

May 2022



SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

The Baxter Bear Paw

SCDSB Schools Continue to be Mask-friendly Environments



Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, staff and visitors are no longer required to wear masks in schools, school board offices and on student transportation. SCDSB schools continue to be mask-friendly environments. Masks remain available to students and staff who choose to continue to wear them while in schools.

Please encourage your child(ren) to be respectful and understanding of everyone's choice with respect to masking so that SCDSB schools remain the safe, inclusive and welcoming teaching and learning environments they are meant to be for all.

Character Attribute for May – Respect

We treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity.

More information about character education can be found [here](#).

Days of Awareness and Recognition Taking Place in the Month of May

Throughout the year, there are many awareness days that focus on different causes and recognition. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has developed a list of these days as a guide for schools. Schools may participate in recognizing some or all of these days in various ways. This list is not exhaustive. Following are the days of awareness and recognition that the SCDSB will recognize during the month of May:

May 1	School Principals' Day
May 3	Music Monday
May 2-8	Mental Health Week
May 4	May the 4 th (Star Wars Day)
May 2-6	Education Week/SCDSB Celebrates
May 8	Mother's Day
May 15	International Day of Families
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
May 30 to June 5	National AccessAbility Week

Daily COVID-19 self-assessment

Families are asked to ensure that their child(ren) complete and pass the COVID-19 self-screening tool daily prior to attending school. Based on the recommendation of the OCMOH, the [daily COVID-19 self-screening tool](#) has been updated and includes a more sensitive COVID-19 symptom list as well as the requirement for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 to self-isolate and stay home, regardless of vaccination status.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2022

Kindergarten is the beginning of a wonderful journey of learning and we want your child to begin their journey in a SCDSB school! Do you have a child who is turning four in

2022? If so, we invite you to register your child for kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: [www.scdsb.on.ca /kindergarten](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten).

Looking for literacy decodable books to support our young readers, visit

beyonddecodables.com

Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). Here are some ways to do that:

- Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://bax.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.
- Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca.
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb).

EarlyON Child and Family Centres

Did you know that EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer free programs, resources, parenting courses and developmental screening, as well as referrals to community programs? All children, prenatal through 6 years of age, can participate with their parent(s) or caregiver(s). In Simcoe County there are four agencies that deliver EarlyON Child and Family programs. Services are available in English

and French and can be explored by visiting www.simcoe.ca/ChildrenandCommunityServices/Pages/EarlyON.aspx.

EarlyON Child and Family Centre staff are trained in child development and facilitation of educational programs for parents/guardians and children, and are now providing a new parent/child interactive program called *Getting Ready for Kindergarten* for parents/guardians and children who are

starting Kindergarten this fall! Pre-register at www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/hubfs/GRFK.pdf.



Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to announce a new three-year partnership with Pine River Institute (PRI). The Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) will provide several multi-part learning series focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There are two upcoming webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents and guardians during this school year.

May 19, 2022

Understanding Addiction and Addictive Behaviours

We hope you save these dates in your calendar and join us for these learning opportunities. For more information and to register, please visit the mental health and well-being page on the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/3jGaC74>.

Pine River Institute is a live-in treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth aged 13 to 19 struggling with addictive behaviours and often other mental health issues. Combining therapy with a fully-accredited education program, PRI reinforces the healthy life skills required for a successful future. CFI@PRI extends PRI's knowledge, experience and evidence-informed treatment approach to families and care providers in the community to support youth mental wellness and prevent the need for more intensive interventions. Learn more about PRI by visiting their website at www.pineriverinstitute.com.

Join us for a virtual special education outreach

Interested in learning more about the ways that the SCDSB supports students with special education needs and their families? Join us for a virtual special education outreach series

In 2022, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/caregivers in learning more about programs, supports and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs.

Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma – information for parents/caregivers

May 10

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to register in advance. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. Learn more about each session and how to register on the SCDSB website at <https://bit.ly/3s8OBm8>.

WE LOVE DOGS, HOWEVER...

As a school it is important for us to ensure all staff, students and visitors are safe.

Please refrain from walking your dog on school property.



Students with ASD invited to participate in virtual after-school programs this spring

Social and recreational programs will be offered from April to June for Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The programs will be offered virtually, and will focus on using recreation, problem solving, coding and play skills to support social skills development.

Children's Friendship Training

A nine week, evidence-based social skills intervention for motivated children diagnosed with ASD, who are interested in learning ways to help them make and keep friends.

Play Ball Kidz Recreation Program

A nine week, multi-component recreation program designed to improve the gross motor skills and social skills of children diagnosed with ASD.

Escape Room Social Skills Program

A nine week, escape room themed program designed to improve problem solving skills of children diagnosed with ASD by focusing on cooperation and teamwork to support social skills development.

Music Social Skills Program

A nine week, music based program designed to improve emotional regulation and social skills of children diagnosed with ASD by focusing on singing, dancing, and playing instruments in a virtual group setting.

