



# Huron Highlights

## MAY 2018

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

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

### Upcoming Events

- May 1 Best Self Lunch
- May 7 - 11 Education Week & Mental Health Awareness Week
- May 2 Leadership Meeting in Gym (3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)
- May 2 Assembly 9:15 am
- May 2 Water Walk
- May 2 After School Math (3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)
- May 3 Golf in Schools @ Orr Lake Golf Course
- May 7 "Get Real Movement" (Gr. 6 - 8) 11:30 am - 3:20 pm
- May 7 School Council 6:30 pm
- May 8 Truth and Reconciliation Day (Gr. 1 - 8)
- May 9 Black Creek Pioneer Village Trip - Grade 6
- May 9 After School Math (3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)
- May 10 Tiffen Center (Grade One)
- May 14 Jump Rope for Heart (Rain date May 17)
- May 16 Spring Concert - Band (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)
- May 16 Grade 7 Trip to Toronto
- May 16 After School Math (3:30 pm - 5:00 pm) Last Session
- May 17 Welcome to Kindergarten 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
- May 17 Skilled Trade Expo - Gr. 7/8s
- May 18 **PA Day - No School**
- May 21 **VICTORIA DAY - NO SCHOOL**
- May 23 -25 EQAO--- Grade 3 (9:00 am - 10:40 am) and Grade 6 (11:20 am - 1:00 pm)
- May 28- 30 EQAO---Grade 3 (9:00 am - 10:40 am) and Grade 6 (11:20 am - 1:00 pm)
- May 23 Camp Kitchi - Grade 4 - returning May 25
- May 29 Gr. 8s Georgian College
- May 30 Truth and Reconciliation (Kdg)
- May 31 Kindergarten to Wye Marsh (9:30 am - 3:00 pm)
- May 31 Toronto Zoo Trip Gr. 2s
- May 31 Gr. 7 Needles
- June 1 **PA Day - No School**



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Grade 3 and 6 standardized test, EQAO, will be administered this month from Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments during this time, so students are able to complete the assessment in the allotted time. If you have any questions about EQAO, or would like to see some sample questions from previous years, please visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

We would like to welcome Holly Schmidt to HCES for a period of time in May. Holly will be joining us as our Tutor in the Classroom, to support Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in preparing for the EQAO assessment.

May 7-11 is Education Week. This is a time to celebrate student achievement and teaching excellence.

May 7-11 is also Mental Health Awareness Week. The focus for this week is "about feeling good about who you are, having balance in your life, and managing life's highs and lows." (CMHA, 2018) For more information, please visit <https://mentalhealthweek.ca>

Finally, within the next two months, end-of-year trips and celebrations will be happening for classes. Parents are asked to remind their children about the need for safety, especially with following school expectations and proper behaviour, leading up to, and while participating in, trips and celebrations. If anyone is unsure of these expectations, please contact your child's teacher.

### HCES STAFF HAWK AWARD

Please stay tuned....this will be announced at our assembly on May 2nd.

### CHARACTER RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Isaiah M. for being chosen to represent HCES at the Character Recognition Evening on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the SCDSB. Isaiah is known for demonstrating great character on a daily basis, and in the face of adversity. He always strives to be his 'Best Self'. Keep showing great character, Isaiah!

### BE YOUR BEST SELF

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Be Your Best Self coupon over the last month. Hailey D., Talia F., Ella S., Kate M, Morgan K., Sofia J., Sydney J., Hayley S., Cory R., Sam F., Nicholas A., Charlotte M., Claire B., Katelyn H., Liam M., Jessica G., Marshall H., Blake F., Danielle T., Quinn H., Jozey L., Nash C., Pierce H., Jack W., Jordan L., Madden S., Colette B., Brooklyn P., Seth C., Jordan S., Jonathan P., Kendra J., Dakota H., & Kiya D. Keep up the great work everyone!

### SCHOOL YARD SUPERVISION

**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.

### LOST & FOUND



Please drop by the school and check out the Lost & Found. It is located in the front lobby. All items not claimed will be donated.

### STUDENT PICK-UP/DROP-OFF REQUEST



We respectfully ask that parents/adults not enter the school yard at the beginning or end of the school day. Please be respectful of the school yard and our safety precautions put in place. Please do not walk through the yard, from the back laneway, to collect your child(ren). Teachers/DECEs/EAs will gladly meet you at the gate near the playground equipment to hand-off your child in a safe manner. The safety of your children is our priority, and we appreciate not having adults wander through our yard during these busy times. We appreciate your support.

