



# Hurononia Highlights

## October 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

- Mon. Oct. 1 Assembly @ 11:20 am - Orange Shirt Day
- Mon. Oct. 1 Base Borden (Grade 5)
- Mon. Oct. 1 School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- Thur. Oct. 4 50<sup>th</sup> Open House 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Fri. Oct. 5 Fall Fair Parade 12:00 p.m.
- Mon. Oct. 8 THANKSGIVING - NO SCHOOL**
- Tue. Oct. 9 Cross Country Running Area Meet
- Thur. Oct. 11 Pizza Day begins
- Wed. Oct. 17 Leadership Meeting 3:30 - 5:00 pm
- Thur. Oct. 18 Parent Workshop: Raising Positive, Resilient & Happy Kids (6:30 -8:00 pm)
- Fri. Oct. 19 Vision Screening JK, 4 & 8
- Mon Oct. 22 PA Day - NO CLASSES!!**
- Wed. Oct. 24 Take Me Outside Day
- Wed. Oct. 24 School Photo Day
- Wed. Oct. 24 Little Caesar Pizza Fundraiser Delivery
- Wed. Oct. 31 Halloween Parade - Primary Students



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Meet the Teacher Night! We had a fantastic turn-out.

The staff of HCES is hosting a very informal 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House on October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7 pm. Please join us and/or pass along the invitation to friends and family who may have a history with our school.

EQAO results for the 2017-2018 school year are in. We are very pleased to share that we posted increases in students performing at levels 3 & 4 in all areas, in both Grades 3 and 6. A continued focus for HCES this year will be Mathematics. We are planning to host another Numeracy Night this school year to share our learning with families.

A new bulletin board has been started at HCES, "Be Your Best Selfie". Students and staff have been encouraged to take a selfie, showing them doing something fun and wonderful, and bring in a copy for us to post on the board. Our hope is that the board will be full of student selfies!

### BEST SELF

Congratulations to the following students for showing great character and receiving a Be Your Best Self coupon in September: Joel T., Josh K., Brooklyn P., Max C., Bella C., Averi O., Megan C., Violet M., Alexis C., Harrison K., Jacob S., Aiden L., and Mrs. Schors.

### MILK & POPCORN SALES

Popcorn and milk will once again be for sale in the front foyer during first nutrition break every day. Take this opportunity to have your child eat healthy snacks with proceeds going to support our music programming. Thanks to Mr. Monck's class for selling these products every day!



### LOST AND FOUND



Please check the Lost and Found table located in the front lobby.

## PIZZA DAY



Exciting news H.C.E.S.!!! Pizza Days will be starting the second week of October and we have made some changes to the Pizza Day format. First, we will be supplying your child with delicious Little Caesar Pizza, where you'll have a choice of cheese or pepperoni toppings. Second, Pizza days will now take place on **Thursdays at second nutrition break** (1:00-1:20) and thirdly, pizza order forms can be completed at home and submitted to your child's classroom teacher. Orders are due: **Friday, October 5th, 2018**. Our first pizza day will be Thursday, October 11 and will run every Thursday until December 20. Pizza orders can still be made using School Cash Online or by completing the paper order form and sending in cash or cheque to the school. Little Caesars Pizza meets all requirements as per guidelines brought forth by the Healthy Schools act. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

## CHOIR

Ms. McGinnis and Mrs. Dion will be starting a Choir after Thanksgiving. Practices will be held after school in the Arts Facility from 3:20 until 4:20. Parents will need to be there to pick up at that time. Our first practice will start on Tuesday, October 16th. Choir is open to all students grade 1-8.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in our staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

### School Council members invited to *Connections* event on October 23

School council members are invited to join us at Connections, the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) school council development and networking event.

When: Tues. October 23, 4 to 7 p.m.  
Where: SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Hwy. 26, Midhurst

Participants can gather tips and important information to help you in your role on school council, contribute to group discussions, browse booths and enjoy snacks from our approved vendors, and network with fellow school council and Parent Involvement Committee members. This year, we welcome Jacqui Strachan, Communications Director, People for Education, who will discuss fundraising and equity within a school council. Register at [www.scdsb.on.ca/connections](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/connections). Register by Oct. 16 for your chance to win a \$500 parent engagement grant for your school. The winner(s) will be drawn at the event. You must be in attendance to win the prize.

## SCHOOL CLOTHING

Huronia Centennial School will be selling school clothing to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. More information will follow.

## WANT TO BE A VOLUNTEER AT OUR SCHOOL?

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. This school year, we are implementing a new online Volunteer Portal. SCDSB Community Apps (<http://communityapps.scdsb.on.ca>) is a new online portal that allows you to begin the process for volunteering at our school. Here is some information to share as we've been receiving some questions:

- Only NEW volunteers or those who received a letter in June indicating you require an updated Criminal Background Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (5-year renewal) are able to register as a volunteer on the Community Apps website at this time.
- If you're a current, approved school volunteer, you can still volunteer at our school for the time being. You should have recently received a letter with your access code. This code will allow you to register as a volunteer on the Volunteer Portal through the Community Apps website.

