIVITY DAY

Staff are planning a school wide Winter Activity Day for our students to be held Wednesday, December 20. We are looking for donations of the following items to help ensure we have enough materials for all of our students. If you have these things around your house, or could help donate a little it will ensure an enjoyable day for all. Please send in to school labeled "Winter Theme Day", or drop off at the office. Thank you in advance.

- cookie icing packages/tubes (not cupcake frosting)
- cookie decorating items (sprinkles, icicles, etc...)
- hot glue gun sticks
- fabric scraps
- ribbon
- sparkles
- buttons, bells
- pompoms



BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

The Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team will have their Tournament at Le Caron in Penetang on Tuesday, December 5th. Parents to provide transportation and lunch will be available.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



The Intermediate Girls Basketball team ended the regular season with both wins and losses, but improved skills and team play. On December 1, the girls will be representing HCES in the Tier 3 playoffs at Tay Shores. They will be facing off against Our Lady of Lourdes, Wyevale and Tay Shores during the day tournament.

Congratulations on a great season players! We have enjoyed coaching all of you and wish you the best of luck in the future.

Mrs. Isaac and Ms. Oligmueller

FROM THE BAND

The band would like to invite you to come to our winter concert on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Invite family and friends to come and listen to our band perform as well as other students who will be singing and playing, including a grade 1, 2, 3 and 6 choir. There will be a donation jar at the front door. Have a wonderful holiday season!



7 - 12 UPDATE FROM EDHS

Here at EDHS, we are well underway with the construction project. The footings will be complete by next week, ahead of the freezing weather. As I write this our office is being moved to make room for construction. Staff and students have been very flexible and accommodating. We have been sharing the HCES gymnasium for most of the semester with very few issues.

There are many questions surrounding the 7-12 transition and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 705 322 2201. For now, I highlight some of the answers to the most frequently asked questions:

- Fall of 2019 is the date set for the grade 7 and 8 students to officially move over to EDHS.
- There will never be split grade 8 and 9 courses.
- Students will have the opportunity to take advantage of technology classrooms, the music room, drama, art, and Physical Education spaces.
- Grade 7/8 students cannot be on GBSSA teams, they will not be competing at the high school level until they are in grade 9 as per OFSSA regulations.
- Staffing has yet to be solidified.
- Grade 7/8 students will be integrated into the House System.
- We will be sure to work with HCES to make sure that each grade has a celebration event when they do achieve the milestone of finishing grade 8.

I will endeavor to address other issues in future newsletters, but in the meantime if you have a question do not hesitate to ask.

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SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will be absent from school we ask you to call our Safe Arrival number at 705-322-1101 & press 1.

Families enrolled in this program should call this number prior to 9:00 a.m. and leave a message leaving your child's name, teacher and reason for the absence. As part of this program, if your child is absent from school and you have NOT called to explain, we will call your home to ensure your child is safe.



12 DAYS OF GIVING



Bring in food for Spirit Points! DEC 4th-19th
And a Class Pizza Party

- Day 1 1 pair of new mitts/socks/hat
- Day 2 2 boxes of pancakes/syrup
- Day 3 3 boxes of cookies
- Day 4 4 shampoos/toothpastes
- Day 5 5 cans of pasta
- Day 6 6 cans of gravy
- Day 7 7 cans of fruit
- Day 8 8 juice boxes
- Day 9 9 granola bars
- Day 10 10 packages of jello/pudding mixes
- Day 11 11 snack/lunch puddings
- Day 12 12 rolls of toilet paper

All of H.C.E.S. is encouraged to get involved for this food drive for the Elmvale Food Bank. Any inquires can be directed to Mme. Hotton.

**Elmvale & District Food Bank cannot give out any expired food - please check the date on donations. **

SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

PIZZA & SUB LUNCHES ARE ALL UP AND RUNNING! IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE!!!

Simply go to.... <https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com>

Parent Help Desk
1-866-961-1803

LUNCH AT HCES

Grade 6 to 8 ONLY are permitted to leave the school during 2nd nutrition break only (1:00 to 1:40 p.m.). A hand written note must be sent to school with the student. The note **MUST** include destination, date and parent signature.

HOLIDAY TREASURE SALE

This holiday season HCES will once again be hosting a Holiday Treasure Sale for Primary students. The idea is that the primary students will be able to purchase one or two Christmas gifts for family members. Prices range from .25¢ to \$3.00. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help support the end of year trip for the grade 7/8s.

We are asking for families to donate to the school any gently used or new items that you feel would be suitable gifts for family members. Some examples are "like new" books, toys, picture frames, neckties, jewelry, knickknacks, candles, homemade crafts, decorations, dollar store items, or anything suitable for all members of the family. Wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbons, bows, tags and cards are also very much appreciated. Please ensure that items are not damaged or broken.



