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Commit to Character Trait for November is — Courage

November 2017

We do the right thing even when it's difficult.

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October has been a busy and productive month at Minesing. Routines are now well established and students are developing their learning skills and critical thinking skills in the areas of Math, Literacy and cross-curricular areas while leveraging technology in a variety of ways.

Special events this month included our Grade 7 students being featured on CTV Barrie news for their volunteer work restoring the riverbanks in the Minesing Wetlands. Our students in the primary and junior divisions took part for our second year in the Elmvalle Fall Fair and were proud representatives in the School Parade that opened the fair. A big thanks is due to all of the parents and volunteers who accompanied us on these and other trips and activities!

In early October, our '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 come 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 10th. 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 13th- 17th with our main interview evening on Nov. 16th.

A Special thanks to School council for their ongoing work and support with our school fundraisers and lunches which begin this week, 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 great month at Minesing Central has passed, and we are now looking into the up and coming winter months.

We had a wonderful turn out for our "Colts Night Out" event on October 21st and thanks to everyone for supporting this fun evening!

At this time of year, we have a number of different initiatives taking place. Want to get a start on that holiday shopping? Our QSP fundraiser continues online, available all year, for magazine subscription purchases and many other wonderful gift items. Keep an eye out for our Snow Valley Coupon booklets, back again this year and available for purchase soon! They make a wonderful gift for the holidays at a cost of \$20, with \$10 coming back to our school! New this year, we are pleased to be offering a poinsettia gift card program offered through Bradford Greenhouse. Please see the information further contained in this newsletter for more details.



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.

Our next school council meeting is Wednesday November 1st at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there!

Thanks,

Sara Van Kolschoten and Jen Fraser

POINSETTIA GIFTCARD PROGRAM

New this year, in time for the holiday season, we are participating in Bradford Greenhouse's poinsettia GIFTCARD Program, with a percentage of proceeds coming back to the school. This fundraiser is running November 1st- November 10th, 2017, with GIFTCARDS available to pick-up in the office after November 22nd. Watch for information e-mailed home.



You will have the opportunity to purchase a GIFTCARD through our fundraiser, redeemable at Bradford Greenhouse for poinsettias. You can order various sizes and arrangements, and you will then pick up your poinsettia(s) at the store location by redeeming your GIFTCARD. This gives you a chance to hand-pick your own poinsettia, as there are various colour selections available.

Minesing Central will receive 5% back from any additional purchases you make when picking up your poinsettia.

PICTURE DAY FOR INTERMEDIATES



Due to a school sporting event, our intermediate division did not take part in the October picture day. Therefore, **ALL** intermediate students will have picture day on **Thursday, November 2nd**.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

In order to honour and recognize the service of our past and present Canadian Forces members, on

Friday, November 10th, 2017, Minesing will be observing Remembrance Day. Visitors are welcome to join us in the gym. The anticipated start time is 10:15 am. Space is limited. Please be reminded that this is a solemn observance.

BOOK FAIR

Come to our "Saddle Up and Read" Scholastic Book Fair at Minesing Central P.S. in the library!

Nov. 15th from 9 am to 5 pm.

Nov. 16th from 9 am to 8 pm.

Nov. 17th from 9 am to noon.

Want to see what's coming?

Check out this link

www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/dvd1.php



HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS

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. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered:

"Picture Yourself at North Day" takes place November 1st, 2017. Our grade 8 students will spend the afternoon at Barrie North Collegiate following a mini-timetable and visiting a variety of classes. Students will be introduced to Administration, Guidance and the Student Success Team.



Elmvalle District High School is excited to see you at their Grade 8 Night.

Save the date: Thursday, November 16, 6pm – 8pm.

There will be draws for

awesome prizes, yummy food, interactive stations for you to see all of the amazing programs EDHS offers, and get a glimpse of the incredible new renovations and addition happening at our school! We can't wait to meet you!

Want to be updated on all information for grade 8s going to EDHS next year??? Join our Remind App! On your cell phone, text this message @grade8s20 to phone number (289) 272-0801 and you'll always be in the loop.

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

LATE LUNCH ORDERS

Unfortunately, late lunch orders cannot be accepted – no exceptions.

Due dates are clearly indicated on the lunch order forms and forms are sent home with ample time for return. Order forms are usually sent to parents 1-2 weeks before start date. Keeping track on your calendar at home of the last lunch date for the previous order can help you determine when the new order is coming. Cycle 2 Lunch orders will be sent to parents in early-mid December for the new year. Please appreciate and respect that the co-ordination of the lunch orders and incoming funds for almost 500 students is a substantial job. Providing this service to families is done strictly by a couple of volunteers who spend many hours in the preparation and delivery of the lunch program. Adhering to a time limit is necessary so that our volunteers can organize and meet their deadlines without having to continuously update orders. As always, volunteers are always welcome to assist with any of our lunch programs if on the approved volunteer list.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE



If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for School Cash Online. This is our preferred method of

payment for all school fundraising including lunch days and field trips. School Cash Online allows you to pay with your debit or credit card. Follow these steps to get started:

1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or from our school website click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through e-check or credit card

The School Cash Parent Helpdesk is available 24/7 to help you with registration, password recoveries or any other payment issues. Call the helpdesk at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.

