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Commit to Character Trait for March is — Integrity

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We act justly and honorably in all that we do.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It seems that we may have seen the last of the snowy days of February and are now looking forward to moving into warmer months ahead! Last week we sent home the Term 1 Report Card. While report cards are an important way to communicate your child's progress in the current school year, our teachers also let you know how your child is progressing in a variety of other ways. Teachers capture student learning through conversations, observations and products, in order to triangulate data that is balanced and representative of your child's knowledge and skills. Frequent communication between home and school is very important for the success of our students, so please do not hesitate to contact any of the school staff with your concerns or questions about your child's learning and progress.

The wonderful winter weather in February did provide the right setting for our traditional 'Carnaval'. We enjoyed a full day outside with games and hot chocolate for all. We are now looking forward to our first ever 'STEAM Evening' on Wednesday March 1st. Please join us for an evening of family activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math as well as displays of our students' creations and inventions. All ages are welcome!

School Council is hard at work as always, both volunteering at our STEAM night and managing our school lunches which provide us with funds to purchase technology and much needed items to furnish our school. Thanks to our council for providing us with a new electric screen for our presentations and our beautiful new curtains on the stage. Council has also funded board games for each class so that our students have social and interactive play during indoor recess and alternative seating such as ball chairs and stools for our transformed learning

spaces. We truly appreciate all that you do to support our students and their learning!

We have more fun events planned this month, including our Character assembly on March 10th and a Jersey Day on March 9th with the Colt's game that night. I would like to thank all of our many wonderful volunteers, staff and students for making Minesing such a welcoming and fun place to be, each and every day. Looking forward to March, I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful March Break.

Yours truly,

Ms. Sonia Kadela

SCHOOL COUNCIL'S MESSAGE

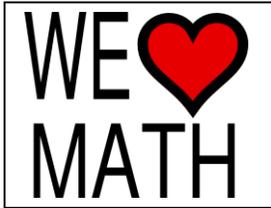
Hope everyone is enjoying this warm spell we are having. Here is a look at what we have planned for you this month...

We are looking forward to our upcoming STEAM Night. It's a fun night of activities put into various stations so your family can have an enjoyable night together. March 1st from 5:30-7:30. Come by the council table and introduce yourself to us! We would love to meet you. Stay tuned for our upcoming Bike Rodeo in June as well as our Hewitt's Farm fundraiser coming in the next couple of weeks. We are also excited to be offering another Barrie Colt's Night on March 9th at 7:30pm. Last chance to order tickets for this event will be March 1st at noon. So come on out and enjoy some hockey!!!

Our next meeting will be April 5th at 6:30pm in the library. All are welcome to attend.

Tara Marshall-Sutton and Lori Closs-Phillips

MATH CORNER



Proportional Thinking Is All Around Us

Benefits: With lots of experience in making comparisons, your child will eventually progress to proportional thinking – that is, being able to make comparisons by using multiplication.

Tip!

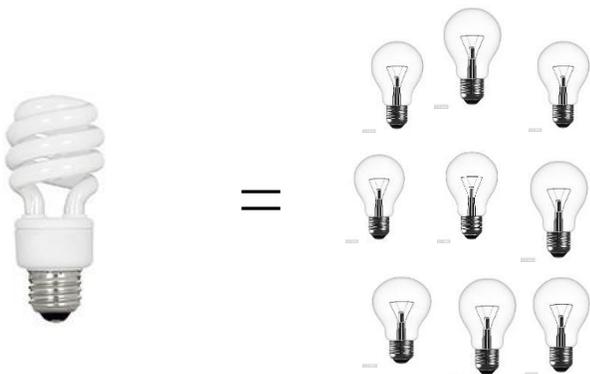
Qualitative comparison: “The adult is taller than the child.”

Additive comparison: “The adult is 100 centimeters taller than the child.”

Multiplicative comparison: “The adult is twice as tall as the child.”

Look for situations involving proportional thinking in real life. Have your child explain his or her thinking. Some examples are provided here:

- Mr. C.’s car lights are not working at full strength. They are dimming and losing 25% of their brightness. Should he drive at night? Why or Why not?
- Gabriella promises to help her sister to do her paper route each day. Her sister says she’ll give her one quarter of her profits. Is this a good deal for Gabriella? Explain why.
- Explain the meaning of this illustration. What decisions could a family make with this information?



PERSONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

As students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student’s transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. Select student information will be shared at different times as appropriate. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII of the *Education Act*. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact Anita Simpson, Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at Barrie North Collegiate or Elmvale District High School.

