



MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Commit to Character Trait for May is — Respect

“We treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and integrity.”

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

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

With the arrival of Spring we are moving into a very busy time at Minesing Central! Several classrooms are holding events between May 7-11th to celebrate Education Week and we have our Spring Book Fair from May 9th-11th. Our grade 8 students will be travelling to Quebec City from May 22nd to May 25th and many other grades are taking field trips to places near and far. Finally, our grade 3 and 6 students will be writing EQAO tests scheduled between the dates of May 22nd and June 4th. We ask that grade 3 and 6 parents and guardians not schedule appointments or remove your children from school during this time. Regular attendance at school is important for all children and we would like to make the most of our two remaining months at Minesing!

Speaking of making the most out of our time at Minesing Central, we had some pretty amazing events in the month of April. Our STEAM night was a great success with the support of our wonderful School Council and the many student, staff and parent/community volunteers. We enjoyed our second annual ‘Mindful Minesing Moments Day’ when students rotated through a series of activities planned to provide strategies to manage stress. Anti-bullying was recognized by all of our students during the ‘International Day of Pink’ when students wore pink to stand up against bullying of any kind. “Light it up Blue” was the theme of the day on April 3rd when we all wore blue to raise awareness for Autism and learned of the importance of celebrating each other’s differences.

A big thanks to all of our parents and guardians for your support in our ongoing efforts with your children. A special thanks to School Council for the recent funds raised to support the pavement games and

tarmac painting that will take place in early May. We look forward to a great two months!

Sincerely, Sonia Kadela

SCHOOL COUNCIL’S MESSAGE

Hope that everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we’ve been having, sure is nice to be outdoors!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, school council members and school staff for their support and efforts to make our STEAM evening on April 11th, a great success! Families thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn and participate in creative hands-on activities that evening. We are lucky to have such a wonderful school community that supports these great events!



MUSTANG’S SUMMER CELEBRATION



We are looking forward to our end of year event, ‘Mustangs Summer Celebration’ on Thursday, June 14th, from 5-7pm. The evening will showcase fun ways for families to stay active over the summer, with demonstrations from a number

of our community partners. More details are included in this newsletter. Please keep an eye on your email for more details as we get closer to this must-not-miss event!

Thank you to everyone who supported our numerous fundraisers this year. Fundraisers help to support a wide-variety of initiatives including books, technology, field trips, athletics, agendas and more. A big thank you for a successful Big Box of Cards fundraiser!

Our next council meeting is Wednesday May 2nd at 6:30pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely, Jen Fraser and Sara van Kolfshoten

MATH CORNER

Minds On: Monkey Madness

Twenty monkeys live in the jungle, and altogether, these monkeys eat twenty bananas per day.

Adult monkeys eat 3 bananas per day, teenage monkeys eat 1 banana per day, and baby monkeys eat half a banana per day.

Assuming that there is at least one adult, one teenager, and one baby, how many adults, teenagers, and babies could there be? Is there more than one possible answer?

Tweet your solutions using #scdsbmath



Minesing Central educators continue to look at ways to engage students using worthwhile math tasks. Students will continue to use these tasks, in conjunction with feedback from their teachers, to improve their thinking and reasoning in mathematics. These strategies help build resilience and confidence in our students. By recognizing that we are growing as learners, students have permission to make mistakes.

Try the math question above as a family. Do not try to solve it right away! Record the strategies you use to find an answer. You can even put it aside for a night and look at it again over the course of several days.

EDUCATION WEEK AT MINESING CENTRAL

Education Week is from May 7th to 11th



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*. Here are some of the activities families can enjoy at our school:

Kdgn. > Stay & Play > May 7th 11:45-12:45 pm

Kdgn. > Stay & Play > May 8th 9:30-10:30 am

Kdgn. > Stay & Play > May 8th 2:15-3:15 pm

Kdgn. > Stay & Play > May 9th 9:30-10:30 am

Kdgn. > Stay & Play > May 10th 2:15-3:15 pm

Gr.1&2 > Singing > May 10th 9:30am & 2:45 pm

Gr.3 > Boom Whackers > May 10th 12:45 pm (Mrs. VanRassel/Ms. Edwards)

Gr.4 > Fraction Games & Art Museum > May 11th 2:40-3:30 pm (Mrs. Rowe)

Gr.6 > Living Wax Museum > May 10th 11:30-1:00 pm

Please look for invitations from classroom teachers as to events being held this week. Follow and share Education Week *Equity in Action* activities on Twitter using #EdWeekON2018.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

If you have a child starting Junior Kindergarten in September, they need to be registered in order to attend our "Welcome to Kindergarten" Open House, taking place Wednesday, May 9th, 2018 from 5:15 to 7:00 pm. Registration packages are available at the school office or on the School Board website.



Come experience what life is like in Kindergarten! Explore areas of the program, meet Kindergarten teachers and have the chance to ask questions. We look forward to welcoming you! For more information, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, click on 'Programs', 'Kindergarten' and then 'Kindergarten Orientation'

KINDERGARTEN THIS FALL

Senior Kindergarten students will begin school on Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 and will attend continuously from this time. All Junior Kindergarten students will begin school on Thursday, September 6th, 2018 and will attend continuously from this time.



BOOK FAIR!



We love books!!

Come and check out our Spring Book Fair "**Paws for Books**" and help raise money for our school library.