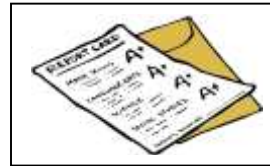
END OF DAY PROCEDURE

Please remember that the regular school day at Minesing begins at 9:10 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Students who are to be dismissed before regular dismissal time require a note for the teacher, dated

and signed by a parent. If you pick your child up from school at dismissal, please do so promptly at 3:30 as there is no supervision after that time.

Last minute phone calls at the end of the day regarding early dismissal, alternate end of day pick-up, or alternate bus arrangements should be avoided unless it is an emergency. The end of the day can be a very busy time both in the office and your child's teacher who is wrapping up the day with homework assignments and agenda information. Minimal disruption is appreciated.

PARENT PORTAL



Parent Portal gives parents real-time access to attendance and grade information.

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number as well as an Access ID. The Access ID was provided in a sealed letter in September with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

This year's school 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 25, 2017 to January 5, 2018.
- March Break is March 12 to 16, 2018.

PARKING AT MINESING SCHOOL



Please remember that you may not park along the sidewalk at the school on Huron Street, even for a few minutes. This is a NO PARKING – FIRE ROUTE area. The Fire Department has recently

noticed that vehicles are parking in this area and they will be monitoring the situation.

Parking is available at the Ronald Road Community Centre parking area if there are no spaces available at Huron Street.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

SAFE ARRIVAL

When your child is going to be absent or late on a school day, please call the office "Safe Arrival" line and leave a message to let us know. If we do not hear from you our Safe Arrival system will call you and remind you to call the school because we do not know where your child is. Your child's safety is our first concern!

Please remember it is your responsibility to call the school to report your child's absence or late arrival. Messages can be left on the Safe Arrival line anytime by calling 705-728-1944 and then press 1.

BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION



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 remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. If you drive your child to school when buses are cancelled you must be available to them pick up in the event of early school closure.

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 before 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](https://twitter.com/Minesingtweets) or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

Our school has moved to an automated safe arrival system. The first parent/guardian listed in the student file will receive an automated call on days when buses are cancelled if their child isn't at school.

The recording will tell you that you do not need to call the school back unless your child should be at school.

MATH CORNER

Inspiring Your Child to Love and Learn Math

Did you know?

- Research shows that early math literacy helps children to succeed in school and improves their future career.
- 70 percent of Canada's top jobs require science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.

This includes careers we may not expect, such as culinary arts, animation and fitness.

- When children are positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity and keep searching for a solution to a problem.
- Early success in problem-solving will build your child's confidence.

Why "Mathitude" Matters

*Positive thinking:

Students who are encouraged to have a positive attitude about math from an early age will develop positive feelings about the subject.

*Keep them engaged:

Students who are engaged in the learning process will learn more and be open to further learning.

***Motivation:** Students who believe that math is important for their future will be more motivated to learn math.

***Build confidence:** Students who feel confident in their own ability to do well in math will be more likely to perform well.



SCDSB NEW ONLINE TOOL FOR REPORTING BULLYING, DRUG USE OR VANDALISM

Report an Incident

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school

website homepage, <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident> as a Quick Access

button. 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 our top priority.

CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WALK-IN CLINICS

New Path offering child and youth mental health walk-in clinics

In response to the increasing wait times for child and youth mental health services, and the increased need for such services, New Path has undertaken a service redesign that will provide more timely and responsive services to children, youth and families in Simcoe County. New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Bradford, Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia.

Children, youth and families requesting service from New Path no longer need to call and complete an intake; they can simply attend one of the local Walk-In Clinics and will receive a single session intervention that day. Should children or youth require further service, New Path will continue to offer a wide variety of community and school-based services as well as residential service and women's service. For further information, including the clinic locations, days and hours, visit www.newpath.ca or contact New Path's central intake department at 705-725-7656.

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

The students and staff of the SCDSB represent a rich diversity of faith traditions. The Holy Days and Holidays calendar helps identify some of the important days of commemoration, however it isn't designed to be a complete listing of religious days. Students and staff from a particular faith background may or may not be absent from school on these special days. If they do attend, certain accommodations may be required.



To view the July 2017 - December 2018 calendar, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, click on 'Schools,' 'School Year Calendars' and then 'Holy Days and Holidays

Calendar.' You can also learn more about the significant faith dates that the SCDSB recognizes.

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's Nov. 5 to 11. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty 5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty.



Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties and www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/gdoo-sastamoo-kii-mi/.

VOLUNTARY SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF FIRST NATION, METIS OR INUIT

Self-identification is a personal choice to disclose First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry. The choice to self-identify is up to you and does not require proof of documentation (i.e. no status card), regardless of where you live. Self-identification is confidential, securely stored and used only to support First Nation, Métis and Inuit student success. Self-identification helps schools support the needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and their achievement. Student achievement data is collected and protected with other confidential data used to help improve student achievement.



