

# TRILLIUM WOODS E. S.

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Dear TWES Families,

It is hard to believe that it is already December! At Trillium Woods, December is a busy month, filled with music, sports, clubs and activities as our students prepare for their Winter Concert and anticipate the spirit days and winter fun. You can find out about all of these fantastic events all year long by following us on Twitter @TrilliumWoodsES, check out information posted to the information board outside the school, read our newsletters, and sign up for updates from our website [www.trw.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.trw.scdsb.on.ca). One event which always demonstrates the generosity of our community is the 12 Days of Tradition campaign. As we do every December, we are supporting this campaign and would like to remind parents that the school will be accepting food or toys this year. We would also like to include the link to [Barrie Food Bank](#) for those who would like to donate this way. We would like to thank all of our students, staff, parents and community partners for all they do to make Trillium Woods a great place to work and learn. We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy winter break. See you in January!



Odun Disu and Sue Collingbourne



## School Musical ~ Matilda Jr.!

Trillium Woods is excited to announce that we will be doing a school musical this school year!

We will be presenting Matilda Jr.!!!

Auditions are open to students in grades 4-8. They will be taking place during the first week of December. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements for details about audition times. Practices will start in January with our performance happening in May!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Fri. Dec. 9 Spirit Day—Comfy/Cozy Wear
- Sat. Dec. 10 Barrie Colts Game at Sadlon Arena
- Tues. Dec. 13 1:30-3:00 Celebration of Music (Primary)  
Parents welcome!
- Thurs. Dec. 22 Fun/Festive Socks/Tie/Sweater Day
- Fri. Dec. 23 Spirit Day—PJ Day
- Fri. Dec. 23 1st block—Primary Dance  
2nd block—Junior Dance  
3rd block—Intermediate Dance
- Dec. 26-Jan. 8 Holiday Break

## Celebration of Music Concert

We are very excited to share with you some of the amazing things we have been learning in music class. Students from grades 1 – 3, including the Grade 1-4 Choir, Grade 5-8 Choir and Dance Club will be performing a selection of songs and music.

Please join us for the Celebration of Music Concert on Tuesday, December 13th, @ 1:30pm in our auditorium. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to celebrate the diverse musical talents of our Trillium Woods performers. Admission is FREE and a donation of a non-perishable food item, toy, gift card or new clothing, to support our Trillium Woods food and toy drive. See you there!



## School playground structures are closed for the winter

Every winter, school playground structures are closed.

Students are made aware of this during school hours through announcements and staff reminders during breaks. This may not be well known throughout the community, despite signs indicating that playground structures are a winter hazard and are closed. The Canadian Standards Association regulations make recommendations for the depth of ground cover required to minimize injuries (e.g., sand, pea gravel or wood chips). These surfaces cannot be maintained when the ground freezes. Injuries from falling would be more significant on frozen ground. We strongly recommend that you do not allow your children to play on any structures while the ground is frozen.



## Ontario Ministry of Education tutoring services

The Ontario Ministry of Education is supporting tutoring services in schools and in the community until the end of March 2023. Schools offering after school tutoring services will advertise this service directly to parents/guardians. Community tutoring agencies provide free of charge tutoring to Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students after hours in the community and online. Contact information for community tutoring agencies can be found at [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/tutoring\\_programs](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/tutoring_programs).

Tutoring is available to all SCDSB students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12. The SCDSB is also seeking members of the community to act as tutors in our schools during the school day. All candidates must apply through Apply to Education Posting #3361243.

Candidates are required to be interviewed by SCDSB administration, provide professional references and complete a Vulnerable Sector Screen through their local police service. For more information, please email [tutoring@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:tutoring@scdsb.on.ca).



## Picking Up Your Child Early

When picking up your child prior to the end of the school day please be aware that the students remain in their classroom and will be called down when you arrive at the school. If you are attempting to arrive at an appointment for a specific time, please arrive at the school with enough time to make your appointment.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair last month. We raised approximately \$2000.00 for the library to purchase new resources! Our next Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the spring. We will be having a used book sale at the end of January. Books will be sold for 50 cents each!

**If you have any books at home (for any age level) that you would like to donate to our used book sale, please hold on to them. Mrs. Marling will be asking for book donations after the winter break.**

### 2023 Forest of Reading

The 2023 Forest of Reading nominations have been announced. These books are selected by Teacher-Librarians from across Ontario. The winners are announced in May 2023. Books are nominated for readers ages 4 (Blue Spruce) to adults (Evergreen). These books make great gifts! To see the list of nominees, visit <https://forestofreading.com/nominated-lists/>.