## PAY FOR FIELD TRIPS, LUNCH DAYS, ETC. WITH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

We have made it easy for parents to make their school purchases from the convenience of their own home. Whether it's lunch days, field trips or school wear, we have it online for you! Follow these three steps to get started:

- Go to [simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com](http://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com) or visit our school website and click on "Pay Fees"
- Register and add your child to the newly created account
- View and purchase items through bank transfer or credit card

It's safe, fast and convenient. Contact the office with any questions.

## ATTENTION GRADE 8 FAMILIES

Elmvale District High School is excited to invite you to our Grade 8 Night on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 6 - 8 pm.

Interactive Carousels, Information Booths, Live Music, Information about courses and special programs, Team and Club Sign-Ups, and so much more!

Construction is almost done at EDHS, come see the amazing new facilities your child will get to call their own next year.

## 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 will be provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

## INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Intermediate Girls Basketball team is up and running. We have 8 games booked with various teams and 2 more possible additions. The girls have been working hard at practice on basic skills, game development and team spirit.



Spectators are welcome to watch any of our home games, October 23, November 6 and November 13. Please bring your positive support!

Thank you in advance to parents/guardians who will be spending their time driving their daughter and other players to and from games. Away games would not be possible without you.

Looking forward to an awesome season!  
Mrs. Isaac

## GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.

Parents/Guardians of a student who are in or above Grade 3 this school year, who wish to nominate their child for gifted screening are asked to contact Jennifer MacKenzie (705-322-1101) before Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent/guardian.

A letter examining the gifted screening process in greater detail has been sent to parents/guardians of students in Grade 3. Parents/Guardians will still have the opportunity for nominating their child in May 2019.

If you require further information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school

## INTERMEDIATE FUNDRAISER



## Huronia Centennial Intermediates

### Presents...Our Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fall Fundraiser!

It's Pizza! Pizza! Time! Time for you, your friends, and your family to stock up with Little Caesars Pizza Kits! Have them on hand for quick dinners, parties or entertaining! Every family member can make their own pizza with their own favorite toppings! Proceeds from this fundraiser will help the intermediate students reduce the cost of their year-end trip. This fundraiser is well under way and pizza pickup will occur in the afternoon of **Wednesday, October 24, 2018.**

**There are 2 ways to submit your order.**

1. Turn in your completed order form and payment to your teacher

**Or**

2. Pay for your order at ***PizzaKit.ca*** using credit card.
  - Click on ***Products, then Order Pizza Kits***
  - Select ***Ship my order to the group***
  - Enter ***Fundraiser ID # 353761***
  - Select ***"Seller"*** to pay for entire brochure or select ***"Supporter"*** to only pay for the kits you personally want to purchase.
  - **Do not submit these orders on any Order Form you turn into your teacher**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. MacKenzie at 705-322-1101 or email at [smackenzie@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:smackenzie@scdsb.on.ca)

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018 is the last day to place your order.**

**Thank you for your support and participation!**

## ATTENDANCE AND SAFE ARRIVAL

School begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. It is very disruptive to the classroom environment when children arrive late. **Please ensure that your child arrives prior to 9:00 a.m., in time to enter the school with his/her classmates. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

Attendance is a key factor to academic success. It is important that students attend class daily. **Please note that prolonged or chronic absences will result in a referral to the board's attendance counsellor.** If your child is absent from school, we ask you to call our Safe Arrival number at 705-322-1101 and press prompt #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 that your child is safe. We also ask for emergency numbers in case we cannot reach a family member to explain the child's absence.

If your child is absent for three consecutive days or more, you are asked to send a note to the office explaining the reason for the absence.

## MESSAGES FROM SCSTC



School Bus Safety Week takes place October 22 to 26, 2018. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with our School Bus Operators, 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 24, 2018 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/](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/).

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s website at: [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: [simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 7 -13

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on three fundamental actions people can take to be fire-safe:



- **LOOK** for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
- **LISTEN** for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.
- **LEARN** two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

## FROM SIMCOE MUSKOKA HEALTH UNIT

**It's time to 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. It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://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).

**October is International Walk to School Month**  
Get in on the fun and be part of this worldwide event! Encourage your child or teen to walk or cycle to and from school if you live close by and team up with others to make the trip more fun. If you usually drive your child to school, try getting them to walk part of the way. If your child takes the bus, walking to and from the bus stop is a great way to add physical activity minutes into the day. Walking or cycling allows kids to enjoy the outdoors and get their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Learn more: <http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/international-walk-to-school-month/>

