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Commit to Character Trait for January is Honesty.

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We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner.

MINESING CENTRAL IS ONLINE—<http://min.scdsb.on.ca>

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all of our students and families! Thank you for your good wishes during the holiday season and best wishes for the New Year 2018.

Looking back to our third annual 'Merry Mustang celebration', prior to the winter holiday, brings memories of our outdoor fire pit, hot chocolate, and friends and family in attendance to celebrate our students' presentations in French and English. Thanks to our School Council who provided us with Hot Chocolate and to our volunteers who helped serve hot chocolate and organize our performers! Our Christmas Cheer Food Drive was also a great success thanks to all of our generous families and to the organization by our students and staff.



At this time of the year, it is a good idea to reinforce school and home routines to ensure that our Mustangs are well-rested and healthy and ready to learn when they arrive at school. I would also like to remind you of the importance of arriving at school on time. Punctuality is an important organizational skill that is essential to success in both school and life! In this cold weather, it is important to send your children to school dressed for our winter season and our outdoor recesses. Please remember that we expect all children who come to school to play outdoors at recess; if your children are too sick to play outside please keep them at home.

Here's to a wonderful winter season at Minesing!

Respectfully yours,

Sonia Kadela

SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE

We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday break! We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our wonderful school council and volunteers. Without the support of volunteers, we would not be able to offer our lunch program or other fundraisers, with funds used to purchase supplies and other expensive materials for your child's classroom.

We would like to take this time to recognize our volunteer coordinators, Sarah Ridge and Kayleigh Neddeau, who have been tremendously helpful organizing volunteers for council and school events. We would also like to thank Laura-Lea Vogel, for her tireless work running and organizing our lunch program.

We are always looking for volunteers! If you are looking for specific areas to contribute in the coming months, please consider: supervising lunch deliveries, weekly, monthly or periodically; our upcoming STEAM evening; BIG BOX Birthday Cards fundraiser; our bike rodeo; or other administrative fundraising activities. Just reach out to a council member or the school office to let us know.



As always, our council meetings are open for all to attend and take place on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the library. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 7th! Hope to see you there!

Stay Warm!

Sara van Kolschoten and Jen Fraser

MATH CORNER

Communicating with Children Using Math Language



In this NEW YEAR, help your child set goals and communicate more about the amazing things they are learning during their school day. It's a great idea to set a time each day for them to share. Here's some tips!

Talking About Math:

Talking about mathematics with your child – whatever his or her age – helps strengthen his or her mathematical reasoning and understanding. Some ways to keep the talk engaged and focused while you support your child include:

1. **Revoice** - Repeat what you heard your child say, then ask for clarification (e.g., “So you are saying it’s an odd number?”).
2. **Repeat/Restate** – Ask your child to restate your reasoning (e.g., “Can you repeat what I said in your own words?”).
3. **Reason** – Ask your child to apply his or her own reasoning to someone else’s reasoning (e.g., “Do you agree or disagree? Tell me why.”).
4. **Adding On** – Prompt your child to participate further (e.g., “What more would you add to that?”).

Think Time – Wait several seconds to give your child time to think (e.g., “Take some time to think.”). You may be surprised by how hard it is to stay silent in that time.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS SOON

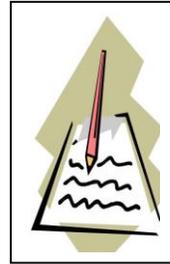


Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning Jan. 22, our elementary schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE

We would like to remind parents and guardians that they **must** sign-in at the office BEFORE walking through the school or in the school yard. This is to ensure the safety of our students and let teachers and students know that these visitors have permission to be in the school.

SIGNING OUT STUDENTS



PARENTS: Your child will be sent to the office at the time specified on your note (required) if you are removing your child from class before 3:30 dismissal.

Please sign your child out at the office and wait for your child to arrive.

Calls to classrooms will not be made unless your child does not show up at the time specified on your note. Thank you for assisting us to keep interruptions to classroom learning at a minimum.

