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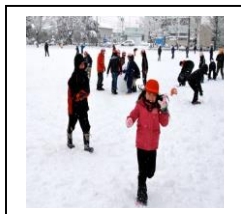
Commit to Character Trait for March is — Integrity

March 2018

We act justly and honorably in all that we do.

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Spring is in the air here at Minesing! Thankfully before the snow melted we did have a wonderful winter day for our 'Carnaval'. We enjoyed a full day outside with games and hot chocolate for all. We are now

looking forward to our second annual 'STEAM Evening' on Wednesday, April 4th at 6 pm. 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!

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.

School Council is hard at work as always, both volunteering at our STEAM night and managing our school lunches and other fundraisers which provide us with funds to support our coaches in attending tournaments, and funding our Math Olympiads contest, as well as our field trips to Georgian Theatre and King's Wharf. Thanks to our council for providing us with beautiful primary books for our 'at home reading program' and our 'Forest of Reading' books for the library. Council's upcoming 'Big Box Cards' is coming up at the end of March and all funds

raised will go to support our tarmac games for which the entire school will benefit! We truly appreciate all that you do to support our students and their learning!

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. I would also like to welcome Mrs. Sue Collingbourne, our new Vice Principal, to our Minesing Community. 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

We are looking forward to our upcoming STEAM evening on April 4th, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. If you are interested in helping at this fantastic family event, focused on science, technology, engineering, art and math, please be in touch. We would especially love to hear from you if you have experience in, or work in any of these fields! Council members will be on hand this night also, if you want to stop by and say hello. We would love to meet you.

You have likely seen information coming home regarding the Big Box fundraiser! This fundraiser



takes place at the end of March, with money raised going toward installing fun and engaging tarmac games in our school yard. This is a large undertaking to install these games to encourage creative and

educational outdoor play and we so appreciate your support of our upcoming BIG BOX fundraiser, to make this initiative possible!!!! Watch for information and boxes going home the end of March with your children.

Our next council meeting will be Wednesday March 7th at 6:30pm in the library. All are welcome to attend.

Jen Fraser and Sara van Kolschoten

MATH CORNER

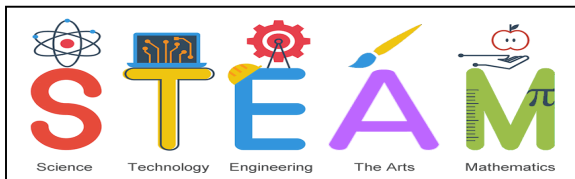


Homework Help is an online tool for students to access real-time Mathematics tutoring. The project is funded by the Ministry of Education, delivered by qualified Ontario Mathematics teachers and is without cost.

It allows students to get help after school hours, when teachers or parents are unavailable to help. It can help students with answering homework questions, reviewing material from previous grades, and studying for tests, exams or the EQAO tests. But remember – it is “homework help” not “homework do” – the tutors are there to support the students and work through questions to help them be more confident learners and better understand the math.

Students can register for the program by completing the online registration form at the Homework Help website (<http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>). Please note that students require their Ontario Education Number (OEN) to register, located on all report cards.

FAMILY “STEAM” & LEARNING EVENING



We are looking forward to seeing all of our Minesing families at the upcoming STEAM & LEARNING Evening, on Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 from 6:00-7:30 pm.

We look forward to having many exciting hands-on learning stations for everyone relating to technology, science and math. Please watch for further details and mark your calendar for this exciting event.

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 Dawn Stevens, Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process from our school.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Minesing Central is now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 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.

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 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 between 1:00-1:10. If

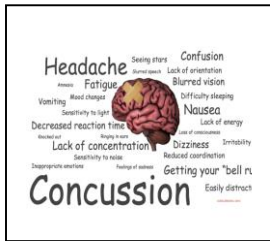
you wish to have a sibling pick up the lunch, please arrange with your child in the morning before they leave for school. The office cannot make these arrangements for you.

- 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.

STUDENT CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

The Ministry of Education expects all school boards in Ontario to develop and maintain a policy on concussion. The Ontario Physical and Health Education Association (Ophea) has developed a concussion protocol as part of the Ontario Physical Education Safety Guidelines.



Recent research has made it clear that a concussion can have a significant impact on a student's cognitive and physical abilities. In fact, research shows that activities that require concentration can actually cause a student's concussion symptoms to

reappear or worsen. It is equally important to develop strategies to assist students as they "return to learn" in the classroom as it is to develop strategies to assist them "return to physical activity".

Before a student with a suspected concussion can return to school, the parent/guardian must complete a "Student Medical Clearance Following Suspected Concussion" Form and return it to the Principal. This helps us to meet the needs of the injured student.

To see the Student Concussion Protocol Policy and a get a copy of the medical form go to:

[http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Board/Procedures/Documents/A7216 Student-Concussion-Protocol.pdf](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Board/Procedures/Documents/A7216%20Student-Concussion-Protocol.pdf)

LOST & FOUND

This is the time of year when we find our lost & found boxes overflowing. Please remind your child(ren) 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.

