

TRILLIUM WOODS E. S.

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April Showers bring....snowmen? April is a busy time here at Trillium Woods despite the weather. We have basketball, both girls and boys, along with continued practices for our upcoming production of Matilda. As the weather gets warmer, we are encouraging our students to walk or wheel to school. It is a perfect time to socialize and spend time with family or friends before the school day begins.

If you are using the Kiss n Ride, we ask you to please slow down as you enter the parking lot and be careful as you move toward the crosswalk. It is especially important that you do not park over the crosswalk lines. Make sure that you have at least one car length of space before and after the crosswalk. We are working hard to keep all of our community members safe.

We understand that emergencies happen and we want to work with you to ensure your child's safe transition between school and home. If you are getting someone to pick up your child early from school and the person picking up your child is not listed as an emergency contact, your child cannot be released to that person without written documentation including the person's name, the pickup date and time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Finally, we want to thank the school community for making our Movie Night; Minions - The Rise of Gru, such a great success! Staff, volunteers, council members and parents came together to create a wonderful experience for our families.

Mr. Disu and Mrs. Collingbourne

April 2	World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD)
April 3	Spirit Day— wear blue to support WAAD
April 7	Good Friday
April 10	Easter Monday
April 11	Parent Council Meeting 6 pm Library
April 12	International Day of Pink ~ Spirit Day—Pink Shirt day
April 21	Spirit Day—Earth Day—wear green, brown, blue, shirts with nature images
April 22	Earth Day
April 28	PA Day—no school
April 28	National Day of Mourning (World Day for Safety and Health at Work)



Kindergarten registration is open

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 2023? If so, we invite you to register your child for Kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

April PA Day

Please note that Friday, April 28 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2022-23 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

Character Attribute for the month of April



Optimism

- we maintain a positive attitude and have hope for the future. More information about character education can be found here:

scdsb.on.ca/about/

[character_education](#)

EarlyON Child and Family Centres

The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres have locations throughout Simcoe County. These centres offer a variety of services, including programs that help prepare children and parents/guardians for kindergarten. Programming will be offered in the spring of 2023. Check with your local EarlyON provider for dates and times. <https://linktr.ee/earlyonsimcoe>



Mr. and Mrs. Robertson would like to congratulate the intermediate girls' volleyball team on a very fun season of volleyball filled with incredible growth! Many team members had never played on a volleyball team before, and those who had, hadn't played since grade 4 or 5. Over the season, the girls represented Trillium Woods in a positive and respectful way, always showing great sportsmanship and character when representing our school. The team placed 2nd this season at our division 2 tournament. Congratulations to the following Tornadoes who were part of this year's team; Muskan, Haidyn, Brooklyn, Maeven, Lexie, Natalie, Saleisha, Caitlyn, Isabel, Cloe, Aliyah, Evalina, Portia, Latoya.



April Showers bring May flowers

If you are a gardener and flower shopping at Bradford Greenhouse this spring, please remember to say, "Trillium Woods" at the cash register.

A percentage of the value of these sales will be issued as a gift card to enhance our school's front garden.

Licensed summer school age child care programs



Child care programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party child care operators in some SCDSB schools. To

support your child care needs, some operators offer child care over the summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at: scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after.



The science of reading and structured literacy



The science of reading is a body of research that focuses on how students learn to read, what parts of the brain are utilized when learning to read, and what

skills are ultimately required to be successful readers. Structured literacy is how educators take the knowledge gathered through research and apply it. There are five key components that make up an effective literacy program. Students need explicit instruction and repeated opportunities for practice with phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Visit the following link to support your child's reading at home: <https://bit.ly/LiteracyHomeSupport>

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!

Mrs. Marling is very excited to announce that our library will be hosting a **hybrid** Scholastic Book Fair next month! From May 9-15th, students and parents will be able to shop all the newest books Scholastic has to offer! The book fair will be open to students during the school day as well as families after school from 3:15-6:00 pm on Tuesday the 9th and Thursday the 11th (before the school performances of Matilda). Parents can also access the book fair virtually from May 9-14th through this website:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5204340> (copy and paste into your browser). Books ordered online will be delivered to the school and distributed to the students.

Please help support our library!!

Visa/MasterCard/American Express, Debit and cash will be accepted.

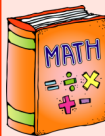
The Battle of the Books team will be travelling to the Barrie Public Library at the beginning of next month to participate against other schools in a trivia contest. The Battle of the Books team reads from a list of 40 books to prepare for this contest. Wish them luck!!

Enjoy the Spring weather and Read, Read, Read!

Mrs. Marling

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.

Math @Home parent series



Fostering a strong school-home partnership is an important part of reinforcing math learning at school and extending the learning beyond the classroom. Families are a child's first educator and help build a strong foundation for future success. The virtual math series outlined below is intended to support a positive attitude towards mathematics, enhance motivation and ultimate success.