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS



We are asking for donations of gently used board games to support our students engaging in social play during indoor recess. A big thanks to council who has

generously supported the purchase of several new games for each classroom. Please bring any donations of new or gently used games to the office and please be sure that the games are not missing any pieces. We are looking in particular for games of chess and cards. Thanks!

TIME TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

Minesing Central is now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. If your child turns four this year then they’re ready for Junior Kindergarten!



Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information. Registration packages are available at the school office.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS...

LUNCH PROGRAM

-Lunch order forms are sent to parents via email. You may print a paper copy and submit with payment OR purchase through the School Cash Online system. Online payment orders are due at **NOON** on the due date.

-If a **snow day** falls on a day that you ordered a lunch, that lunch will be made up on the week following the **END** of the current lunch order period.



-There are no refunds for lunches missed due to absence. If you wish to pick up your absent child's ordered lunch, you may do so in the main hallway near the office between 1:00-1:10. If you wish to have a sibling pick up the lunch, please arrange with your child in the morning before they leave for school. The office cannot make these arrangements for you.

- Make note in your calendar of the weeks that you have ordered lunches for your child and ensure that your child is aware.

- If your child believes they should receive a lunch and did not, they should report to the lunch monitor (parent) in the main hallway immediately so the issue can be immediately resolved. Our lunch monitor parents are there to help.

- Parents on the currently approved volunteer list are always required to help out with lunches. Please contact the school if you are available.

PICKING YOUR CHILD UP EARLY FROM SCHOOL?

If you will be picking your child up early from school, the teacher requires a note indicating your pick-up time and the reason. Your child will then be dismissed from class at the time indicated on your note.

If you are going to be pressed for time or in a hurry, please adjust your pick up time accordingly to allow an extra 5 or 10 minutes for your child to gather their belongings, coat, boots, etc. and get to the office.

Younger students can sometimes take longer to get ready, especially in the winter months.

To avoid interruption to classroom learning time, the office will call the classroom only if your child does not show up to the office within a few minutes of your designated pick up time.

LATE FOR SCHOOL

Children who arrive to school after the 9:10 bell should report to the office for an "admit slip" to class. Parents who accompany their child(ren) to the office for sign-in are reminded to refrain from "walking your child to class" after classes have commenced at 9:10. If your child is unable to walk to the classroom on their own, an escort will be arranged by the office.

PARKING

Minesing has two parking areas (Huron Street and Ronald Road). Parking is also available on one side of the road in front of the school or on Maguire Avenue on the south side of the school. Please do not park along the sidewalk in front of the school (designated fire route) or in front of the dumpsters. Parking is prohibited in these areas, even for a few minutes. Thank you for your co-operation.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

There is no supervision for students at school before 8:55 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. For safety reasons, students should not be dropped off at school in the morning before 8:55 and should be picked up promptly at 3:30 pm. Students may enter the building upon the bell at 9:10 – no earlier.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

With the 2017-18 Kindergarten Registration now open, please ensure your child's immunization record is up to date. All families are required to provide the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) with a record of their child's immunization information. This is required by law under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). The SMDHU can suspend students whose immunization records are not up to date. You can update your child's immunization record in one of the following ways:

- Online at: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline
- Fax: 705-726-3962
- Phone: 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8807

LOST & FOUND

This is when we find our lost & found boxes overflowing. Please remind your child to check the lost and found periodically. Parents are also welcome to check any time. The Lost & Found boxes are located in the hallway by the gym. Unclaimed articles will be donated to charity. Please check in with the office before heading to the Lost & Found. Thank you.



POPCORN SALES

Popcorn will be on sale at 1st nutrition break every Thursday until April. It costs \$2.00 per bag. Flavours are butter salt, caramel, dill pickle, salt & vinegar and white cheddar. Money raised is going towards the grade 8 class trip to Quebec.

COLTS NIGHT

The Barrie Colts game against The Mississauga Steelheads is on Thursday March 9th at 7:30! Tickets will be available for pick up at the school office on **Monday March 6th (beginning in the afternoon) until Wednesday March 8th only.** It's a great way to kick off the March Break, so please invite friends and family to join us!

STEAM & LEARNING EVENING!



Discover the fun of Steam with the whole family on March 1st from 5:30 to 7:30. Learn about how our brain works, explore science

materials, build structures, try coding with computers, create a colourful art piece, smile for a group photo and much more. Lots of fun activities for everyone and its FREE! Don't miss it!



MESSAGES FROM THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA HEALTH UNIT...