MARCH BREAK CHILD CARE



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 on PA Days and school holidays. Over 30 of our

schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten to 12 years of age, including care over March Break (March 12 to 16). The daily fee is \$34.20 and a fee subsidy may be available to families who qualify. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at www.scdsb.on.ca – click on 'Schools' and then 'Before & After School Care.'

SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION SESSIONS

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.

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.

CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WALK-IN CLINICS



New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Alliston, Barrie, Bradford,

Collingwood and Orillia. The Walk-In Clinic provides a single session to children, youth and families who require support for emotional, relationship or behavioural challenges. The Walk-In Clinic can be accessed by children, youth and families as often as they require support. Children, youth and families can self-refer by attending one of the walk-in clinic locations across the county. Dates and times of the

clinics are posted on the New Path website (www.newpath.ca). For more information, contact New Path's Central Intake Department at 705-725-7656 or from the 905 area code in Simcoe County by calling 1-866-566-7656.

'SCHOOL'S IN' FOR SUMMER AT SCDSB



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!

GET ACTIVE THIS MARCH BREAK

March Break is the perfect opportunity to get your kids off their screens and moving! Children are spending less time being active and only seven per cent of Canadian kids get enough exercise. Health Canada recommends children and youth get 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Here are ideas to get you and your kids moving this March Break:



- Get outside and enjoy some fresh air as you explore your local trails, parks and toboggan hills, or build a snowman!
- Make a splash at a local community pool. For older kids, March Break is the perfect time to enrol in aquatic leadership programs such as Bronze Medallion or National Lifeguard training.
- Train as a family for a 5K run, indoor cycling or a triathlon by signing up for the YMCA's *Move to Give* fundraising event, happening on April 7. For more information, visit www.movetogive.ca.



- Skating is a great sport for all ages – it's low impact and helps improve coordination and balance.

March Break is a great time to create healthy daily habits for your children and the entire family. The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers many opportunities to get fit as a family over the March Break. For more information, visit your local YMCA or www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca

What's Happening at the Minesing Library

NEW HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10-7
Wednesday: 1-5
Thursday: 1-7
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

March Break Programs at Minesing Public Library

Tuesday March 13

Drop in Family Bowling 10:30 am-12:00 pm
(Parent supervision mandatory)

EarlyON Preschool Program 9:00 am-12:00 pm
and 1:00-4:00 pm (Drop in)

Wednesday March 14

Kids Movie: Coco 1:30 pm (registration required)
\$3 for Water and Popcorn

Thursday March 15

Surprise Craft 1:30 pm Ages 4+ (registration required)

Friday March 16

Bingo for kids 11:30 am -12:30 pm

Kids Painting with Mary Breedon 6:30-9:30 pm Ages 7+ (registration required) COST: \$20



MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
			<p>1 Area Chess Tourn. @ Ed. Centre</p> <p>Primary Character Assembly 11:30am</p>	<p>2 Global Play Day at Minesing</p>
<p>5 Intermediate Math Olympiad @ Ed. Ctr.</p> <p>Scientists in School Gr.2</p>	<p>6 OPP KIDS – Gr.6 11:30am</p>	<p>7 School Council 6:30 pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Crazy Sock Day</p> <p>MADD Presentation Intermediates</p>
<p>12 MARCH BREAK</p>	<p>13 MARCH BREAK</p>	<p>14 MARCH BREAK</p>	<p>15 MARCH BREAK</p>	<p>16 MARCH BREAK</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 OPP KIDS – Gr.6 11:30am</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Hat Spirit Day</p>
<p>26 Heritage Fair 11:30am</p> <p>Jr./Int. Character Assembly 2:00pm</p>	<p>27 Legoland Vaughan Gr.4 (9:10am-3:20pm)</p> <p>OPP KIDS – Gr.6 11:30am</p>	<p>28 Big Box Cards Fundraiser Begins!</p>	<p>29 Robotics Competition @ Ed. Ctr.</p> <p>Science Centre – Gr.5</p>	<p>30 GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL</p>



**Minesing Central
Public School**

HELP US RAISE MONEY TO INSTALL TARMAC GAMES IN OUR SCHOOL YARD!

Tarmac games will make our school yard more fun and engaging for students and teachers, while encouraging outdoor play.

Fundraising Starts March 28, 2018!



'Big Box of Cards'

By popular demand, **Minesing Central Public School** is excited to offer the Big Box of Birthday!

This attractive keepsake box of cards contains 33 birthday themed cards for \$33 and for each box sold \$11 comes back to the school!

Big box of Cards pride themselves on attention to detail, from 3-D relief work to the like-themed envelopes.

These cards will be a pleasure to receive and an even greater pleasure to give!