BUS CANCELLATION INCLEMENT WEATHER

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

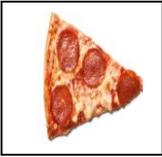


The decision to cancel school buses is made before 6 a.m. by the consortium, and as such, every effort is made to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/subscriptions> and you can follow the consortium on twitter @ SCSTC_SchoolBus.

MINESING SCHOOL IS IN THE “CENTRAL” ZONE

As well, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the winter weather. Warm hats, mittens, boots and jackets will allow the students to play outside comfortably. Keeping extra socks and pants at school may be a good option as well.

LUNCH PROGRAM REMINDER FOR PARENTS...



The new term of school lunches is underway. Please remember to keep a record on your calendar of the days that you order lunches and make sure you inform your child(ren). **We often have parents or students who claim that they didn't get their lunch when in fact it had not been ordered.**

Also, if you pay for your child's lunch program online, you do not need to submit your paper order to the school. Thank you.

DENTAL SCREENING PROGRAM

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Oral Health team will be at our school on February 20th-21st, 2018 to conduct dental screenings. A dental screening is a quick look in the mouth using a sterilized tooth mirror. Don't forget to look for the information letter from the health unit, which will be coming home with your child.

GR. 8 PARENTS—SAVE THE DATE



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.

There is an information session and school tour of Barrie North Collegiate on January 17, 2018 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. All future Vikings are invited to come and see what life at high school is like!

Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool

REGISTER FOR FRENCH IMMERSION

Attend a French Immersion information night; registration opens in January

The 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. 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.

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. 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.

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, 2018.

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).

FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN

Beginning Jan. 1, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrolment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or



nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit:

www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus.

FIVE HEALTHY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR FAMILIES



Some of the top New Year's resolutions across all age groups for 2017 were eating healthy, getting in shape and reducing stress. So, how do you set and achieve a resolution to be healthier? It's been proven that the key to success is setting small goals which require steps towards a larger goal. Here are some New Year's resolutions that families can work on together in 2018:

- spend 30 minutes outside playing together as often as possible, regardless of the weather
- find a place that provides opportunities for the entire family to be physically active together or offers child care and after-school programs
- add physical activity or play time to the calendar, such as scheduling an evening walk or fitness class, with the same commitment as other important meetings
- pick a fun run/walk or 5K to do as a family – sign up, train and participate together
- have more family dinners together and involve children in preparing meals as much as possible

For more information about programs offered at the Y for the whole family, please visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

CHANGES TO ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRES



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.’

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MINESING COMMUNITY LIBRARY

JANUARY

Tuesdays, January 16 – February 6 - Paws to Read
4:00–5:00 pm

Thursday, January 18 - Lego 3:30–4:30 pm

Friday, January 26 - Button Board Craft 1:00-2:00pm

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 13 - After School Party for
Kids 3:30-4:30 pm

Tuesday, February 20 - Lego 3:30-4:30 pm



JANUARY

MONDAY 	TUESDAY 	WEDNESDAY 	THURSDAY 	FRIDAY 
1 School Holidays this week	2	3	4	5
8 -Students return to school -New Lunch Session Begins	9	10 School Council 6:30pm	11	12 -MADD Presentation Intermediate 9:30 am -Spirit Day – Wear Blue & Yellow -Spirit Assembly 2:40
15	16 Gr. 4 to Tiffin Centre	17 -Barrie North Collegiate Gr.8 Night 7:00-8:30 pm -Scientists in School -Art for Art's Sake	18 -Groove Fit -Scientists in School -Art for Art's Sake	19 -Groove Fit -Intermediate Debating Competition -Scientists in School -Art for Art's Sake
22	23	24 Grad Photos 9:10 am	25 Character Assembly Jr./Int. 11:30 am	26 P.A. DAY
29	30 Scientists in School Gr. 1	31 Spirit Day – Wear Tuque and Sash	1 Spirit Day – Pajama Day	2 Carnival d'hiver (Dress warm. Bring extra layers and socks)