Parents/guardians are an important part of the programs and will receive resources and support to help children develop and practice new skills at home and at school. Limited spaces are available. For more information about the sessions and to complete the initial application form, visit the SCDSB website at scdsb.on.ca/

Making 'cents' of money matters

All students need the skills and knowledge to take responsibility for managing their personal financial well-being with confidence, competence and a critical and compassionate awareness of the world around them. In the 2020 math curriculum, there is focus on financial literacy learning in Grades 1 to 8, including understanding the value and use of money over time, how to manage financial well-being and the value of budgeting. Students build their skills and knowledge about the value and use of money, how decisions impact personal finances, as well as develop consumer and civic awareness.

Students will:

- Learn how to manage finances responsibly, such as creating a budget to help save enough money to buy something they want like a book, toy or a video game.
- Begin to develop a greater awareness as consumers and contributors in the local and broader economic system.

Wondering how you can support the development of your child's financial literacy skills at home? Check out some of these great tips and resources.

Tips:

- Find daily, real-world opportunities to talk about money in the contexts of earning, saving, spending and giving.
- Consider the financial habits you want to instill in your child and talk about them.
- Involve your child in making decisions about purchases for household items and compare the costs of different items. (e.g., we need to save money to repave the driveway so we're going to cut down on spending, do you have any ideas?)

Resources: [Peter Pig's Money Counter](#) [Help Your Kids Understand Money: A Parent's Guide](#)



WHEELS!

BIKES, SCOOTERS,
SKATEBOARDS

It is so nice to see our students riding to and from school again. Please remember to walk your bike, scooter or board, while on school property.

Thank you

Math @ Home Parent Series

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey. The winners of the prizes will be notified in January. The SCDSB math department is offering three evening virtual sessions for caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions will focus on practical and fun ways to support students with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. Participants will receive a math pack of resources to use at home, and must pre-register for each of the sessions by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/SCDSBMathAtHomeRegistration>.

Having fun with math facts @Home

Tuesday, May 12 2022

7 to 8 p.m.

This session will explore practical, intentional, and fun ways to practice math facts at home. Participants will leave with ideas, games, and activities to support their child in becoming fluent with their math facts.

Participants must pre-register for the sessions they wish to attend. Registered participants will receive a math @Home pack of hands-on resources that will be sent to the school indicated on the registration form.

Window Into the Classroom— Mrs. Keele, Mrs. Scicluna

The grade 4/5 class has been busy preparing for the trial of Dora the Explorer, which will be held at the end of the month. Lawyers and witnesses are working to prepare their arguments and testimony. We have also begun our new art unit where we are creating three dimensional art, either through 3D print design, laser engraving, silkscreening, clay or wood. Students are excited about our new home classroom and are working to decorate and organize it to our liking.

Holy Days and Holidays: May

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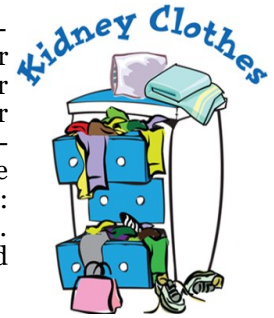
2022

- 1 Twelfth Day of Ridvan**
Bahá'í
- 1 Beltane**
Wicca
- 1 Ramadan ends**
Islam
- 2 Eid-ul-Fitr**
Islam
- 6 Wesak/Buddha Day**
Buddhism
- 18 Buddha's Birth Date**
Buddhism
- 23 Declaration of the Báb**
Bahá'í
- 23 Victoria Day**
Canadian Holiday
- 23 Zarathosht-no-diso (SC)**
Zoroastrianism
- 28 Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh**
Bahá'í

Community Corner

**Join us for the next Parent Council Meeting on
Monday May 2 at 6:15PM**

Don't Forget, our Kidney's Clothing fundraiser is ongoing. As we get ready for spring and warmer weather, remember that many textile items can be donated for reuse and every pound goes towards funding for our school! Here is the link for the Kidney Clothing Barrie location: <http://donatetokidneyclothesbarrie.ca/>. Remember to have all donations in sealed bags clearly labeled the Baxter Central PS.



Heritage Recognition, Holy Days & Holidays

Asian Heritage Month

This month recognizes and pays tribute to the contributions that people from Asian countries have made and continue to make to the development and general welfare of Ontario. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/05a10>.

Dutch Heritage Month

Dutch Heritage Month recognizes the important contributions that Dutch Canadians have made to the economic, political, social and cultural fabric of our society. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/11d04>.

Jewish Heritage Month

Jewish Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the inspirational role that Jewish Canadians have played, and continue to play, in communities across Ontario. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/12j01>.

South Asian Arrival Day (May 5)

For South Asians, the month of May has been a time of celebration and commemoration of their arrival from the Indian subcontinent to the Americas beginning on May 5, 1838. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01s29>.

South Asian Heritage Month

South Asian immigrants began arriving in Ontario at the start of the 20th century. Today, South Asians make up a significant proportion of Ontario's population and are proud to draw upon their heritage and traditions, contributing to many aspects of culture, commerce and public service across this province. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01s29>.



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Go Bears!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

School Hours

Morning Bell 9:20 AM

Nutrition Break 11:00 - 11:20 AM
Recess 11:20 - 11:40 AM

Nutrition Break 1:20 - 1:40 PM
Recess 1:40 - 2:00 PM

DISMISSAL 3:40 PM

Land Acknowledgment

The Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.