Please start sending your treasures into the school beginning December 1, 2017.

Items can be brought to the office anytime and they will be stored until our sale in December. The sale will take place Tuesday, December 12th to Thursday, December 14th. The primary students will be thrilled with their Treasure Gifts that they have picked out for someone special.

Thank you for supporting the grade 7/8s!
Staff Contacts: Mrs. Dion, Mr. Burke and Mr. MacKenzie

WINTER YARD EXPECTATIONS

With snow and ice coming soon, some of the winter yard expectations need to be reviewed.

As a safety precaution, throwing snowballs is not permitted at school!

The following is a list of consequences for throwing snow:

- 1st snowball - Warning - name on snowball list and time on wall if duty teacher deems appropriate
- 2nd snowball - name on list and time on the wall
- 3rd snowball - snowball letter home, detention until it is signed and returned
- 4th snowball - suspension from school

We appreciate parent support with respect to this safety expectation.



SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Our Next School Council Meeting will be on Monday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** There will not be a council meeting in January.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration opens in January!!

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014?

If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning on January 22, 2019, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.



BUS TRANSPORTATION

CANCELLATIONS OR LATE BUSES

All information regarding cancelled or late buses in Simcoe County are posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the **NORTH** zone. When buses are cancelled, schools are still 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 between 6 and 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>

SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS CLOSED FOR WINTER



Every winter, school playground structures are closed. Students are made aware of this during school hours through announcements and staff reminders during breaks. This may not be well known throughout the community despite signs indicating that playground structures are a winter hazard and are closed. The Canadian Standards Association Regulations make recommendations for the depth of ground cover required to minimize injuries (eg. sand, pea gravel, or wood chips). These surfaces cannot be maintained when the ground freezes. Injuries from falling would be more significant on frozen ground. We strongly recommend that you do not allow your children to play on any structures while the ground is frozen.

FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHTS

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

Information sessions take place in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details. Information session dates will be posted at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Mon. Jan. 22, until 9 p.m. on Wed. Jan. 24, 2018 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered. Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically. Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application.

Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

PARENTS INVITED TO INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents and guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Dec. 18 - Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Information for Families

Jan. 22 - Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessments

Feb. 19 - Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19 - Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16 - Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

**LAND/TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
INTRODUCED FOR SCDSB MEETINGS,
EVENTS AND SCHOOLS**

Over the past few months, the SCDSB has worked with Indigenous partners, local elders and the First Nations Education Advisory Committee to develop a land/territory acknowledgement. A land/territory acknowledgement is an act of respect and reconciliation, based on the First Nations' tradition of acknowledging the land of others when they were guests in that territory. The statements will be used at SCDSB meetings and significant events, and daily in all schools to respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous people of this territory, their sharing of the territory and the benefits we have received, as settlers, from that sharing.

For school daily use:

"Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect."

For more information, visit www.scdsb.on.ca - 'About Us'

**RVH FILM FESTIVAL WELCOMES
STUDENT SUBMISSIONS**

Barrie's Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has partnered with the Simcoe County District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and Unity Christian High School to offer students, classes and schools the opportunity to participate in RVH's annual Film Festival in two external categories: Kindergarten to Grade 6 & Grade 7 and up

This year's theme is "Making mental health matter - how are you making a difference?" Students and classes are invited to make a two-minute video showing how they promote mental health. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 5, 2018. Voting will take place from Feb. 16 to 26 and those with the winning entries will be invited to an awards ceremony on March 8. Find out more and submit your video at: www.rvh.on.ca/SitePages/rvhfilmfestival.aspx.

FROM MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD

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. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

It's easy 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 (toll free).

YMCA OF SIMCOE/MUSKOKA

Three healthy lifestyle changes you and your family can make today.

More and more research is showing that the key to lifelong good health is lifestyle choices starting at a young age. Making simple changes in diet, exercise and stress management is key to achieving good mental and physical health for adults and children. Here are some easy tips to start making those changes today.

Drink more water - Your body is made up of about 60% water. A mere 5% drop in water levels in the body causes 25 to 30% loss of energy and can cause your metabolism to slow down. Some effects of dehydration include hunger, poor digestion, bloating, joint pain and high blood pressure. Make sure to drink a minimum of eight glasses of water each day. Kids should be drinking five to seven glasses of water each day.

Exercise daily - Did you know that Health Canada recommends adults get 150 minutes of exercise per week and kids should accumulate at least 60 minutes of exercise each day? If you want to live well and live longer, you must exercise. Studies show that even 10 minutes of exercise will make a difference!

Practice relaxation - The relationship between the mind and the body is strong. Providing yourself and your kids with a small amount of relaxation or "time-out" every day - even just 15 minutes - can improve your health dramatically. Try taking a yoga class to reduce stress and clear the mind and make sure to sleep at least seven hours per night (kids and teens should get more than that).

