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Commit to Character Trait for November is - Courage

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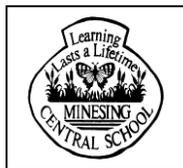
“We do the right thing even when it’s difficult.”

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

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

What a busy month we have had this October! Staff have worked diligently to create a community of learners in each classroom where routines are now well established and students are involved in building their technological and critical thinking skills in the areas of Math, Literacy and cross-curricular areas.

Special events this month included being featured on CTV Barrie news for our innovative work in transforming our learning spaces! Also in the spotlight were our intermediate students who were honoured to be part of the commemoration ceremony to recognize Fort Willow as a national historic site. Finally, our students in the primary and junior divisions all took part in the Elmvale Fall Fair and were proud representatives in the School Parade that opened the fair! We hope that this is a tradition that will continue for years to come.



Our annual events included our Terry Fox run which involved the entire school running in their house colour t-shirts. ‘Meet the Teacher’ night was well-attended with pizza in the gym thanks to our School

Council. Our student athletes continue to shine as always in Regional and County Cross Country events, Flag Football, Volleyball and Basketball. Many thanks to the parents who came out to support our teams and drive our students to games and tournaments, and to our teachers who give their time beyond the classroom to referee and coach!

Progress Report Cards will go home November 11th. The purpose of this report card is to communicate the progress your child has been making since the beginning of the school year in each subject. The progress report also indicates how well your child is demonstrating the various learning skills and work habits and identifies areas where you may

be able to support your child in achieving success this year. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your children’s progress as well as areas of growth at the upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences during the week of November 14th- 18th with our main interview evening on Nov. 17th.

A Special thanks to School Council for their ongoing work and support with our school lunches and fundraisers and to all parents and guardians who value and support the efforts of our teachers, office staff and custodians.

Sincerely,
Sonia Kadela

SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE

Another month is behind us and we are now looking into the up and coming winter months...brrrrr!!!

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help us with our lunch programs. If you are in the school one morning helping your child's classroom, why not give school council another 15 minutes after from 1pm until 1:15pm. All monies fundraised from our lunch programs go directly back to your child's school. Please contact the school if you can help as we are especially desperate for Friday lunch volunteers.

Thanks to everyone for supporting our “Colts Night Out” event on Oct. 29th, as well as our QSP fundraiser. Just a reminder that you can continue ordering your magazines online for the remainder of the year.

Coming soon to a child near you: SNOW VALLEY COUPON BOOKLETS!!! They're back and just in time for Christmas!!! It's a great stocking stuffer and only \$20 with \$10 coming back to our school. They will soon be available for online purchase. Stay tuned.

Hope you can join us at our next school council meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30pm in the library. Everyone welcome!!!

Sincerely,

Tara Marshall-Sutton and Lori Closs-Philips

Message from Director of Education Kathi Wallace

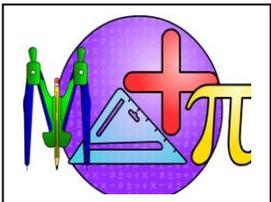
At the Sept. 28 Board Meeting, it was shared publicly that I will retire as of December 31, 2016. As I'm sure you can imagine, this decision was challenging for me. I love what I do—I have felt this way in every role during my 39 years in this board.

It's truly been an honour to serve the students and families of Simcoe County throughout my career. I've had the privilege of working with fantastic staff, parents and community partners. I've been surrounded by skilled, passionate and caring people.

My focus remains on our work as I complete my time here. The Board of Trustees have now started the search for a new director. We will also continue with our strategic planning consultation and analysis. The input provided by our staff, students, parents and community members will be invaluable to the board and senior administration, including the new director, as they move the system forward. If you haven't already, I encourage you to add your ideas by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca/difference.

I am also looking forward with optimism to this next stage of my life. It's a chance to spend some more time with my family. This includes my growing group of beautiful grandchildren who provide that daily reminder of life's wonder and simple joys. It's that same reminder I cherish from my days as a classroom teacher.

MATH CORNER



• Build strong, positive attitudes about math. When children feel positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity or a problem to find a solution.

• Begin with activities that meet your child's level of mathematical understanding. Early success in solving problems will build your child's confidence. Gradually move to activities that provide more challenge for your child.

• If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, use it. Your child will understand concepts better in the language that

he/she knows best.

Thinking about how to connect Math and Picture Books??

Reading to your child is both a wonderful way to spend time together and also an effective way to engage your child in conversation. Students of all ages love stories and love to talk about stories. "Literature provides students with opportunities to make connections with their own lives, provides a context to think and practice mathematics, and enriches students' view of the world of mathematics." *A Guide to Effective Instruction in Mathematics, Kindergarten to Grade 6*.