GET THE FLU SHOT, NOT THE FLU!

Flu shots are now available to the general public at many pharmacies and from health care providers throughout Simcoe Muskoka.



The flu is a serious respiratory illness caused by a virus. Anyone can get influenza, but those over 65, young children and people with chronic medical conditions or who are pregnant are more vulnerable and can develop complications such as pneumonia. By getting your shot, you are protecting yourself, as well as those around you.

Please note that children under the age of five are not able to be vaccinated at pharmacies. Please connect with your personal health care provider instead. Those who have children under the age of five who do not have a health care provider, and those who do not have an Ontario health card number can make an appointment with the health unit by calling 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

STRESS: IT'S HERE TO STAY

Sometimes the stress we face can feel overwhelming, and our kids experience it too. Here are some tips for managing stress that the whole family can try:

- Take deep breaths: this sends a message to your brain to help calm down and relax.
- Get active: play sports, exercise or do something to get moving.
- Laugh and have fun! Laughter and physical activity actually cause physical changes in our bodies that help to relieve stress.
- Show love with words, hugs and kisses.
- Decorate a family worry box: everyone in the family can write down their worries and put them in the box. Then take time to review the notes together, talk about them and show each other support to help cope with stress in a healthy way.



Kids have stress, just like us. Stress is a normal part of life, but our bodies are only made to handle it for short amounts of time. Continued stress can cause feelings of pressure, anxiety, and tiredness. It can make it hard for kids to focus in school and can cause them to become sick, get lower grades, or make unhealthy choices.

It's easy to mistake signs of stress for bad behavior in your child. You can help them learn to manage stress by staying calm, showing love and talking openly about their feelings. Encourage them to try calming activities like deep breathing or doing something active. If the stress continues, be sure talk to your child's family doctor or health care provider.

For more tips, or to speak with a public health nurse, call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

GET OUTSIDE TO PLAY ON MARCH BREAK

Active play does more than help kids to achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity they need every day, it supports their development in many ways – especially when the play is outdoors, self-directed and fun. This allows kids to test boundaries and problem-solve, develop social skills and resolve conflict, and learn to control their emotions and behaviour.

Active play outdoors in the fresh air and nature also helps to improve mood and lower stress. Support your child to play outside with friends in the neighbourhood and at your local park as much as possible.



What's Happening at the Minesing Library

Hours

Tuesday: 1-7
Thursday: 1-5
Friday: 9-5

Storytime

Minesing Library on Friday, March 10th , 24th & 31st at 10:30 will have storytime for preschool children to 5 years of age. Come for stories, songs & a craft!

Ontario Early Years

Marie from OEY will visit the Minesing Library on Friday, March 3rd & 17th from 10:30-11:30 for children 0-6 years of age. This is a free program.

Movie Matinee

Tuesday, March 14th at 2pm the Minesing Library will be featuring the movie Moana. For the low price of \$3 you can purchase a bag of popcorn and a bottle of water to enhance your movie experience. Please register and pre-pay for this event.

Jungle Justin's Wildlife Event!

Come out to the Minesing Library on Friday, March 17th at 2pm for a fun and exciting animal event! Jungle Justin will be hosting a hands on, educational program for all ages! This event is free but registration is required.

Visit our website for more information on upcoming events! www.springwater.library.on.ca



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
		<p>1 STEAM Night 5:30 pm Dental Screening</p>	<p>2 Gr.5's to Science Centre Dental Screening Ukulele Club 3:30 pm</p>	<p>3 P.A. Day Applebee's Fundraising Breakfast on Sunday March 5th</p>
6	7	8	<p>9 Barrie Colts Night for Minesing Central P.S. @ 7:30 pm Team Jersey Day Ukulele Club 3:30 pm</p>	10 Character Assembly 11:30 am
13 MARCH BREAK	14 MARCH BREAK	15 MARCH BREAK	16 MARCH BREAK	17 MARCH BREAK  St. Patrick's Day!
20	21	<p>22 Gr. 7/8 Truth and Reconciliation Presentation 9:30 am After School Numeracy 3:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Ukulele Club 3:30 pm</p>	<p>24 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive 2:00-3:00 pm Gr. 7 Swim to Survive 1:00-2:00 pm</p>
27	28	<p>29 Gr. 4's to Lego Land After School Numeracy 3:30 pm</p>	<p>30 Ukulele Club 3:30 pm</p>	<p>31 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive 2:00-3:00 pm Gr. 7 Swim to Survive 1:00-2:00 pm</p>