



Hurononia Highlights

January 2018

Principal: Dr. A. Carpenter

Vice-Principal: Mrs. E. Skazin



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

HCES Safe Arrival Phone Number 705-322-1101 Press #1

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 10 Leadership Team Meeting in Gym 3:20 - 5:00
- Jan. 15 Gr. 3 Swimming (Hall & Oligmueller) 12:20 pm
- Jan. 15 Boys Basketball (Home game vs Hillsdale)
- Jan. 22 JK Registration Starts
- Jan. 22 Gr. 3 Swimming (Hall & Oligmueller) 12:20 pm
- Jan. 22 Boys Basketball (Home game vs Wyevale)
- Jan. 25 Assembly - 9:15 am
- Jan. 25 Boys Basketball @ James Keating
- Jan. 26 P.A. DAY - NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 30 Gr. 3 Swimming (Hall & Oligmueller) 9:05 am
- Jan. 30 Boys Basketball (Home game vs St. Antoine)
- Jan. 31 Boys Basketball @ Hillsdale



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy 2018! We hope everyone had a safe and fun holiday!

We'd like to welcome Ms. Summerfield who will be filling in for Mrs. Hill in the Grade 6/7 class, Mrs. McKellar who is filling in for Mr. Schitka in the Grade 2 class, and Mrs. Morin who will be teaching planning time subjects on Days 1-3.

We are making a change to our cell phone expectations for 2018. Due to inappropriate use during class time and on the yard (including taking photos and videos of individuals without permission, viewing inappropriate sites, using social media), no cell phones will be allowed on the yard at break times. If teachers on duty notice cell phones being used during these times, students will be asked to take their phones to the office for safe keeping. Cell phones can then be picked up at the end of the day. Teachers in the Intermediate classes will also be asking for students to deposit cell phones into a box for safe keeping at the beginning of the day. If there are emergencies, or parents need to connect with a student, please call the office at 705-322-1101, and we will make this connection for you. We appreciate your support in these new expectations.

We'd like to continue to encourage you to discuss any questions or concerns about your child's achievement/progress with the classroom teacher. Ensuring that we have open lines of communication between school and home is an important part of supporting student achievement.

Thank you to all students, staff, parents, and volunteers who continue to 'Be Your Best Self'. We are fortunate to have such a fantastic HCES family! We are looking forward to an amazing 2018!

BE YOUR BEST SELF

Congratulations to the following students for earning a "Be Your Best Self" coupon in December:

Siera G., Wesley P., Joel T., Josh K., Preston K., Jackson P., Nevin R., Brady M., Aaron M., Samantha P., Robbie B., Jaxon H., Ben C., Bella C., Easton M., Lukas B., Myles D., Cora B., Jocelyn M., Rylan O., Josh P., Odin P., Sophie J., Addilyn K., Ella K., Pierce H., Evan M., Charlie T., Kiptyn D., Marshall K., Nicholas L., Lexi B., Ellis M., Mikayla H., Brody P., Frankie C., Tanner M., Addi B.

Keep up the great work, everyone!

SAFE ARRIVAL



Safe Arrival calls are made when a student is absent from school and we haven't been told of the absence. If your child will be absent or late, you need to call our Safe Arrival line 705-322-1101 and leave a message or send a note directly to the office. A note in the agenda will not necessarily make it to the office. If we don't hear from you an automated call will be sent to the home and cell number of first parent/guardian listed on your child's file. If we don't hear from you in 15 minutes we will start to call other contacts.

On *inclement weather days* when buses are cancelled our new Safe Arrival system will call the home and cell number of the first parent on file for all students who are not at school (including all students who ride buses). On these days, the message will ask you to call us back ONLY IF your child should be at school. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you are aware your child is absent. * Bus students do not need to call the school.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS BASKETBALL



The Intermediate Boys Basketball season is in full swing, with one to two games being played each week throughout January. Practices will be held on Day 2 at second break and Day 4 at first break.

Thank you to Mrs. Kelly, who is going to support a practice each week!

Looking forward to a wonderful season!
Mrs. Isaac

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.



REMINDER ABOUT SLEDDING SAFETY AT SCHOOL

Student safety is our first priority, and although we do allow "crazy carpets" and soft sleds at our school during DPA only, we do not allow hard sleds, two-person sleds or snow racers. We do supervise sledding and we remind students of safety rules on a regular basis.

We want to inform parents that if students are sledding at school, Ophea (the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association) recommends that they should wear a properly fitted (as per manufacturer's guidelines) and properly worn CSA-approved hockey helmet or snow sport helmet certified by a recognized safety standards association.

If you send a sled and helmet (optional) to school with your child, you are giving permission for your child to take part in this activity.

SKATING

CSA approved hockey helmets are mandatory for all students, staff and volunteers who are participating in skating activities.

TREASURE SALE

On behalf of all the grade 7 & 8 students, we'd like to thank everyone for their support during another successful treasure sale. We definitely could not have done it without all the donations. We raised over \$1300.00!!!

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 child's name, destination, date and parent signature.

SCHOOL YARD SUPERVISION

Please be aware:

School Yard Supervision starts at 8:45am.

There is **NO** supervision until 8:45 a.m.

School staff will be wearing a safety vest and we would ask that you please do not **NOT** drop off students into the school yard unless you see staff on duty.



Please note our YMCA Before and After Program is outside with students in the Y Program; however they are responsible for the students enrolled in the Y Program ONLY.

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, 2018, our elementary 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.



SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

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

Parent Help Desk
1-866-961-1803

PARENTS INVITED TO INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

Jan. 22

Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessments

Feb. 26

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.

PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2018 to June 2019). Starting Jan. 9, input can be provided by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca, then clicking the link on the 'School Year Calendars' page under the 'Schools' menu. All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. The deadline to submit input is Jan. 31.



FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHTS

The SCDSB offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade One. 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. Information session dates are 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.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH?

Health Connection offers free, confidential health information from nurses and health inspectors on:

- how your child is growing, parenting tips, fast and healthy meals, safe food and water, common illnesses, keeping kids safe, fun family activities
- health unit programs such as vaccinations and dental care
- community resources for parenting, mental health, addictions, quitting smoking or financial help

Contact Health Connection at 1-705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/>. If English is not your first language, we have a telephone interpretation service.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

CHANGES TO ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1

In February 2017, the Ontario government announced the transformation of the delivery of early years programs for children and families. Starting in January, Ontario Early Years Centres, Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, Child Care Resource Centres and Better Beginnings, Better Futures centres will collectively be known as EarlyON Child and Family Centres. These EarlyON Child and Family Centres will be open to all families across Ontario, and provide support, parenting programs, personal connections and a network of resources as well as play- and inquiry-based programs for young children.

Effective January 1, Child and Family Programs currently in schools will be relocated to the community. These four agencies will now manage EarlyON Child and Family Centres in Simcoe County:

- OEYC Simcoe North, www.oeycsimcoenorth.ca
- Simcoe Community Services, www.simcoecommunityservices.ca,
- E3 Community Services, www.e3.ca
- La Clé (Francophone), www.lacle.ca

For specific days and hours of operation, please contact your local lead agency. Information can be found by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca - 'Schools' - 'Before & After School Care.'