Everyone is welcome to drop-in on Wednesday, May 9th from 9:00 am to

8:00 pm. Thursday May 10 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. And Friday May 11th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Hope to see you all there!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

This year's Jump Rope for Heart kick-off is on May 14th at Minesing Central. Our students will be raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation while they get active by skipping rope. Students will be collecting pledges until June 4th. Our Jump Rope celebration is scheduled for June 15th. Please visit the following website to donate online:

<http://support.heartandstroke.ca/goto/minesing>



SCHOOL YEARBOOKS



2017-2018 Yearbooks are now for sale! Order info was recently sent home with students. This year all yearbook orders will be done through Green Apple Studios. Students will not bring orders or money to school.

The final date to order your Yearbook is June 8th. They will be ready for pick-up in June!

MUSTANGS SUMMER CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate summer on Thursday, June 14th from 5:00-7:00 pm!

Come out to Minesing Central P.S. and enjoy music and fun outdoor games with 107.5 Kool FM. Get active with a variety of sports demonstrations from community partners, including yoga, soccer, basketball, football and taekwondo. There will also be a magician, and face painting! You can get your picture taken at the



FREE Photo Booth. There are prizes to be won, including tickets to a Barrie Baycats game! Food will be available for purchase.



Keep an eye on your e-mail. for more details.



MINESING ENTERTAINMENT SHOW



Come and see our amazingly talented students perform at this year's Minesing Entertainment Show! For your convenience two shows are scheduled on Friday, June 22nd at 9:30 am and again at 1:55 pm.

All are welcome!

GRADE 8 GRADUATION



This year's Grade 8 Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27th, 2018 at 6:30 pm. More details will be sent home with students soon.

SCHOOL BUS DELAYS

Subscribe to receive email notifications when your child's bus is delayed. From the SCSTC website (www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) "Home" page, click on "Click for Bus Delays" and then select the "subscription service" icon.

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 will be in or above Grade 3 in the next school year, who wish to nominate their child for gifted screening are asked to contact Mrs. McColm before the end of June. Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent/guardian. A letter examining the gifted screening process in greater detail will be sent to parents/guardians of students in Grade 3 in September. Parents/Guardians will still have the opportunity for nominating their child in

September and October.

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

BRADFORD GREENHOUSE FUNDRAISER

We are fortunate that Bradford Greenhouse has again allowed us to participate in their school fundraiser. You just have to tell the cashier, **prior to inputting the sale**, that you want your sale to benefit Minesing School. Sales from April 15-October 15, 2018 will benefit by way of a gift card for the purchase of Bradford Greenhouse products for school improvements and special events. Thank you for your support.



SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION SESSION

The Simcoe County District School Board is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education and how to support students with special education needs. The last session takes place this month:

Topic: Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic Individual Education Plan (IEP) Goals

Date: May 16

Time: 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst

No registration is required. You can also join this session from home via Google Meet using this link: meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp. Those joining via Google Meet will need to 'mute' while watching the session to avoid audio feedback. Parents are welcome to type in questions using the chat option in Google Meet during the event.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR SEPTEMBER

Register now for child care at our school next 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 YMCA Daycare

Minesing at 705-725-5453 to register your child(ren).

SUMMER CHILD CARE OPTIONS

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 – click on 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

SCHOOL'S IN FOR SUMMER



Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety

of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program. Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at www.thelearningcentres.com. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

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 or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.

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 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 practice 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

Check out the NEW “What’s Happening at the Minesing Library” Insert attached to the May Newsletter email!



MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
	<p>1 Primary Character Assembly 11:30 am</p>	<p>2 School Council 6:30 pm Earth Day Clean-up</p>	<p>3 SLAM Poetry @ Ed.Ctr.</p>	<p>4 GO Conference @ Lakehead in Orillia Blue Jays Spirit Day</p>
<p>7 -Education Week Activities (see pg.2) -Chef a l'ecole Gr.4,5,6 -Talent Show Aud.'s All Week 11:10 & 1:30 -Grad Meeting 5:30</p>	<p>8 Education Week Activities (see pg.2) Art for Arts Sake – Gr.2</p>	<p>9 -Regional Rugby Tourn. @ Minesing 7am-5pm -Book Fair 9am - 8pm -Kdgn.Orientation 5:15-7:00 pm</p>	<p>10 Education Week Activities (see pg.2) Book Fair 9am – 5pm</p>	<p>11 Education Week Activities (see pg.2) Book Fair 9am - Noon</p>
<p>14 Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off 9:30 am Talent Show Aud.'s All Week 11:10 & 1:30</p>	<p>15 Spring Golf Gr.1-5</p>	<p>16 Jr. Poetry 9:20 am Cycle 4 Lunches End County Rugby Tourn.</p>	<p>17 Jr. Boys Basketball Regionals</p>	<p>18 P.A. Day</p>
<p>21 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>22 Gr.8 Go To Quebec → EQAO →</p>	<p>23 EQAO →</p>	<p>24 EQAO →</p>	<p>25 -Gr.8 Return from Quebec -EQAO → -Gr.7 to Stratford -Kgtn. To Big Curve Acres</p>
<p>28 EQAO →</p>	<p>29 EQAO →</p>	<p>30 EQAO →</p>	<p>31 -Gr. 4 to Camp Kitchi -EQAO → -Gr. 5 to Ste. Marie Among Hurons -Primary Character Assembly 11:30 am</p>	