The SCDSB math department is pleased to offer three evening virtual sessions for families and caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions will focus on practical and fun ways to support students with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. The first 200 registrants will receive a math pack of resources to use at home. Participants must pre-register for each of the sessions.

Making Math Connections @Home

Wednesday, April 12

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore where we find numbers, patterns, measures, and shapes in our daily lives. Participants will learn about practical ways to help their child notice and wonder about the math in their world.

Problem Solving @Home

Tuesday, April 25

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore how to encourage children to be active thinkers and problem solvers, both in math and around the house. Participants will learn about how solving problems at home can help their children solve problems in math class.

Having Fun with Math Facts @Home

Thursday, May 11

7 – 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 with becoming fluent with their math facts.

Participants must pre-register for the sessions they wish to attend. Participants who register before March 24 will receive their math pack of resources in time for the first session on April 12. Those who register after March 24 will still receive a math pack of resources, but may not receive them in time for the first session.

Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/23MathAtHome>

Time for some theater magic!

Staff and students have been working very hard on the school's production of Matilda.

Only 1 month to go until performance time!

Performance is Tuesday, May 9 (Cast A) and Thursday, May 11 (Cast B). Performances will begin at 6:30 pm in the school's gymnasium.

Tickets will be available for sale on School Cash Online starting Tuesday, April 11 until Wednesday, May 3rd at midnight.

General admission price is \$8 per ticket or admission for four people \$30. There is no assigned seating in the performance.



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:

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), <https://twitter.com/TrilliumWoods> E.S.

Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians with Pine River Institute

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) to provide several curated learning sessions focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There are five webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents, guardians, and other caregivers during this school year. The final session, 'The Biology of Stress', is April 27. We hope you join us for this learning opportunity.

For more information and to register, please visit 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.



[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 2023, 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.

The remaining sessions include:

Supporting students as they transition into school, from one school to another, and from school upon graduation

April 20

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma

May 9

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 scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions.



Significant need for foster caregivers in our community

There is a significant need for foster caregivers in our local community. When a child or youth is brought into temporary foster care and placed outside of their community there is a loss of family, friends, schoolmates, teachers, and everything that is familiar to them. The increase in the number of foster homes across the communities in Simcoe Muskoka allows children and youth to remain connected to what is important to them.

Foster families are regular families wanting to give back to their community. When a family faces hardship and challenges, they need a community to support them and their children. In many situations, foster care can provide vital support that enables parents to address issues that are putting their children's safety and well-being at risk. Keeping children connected to their family, community, and extended supports is crucial. Foster caregivers provide a caring home that encourages a child or youth's growth, development, and well-being. If you're interested in becoming a foster caregiver in our community, please visit the foster recruitment website at www.fosterconnexions.ca to learn more or call the foster recruitment line at 705-734-6777.

Information provided by Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions

Tense and relax coping strategy

Well-being is a Strategic Priority in the Simcoe County District School Board, and our mental health and well-being department provides monthly strategies to support student and family well-being.

This month's strategy is tense and relax. Parents/guardians can guide their child/youth through a tense and relax muscle relaxation exercise to help them notice whether they feel tense or relaxed in a particular area and understand how their body feels when they are tense and relaxed. This helps children/youth to learn to sooth their body and mind, and assists with regulating emotions during times of stress.

To practice tense and relax at home, have your child/youth get comfortable by either standing or sitting. Encourage them to keep their back straight, and shoulders and head relaxed. If they're comfortable, ask them to close their eyes. Have your child/youth intentionally tense and relax isolated body parts and be aware of how they feel when they tense their muscles and when they relax them. Children can be encouraged to: bring their shoulders up to their ears, hold for a count of 3, and relax; squeeze their hands into fists, hold for a count of 3, and relax; squeeze their stomach in as if fitting between a fence, hold for a count of 3, and relax; and, pushing their feet down to the ground, hold for a count of 3, and relax. Repeat the actions a few times and discuss how these body parts felt before, during, and after the exercise.

Parents/guardians can practice tense and relax at home any time with their child/youth to help them learn how to relieve tensions. Click on the following link to watch a guided video of tense and relax together: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4mQm0hux1Q&t=1s>.

Follow along the SCDSB's mental health and well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB_MHWP) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools.

Feeding Hungry Minds

We are fortunate enough to have a healthy donation from PC Children's Charity-Feeding Hungry Minds to support our Grab and Go lunch as well as snacks for all students at Trillium Woods.



feeding hungry minds

Snacks are distributed to the classrooms and students can come to the office for a variety of cold items such as cheese, yogurt tubes and YOP.

More than 100 students a month come to the office to take advantage of these snacks.