Here's a few titles to try that connect to several math strands of the Ontario mathematics curriculum from your child's report card:

*One Grain of Rice, by Demi (Number Sense and Multiplication and Division)

*Grandfather Tang's Story, by Ann Tompert (Geometry)

*Stone Soup, by Heather Forest (Data Management and Probability)

*Sir Cumference and the Great Knight of Angleland by Cindy Neuschwander (Geometry)

*Tyrannosaurus Math by Michelle Markel (Numeration, Geometry, Data Management, Measurement)

*Mathematticles by Betsy Franco (Numeration, Data Management, Geometry)

Please check out our Minesing Central P. S. library with Mrs. Beacom or the Minesing Community Library for choosing books connected to mathematics. It might be fun to also access digital books online in a number of languages: International Digital Library: <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

Family Challenge (send back by November 16)

Share your ideas back with us on how you connected a math picture book/on line resource with learning math concepts. Print off this page, fill out the form and return to the school office to be entered in the draw for a new picture book!

Student's Name/Family:

Name of the book chosen to share:

What math connections did your family make?

Thank you for participating!!

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is here in November.

Support your school library and the love of reading!

Wednesday, November 16, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Thursday, November 17, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Friday, November 18, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.



NEW EVACUATION DRILL

All schools have evacuation plans in case of gas leaks, bomb threats or fire incidents that would require everyone to leave the school. Each school has an evacuation site. **Ours is Minesing United Church at 1662 George Johnston Road.** We will be holding an evacuation drill in November.

In a real evacuation, students and staff may go to the evacuation site, depending on the situation. Parents will be informed about pick-up procedures by the school, school board social media sites and local media.

VOLUNTEERING AT MINESING CENTRAL SCHOOL

Criminal Record Checks to volunteer at Minesing School are done at the Huronia West OPP Detachment at Wasaga Beach. A letter from the school office is required to present to the detachment before a CRC can be done and there is often a wait period to receive your check, depending on how busy the detachment is. If you already have an original copy of a Criminal Record Check dated within the last 6 months, you may submit it to the school without going through the above procedure.



School volunteers are also required to attend an annual mandatory volunteer orientation session.

Volunteer record checks should be obtained in the fall for the school year and a declaration can then be signed each year by Oct. 31st to keep your CRC current. Failure to sign the declaration each year by Oct. 31st will result in your CRC becoming invalid and you would then be required to obtain a new one.

The original copy of your CRC must be handed in to the school office to forward to the Education Centre for processing before you are added to the approved

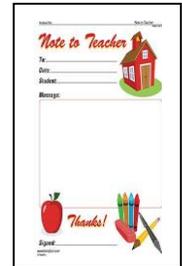
volunteer list. You are not eligible to volunteer until you have been added to this list by the Superintendent's office (a process which can take up to 2+ weeks) following the receipt of your CRC at the school office.

Please do not wait until the last minute to obtain a Criminal Record Check so that you may go on a class field trip or you may be disappointed.

We thank all of our volunteers for being available to help out in any and all areas when needed.

CHANGES TO PICK-UP TIMES AND EARLY DISMISSAL

We have been experiencing a **very high number of phone calls from parents** requesting that their child/ren be in the office for a specific time, leaving early, asking for messages to be passed on, ie: don't get on the bus, or get on the bus, someone other than usual is picking up at the end of the day, etc. These calls into classrooms, made by the office staff to relay messages, are extremely disruptive to instructional time. **Please be sure to send a separate note in with your child**, indicating any changes to regular routine. This will help alleviate some of the unnecessary interruptions to classroom learning time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



SCHOOL START AND END TIMES

Students should not be dropped off at school before 8:55 a.m. and should be picked up promptly at 3:30 dismissal. There is no supervision for students outside of these hours. Picking your child up promptly at dismissal is necessary as your child's teacher may have prior arrangements or meetings to attend. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTION ARRANGEMENTS

Simcoe County District School Board Policy states that students who travel on the bus are permitted to travel on an alternate bus in an **emergency situation only**. After school visits, after school jobs, birthday parties and sleepovers are not acceptable reasons for riding to another stop. Parents are responsible to transport their child(ren) in these cases.

Parents must supply a written request to the office in advance stating the date, bus route # and

reason for the request before permission may be granted.

For insurance reasons, **ONLY** bus students may ride the buses. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Bus Route Changes

Please be advised that students may not switch bus routes or stops without consent. Parents requesting alternate transportation for day care purposes are now required to submit an “Alternate Transportation Request Form” outlining your specific schedule. These forms may be obtained through the office or on the school website.

BUS CANCELLATION INFO

Winter is just around the corner, and with it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and possible bus and school event cancellations.

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium’s bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the “**Central zone**”. When buses are cancelled, schools are still open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>



For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, follow our school’s Twitter account @Minesingtweets or on Instagram @minesingcentral

or listen to local radio for event cancellation information.

ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Our online payment system is available for lunch orders and field trips. Please be sure to register and use this safe online system to avoid sending cash with your student. Please note that when paying online, items for payment close at **NOON** on the due date and payment cannot be made after that time.

IMPORTANT LUNCH PROGRAM REMINDER FOR PARENTS...

PLEASE keep a record on your calendar of the days that you order lunches and milk and make sure you inform your child(ren).



If you write the dates on your calendar there will be no question or confusion as to when and what you ordered. As always, students should speak to the lunch monitor if they don’t receive their lunch but feel they should have. We can then make an effort to remedy the situation immediately.

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The school year calendar can be found on the Simcoe County District School Board’s website at www.scdsb.on.ca under ‘Schools’ – ‘School Year Calendars.’ Key dates include:

- The Holiday Break is December 26, 2016 to January 6, 2017.
- March Break is March 13 to 17, 2017.

HIGH SCHOOL INFO NIGHTS

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter! Information nights give an overview of what to expect, and are a chance to ask questions.

Minesing Central Students attend either Barrie North Collegiate or Elmvale District High School.

High School info night date & times:
Barrie North Collegiate – Wed., Nov.30th @ 8:00 pm
Elmvale District H.S. – Wed., Jan.18, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

High school is an exciting time—there are so many programs, clubs and activities for students to try. Attend an information night to find out what's offered at your local high school. See the schedule of upcoming information nights at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

SAFE SCHOOLS REPORTING TOOL

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Programs/Safe-and-Healthy-Schools/Pages/Safe-Schools-Reporting-Tool.aspx>. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is always our top priority. For more information please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

FREE FILM SCREENING

On November 22, the Simcoe County District School Board will hold public screenings of the film "Most Likely To Succeed". This film examines the history of education, revealing the growing shortcomings of conventional education methods in today's innovative world. The film explores compelling new approaches that aim to transform learning as we know it. To learn more about the film and view a trailer, visit www.mltsfilm.org/.

The following schools will screen the movie:

- * Innisdale Secondary School
- * Nantyr Shores Secondary School
- * Lions Oval Public School
- * Nottawa Public School
- * Georgian Bay District Secondary School
- * Bradford District High School
- * Alliston Union Public School



The screenings begin at 6:30 p.m. and the film is 90 minutes long. Everyone is welcome to attend and the film is appropriate for all audiences (please note that there is one profanity word in the movie). Please pre-register for the event at www.scdsb.on.ca.

STAY HEALTHY THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.



The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty

you can use alcohol based "hand sanitizer" for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

CHILDREN'S EATING HABITS

Do you worry about your child's eating habits? Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP - you answer 17 simple questions to find out what's going well and what to work on to keep your child healthy. Nutri-eSTEP is a questionnaire for parents with children aged 18 months to five years. When you help your young children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. Visit www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520.



The
Picky Eater
Solution



What's Happening at the Minesing Library

Storytime: Friday November 11th and 25th at 10:30 am. Storytime for preschool children to 5 years of age. Come for stories, songs and a craft!

Ontario Early Years: OEY will visit the Minesing Library on Friday, November 4th and 18th from 10:30-11:30 am for children 0-6 years of age. This is a free program.

P.A. Day Movie Matinee: Friday, November 18th at 2:00pm at the Minesing Library. We will be watching "Finding Dory". Cost: \$3 for popcorn and a bottle of water. Please sign up for this program.

After School Christmas Craft: Come out to the Minesing Library on Friday, December 9th at 3:45pm – 4:45pm for a Christmas themed craft! The cost is \$3 and is for ages 5+. Please sign up for this program.

*Watch our website and Facebook page for other upcoming programs!





NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
31 Halloween – Black & Orange Day Virtual Assembly	1 Gr.6 O.P.P. Kids 9:20 am	2 Gr.2 to Duntroon Gr.8 Day @ Elmvale H.S. School Council 6:30pm	3	4
7	8 Gr.6 O.P.P. Kids 9:20 am	9	10	11 Remembrance Day Service @ 10:30am - Spirit Day Wear Red & White Progress Report Go Home
14 Immunization – Gr.7 and 8 Girls 9:30	15 Gr.6 O.P.P. Kids 9:20 am	16 Book Fair 9am-5pm Picture Retake Day 9:10-10:10 am	17 Book Fair 9am-8pm Parent/Teacher Interview Night	18 Book Fair 9am-noon P.A. DAY
21 Bullying Prevention Week	22 Bullying Prevention Week Gr.6 O.P.P Kids 9:20 am	23 Bullying Prevention Week	24 Bullying Prevention Week	25 Bullying Prevention Week - Spirit Day Wear Pink
28	29	30		