### GRADE 3 & 6 EQAO

EQAO for grades 3 and 6 is quickly approaching. The schedule for this standardized testing will be as follows: Wed. May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thurs. May 24<sup>th</sup>, Fri. May 25<sup>th</sup>, Mon. May 28<sup>th</sup>, Tues. May 29<sup>th</sup> and Wed. May 30<sup>th</sup>. Our Grade 3 students will write the test in the first instructional block; the Grade 6s will write in the second instructional block. Please avoid scheduling any appointments for students during these times. For more information on EQAO, please visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

### SPRING CONCERT

Please come to our Spring Concert on May 16th. Enjoy some lovely music from choirs, solos, ensembles, duets as well as the HCES Band. We have many talented musicians! The program begins at 7:00 p.m. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted.



### TO ALL NEW JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN



\*\* Reminder about our "Welcome to Kindergarten" on Thursday May 17 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. New JK student and parents are encouraged to attend. Students must be registered in order to attend.

### PARENT VOLUNTEER FOR SUBS

HCES is in need of a volunteer to help with the Sub Program next school year. Please call the school if you are interested or would like more information.

## ONTARIO EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CAMP

Six students from grades 6 and 7 will be attending Ontario Educational Leadership Centre Camp (OELC Camp). They will be attending from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Oligmueller.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Our final School Council meeting of the 2017-2018 school year will be on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

## SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE!!

Haven't signed up yet? There are a number of field trips happening in May and June. School cash on-line is a convenient way to pay for them. School cash on-line will send you an email when an event is happening. No more scrambling to get money and permission forms in on time.

Simply go to.... <https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com>  
Parent Help Desk  
# 1-866-961-1803

## EDUCATION WEEK MAY 7 - 11

Each year during the first week of May, schools across Ontario celebrate Education Week. It's a great way to recognize the amazing things happening in our schools. This year's theme is *Equity in Action*. To promote the great strides made in valuing equity, diversity and inclusiveness.

## SKILLED TRADES EXPO

The Simcoe County District School Board's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition on May 17. There are two parts to the event - a day session for Grade 8 students only and an evening portion open to the public. From 5 to 7 p.m., the public is welcome to attend to speak to employers and industry experts. The Expo takes place at the Elmvale Community Arena, located at 14 George St. in Elmvale. For more information, email [edo@simcoe.ca](mailto:edo@simcoe.ca).

## SUMMER CHILDCARE AVAILABLE AT SELECT SCDSB SCHOOLS

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full-day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County. Twenty schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years old. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information can be found on our website at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – click on 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2018 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2018**. Please contact Michele Weymark @ 705-444-0188 to register your child(ren).

## FROM THE HEALTH UNIT

### Stay safe in the sun

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. As the weather gets warmer, follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm
- apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the label instructions
- apply sunscreen to any exposed areas of skin - nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc.
- reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours and after sweating or swimming
- wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses
- if possible, avoid being in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- when you're outside, look for shade



For more sun safety tips, visit [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.

## FROM YMCA OF SIMCOE/MUSKOKA

### Summer camp can be a life-changing experience

According to a recent study from the University of Waterloo, the positive development that children and youth experience at summer camp results in sustained behavioural changes at home, school and in the community. Friendships blossom, self-confidence emerges and independence grows – helping children and teens build resilience to help them face new challenges throughout their lives. Here are four life skills fostered at summer camp:

- **Increased independence and self-confidence** – Camp is the perfect place for kids to practise making decisions for themselves without parents and teachers guiding their every move.
- **Making new friends and being part of a positive group** – Free from the social expectations pressuring them at school, camp encourages kids to relax and make friends easily.
- **Increased environmental awareness** – When children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to “unplug” from technology and enrich their perception of the world, while enjoying the great outdoors.
- **Improved attitudes towards physical activity** – Children spend so much time indoors these days and mostly sitting down. A recent Statistics Canada study found that only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 got the recommended hour a day of exercise they need. Summer camp is a great way for kids to get outside and move.

The benefits of camp are plenty – from life lessons beyond the classroom to appreciating nature and building confidence and leadership skills. Learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka camps at [YMCASummerCamp.Ca](http://YMCASummerCamp.Ca).