To self-identify your child as First Nation, Métis or Inuit, check off the First Nation, Métis or Inuit box on the school registration form and write in details if applicable. The SCDSB is committed to meeting the learning needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students through responsive programming and services. Past activities have included: the inclusion of First Nation, Métis and Inuit focused resources in schools; school based pow wows; dedicated First Nation, Métis and Inuit student advisors and cultural

awareness training for school staff. To learn more about First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education, visit www.scdsb.on.ca > Programs > First Nation, Métis & Inuit Education.

FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, 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. Enrollment 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.

UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

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. It's easier than ever 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.

VOLUNTEERING BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS



Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Barrie & District is proud to partner with the SCDSB to run three mentoring programs for students. Volunteers are welcome to apply to mentor students for as little as one hour per week. Call BBBS Barrie at 705-728-0515 or visit www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie to find out more. The Orillia (705-325-3151), Georgian Triangle (705-445-2330) and North Simcoe (705-526-5051) BBBS locations also welcome volunteers for their in-school mentoring programs.

CELEBRATE PEACE WEEK



November is a month of reflection and gratitude. The sight of poppies and wreaths serve as a reminder of the brave men and women who have fought for peace and freedom.

The month of November also celebrates a nationwide YMCA initiative called Peace Week, from November 18 to 25. This is a time when we can celebrate the presence of peace in our local and global communities. Peace Week offers activities and opportunities for people of all ages to explore peace from personal, community and global perspectives. Simple actions like sharing, being patient or smiling and saying hello can have a far greater impact than we think.

As an advocate for peace, the YMCA invites everyone to be part of the conversation. Share something you do to foster peace in your home, school, workplace or community. Join in spreading kindness throughout our community with "Be Kind Bells." These bells will be hidden in locations throughout our community. If you find one, perform one kind act, then hide the bell for someone else to find. Share on social media using #YMCAPeaceWeek with the location where you found the bell, your kind act and encourage someone else to do the same! Visit <http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/ymca-international/peace-week/> for more information.

YMCA Child Care at Minesing Central Public School



Curious about the YMCA Child Care at Minesing Central Public School?

YMCA Child Care gives your child the opportunity to learn, grow, make new friends, try new activities, and have fun! The YMCA at Minesing Central School currently has spaces available in-the Toddler and Preschool rooms. Hours of operation are from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Healthy meals and snacks provided. Drop by for a visit! For more information about the YMCA programs at Minesing please contact Sue at: YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka, 705.725.5453 Sue.mcallister@sm.ymca.ca

What's Happening at the Minesing Public Library

Hours: Tuesday 1-6
Thursday: 1-5
Friday: 9-5
(705) 722-6440

Come on over and visit us at the Minesing Library right next to the school!

We offer ...

- Books, books, books!
- DVD's and BlueRay's
- Books on CD
- Read along novels
- Bookpacks
- Launch pad kits
- Graphic novels
- Computers
- Fun and interesting activities throughout the year

Preschool Fun

Every 1st and 3rd Friday at 10:30 am, we offer an Early Learning Program from the Ontario Early Years Centre. It's a hands-on, interactive hour of fun and learning ... and it's free!

Every 2nd and 4th Friday at 10:30 am, we offer a similar program presented by the staff of Springwater Libraries.

"Lego Building Challenge Club"

This popular all ages program is back! We invite you to get creative with our Lego Building Challenge that's fun for all ages. This is a drop-in program with no registration required.

Dates at Minesing Branch ...

Tuesday, November 21st at 3:30 pm

Tuesday, December 15th at 3:30 pm

Cars 3

Enjoy a movie matinee presentation of "Cars 3".

Movie begins at 1:00 pm on Friday, November 17th (PA Day). Ages 5+. Preregistration is required.

Popcorn and water are available for \$3.00





Family Christmas Craft

Drop in and create a Christmas Craft at the library on Tuesday, December 5th between 3:30 pm and 6:00 pm! The cost for this program is \$2.00 and preregistration is required.





NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
		1 Gr.7 NCVA Presentation Gr.8's to Barrie North School Council 6:30	2 Gr.7 NCVA Presentation Intermediate Picture Day	3 NCVA Presentation Gr.4-8 Character Assembly
6	7 Gr. 2 to Duntroon Highlands Int. Boys V-Ball 3:30-5:00	8	9	10 Remembrance Day Service 10:15 am -Poinsettia Orders Due -Safety Patroller Training 2-3 pm -Report Cards Home
13 Gr. 8 Quebec Trip Info Mtg. 6:30 pm	14	15 Book Fair Begins 9:10 am-5:00 pm Picture Retake Day	16 Pajama Day Book Fair 9:10 am- 8:00 pm Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3:30-8:00pm	17 P.A. DAY Book Fair 9:10 am-Noon Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
20 BULLYING AWARENESS/ PREVENTION WEEK	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30 Twin Day	