### Battle of the Books

Our Battle of the Books team is being created as we speak! Battle of the Books is a reading program run in conjunction with the Barrie Public Library. Team members are given a list of books and are encouraged to read as many as possible before the "battle" against other schools in April. If you have a child who is in Grades 4 to 8 who enjoys reading, please encourage them to join our school team. We will meet bi-weekly in the library to discuss the books the students have read.

Have a wonderful winter break with your family!

Mrs. Marling

## 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.

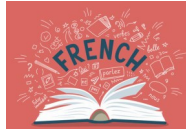
Dec. 8, 2022	How to Manage Another's Anxiety
Feb. 9, 2023	Guide to Attuned Limit Setting
March 2, 2023	Emotional Regulation for Kids and Adults
April 27, 2023	The Biology of Stress

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 SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/3jGaC74>.



## Grade 1 French Immersion information

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.



**The SCDSB board-wide electronic applications for the Grade 1 FI program for all sites will open Thursday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16.** Entry into the FI program is determined through a digitally randomized lottery system.

## Intermediate Girls Basketball

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Natalie, Brooklyn C(d), Brooklyn C(t), Maven, Caylee, Isabel, Haidyn, Portia, Latoya, Aliyah, Evalina, Abby and Avianna for a successful basketball season. Trillium Woods is proud of all that you accomplished in such a short time. A thank you goes to all the girls on the team for your hard work. Not only did you show growth in your basketball skills, but also in your leadership, demonstrating a high level of respect to coaches, referees and opposing players. A big thank you to all of the parents for supporting our team. Without your help we would not have been able to reach the level of success that we have seen this season. "Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to produce uncommon results." – Andrew Carnegie.

Go Tornados!

Mr. Peters  
Coach

Mr. Sarginson  
Coach

## Early learning and child development

How is your infant, toddler or preschool child developing? Is your child meeting their milestones? Age-appropriate speech and language skills are critical to your child's ability to read, write and be successful in school as well as to their ability to engage with their peers. Free services are available to support you with your child's development. Preschool speech and language programs are located across the County of Simcoe.

Call 705-739-5696 or 1-800-675-1979 to complete a developmental screen. The earlier we work together, the better!



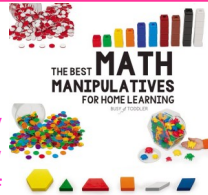
Parents/guardians and students invited to learn about planning for the skilled trades at virtual event on Dec. 1. Are you not fully sold on the skilled trades as a career? Not everyone is. On Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., participants in *What our school families need to know about skilled trades careers* will learn about apprenticeship pathways and can hear how to best explore a career in the trades while still in high school. Parents/guardians and Grade 7 to 12 students can consider what one employment researcher has discovered about contradictory perspectives on skilled trades careers. He will share findings based on interviews with hundreds of tradespeople and reveal the results of surveying 500 parents/guardians.



This interactive virtual evening, presented by the Simcoe County District School Board, will feature Dr. Jon Callegher, Executive Director at Job Talks, and will include information about apprenticeship, tech ed in our schools, cooperative education, and a question-and-answer segment. Participants can submit questions in advance here: <https://forms.gle/K1fHeartoGYnDd3u8>. To virtually attend the presentation, visit the SCDSB Facebook event page for more information: <https://fb.me/e/21YLL7Pw4>

### Support your child's mathematics learning at home

Looking for ways to support your child in their math learning at home? The Ministry of Education has a page with ideas on how to support your child and make math part of your day-to-day routine. There are general routines and grade-level ideas to explore. Learn more: [www.ontario.ca/page/support-your-childs-math-learning](http://www.ontario.ca/page/support-your-childs-math-learning).



### Inclement weather and bus cancellation information reminder



All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s bus information website at:

[www.simcoecountybus.ca](http://www.simcoecountybus.ca).

Our school is in the **CENTRAL** zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. School staff are expected to plan for such emergencies in order to transition students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather, to their online platforms (Google Classroom and/or SCDSBhub [Brightspace by D2L]) and continue with academic programming. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

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](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here:

<https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.

### ATTENDANCE & SAFE ARRIVAL

We are rapidly approaching snowy weather and we would like to remind all families to please call the school if your child(ren) will be absent or late. You may leave the message at any time, day or night as it is an answering machine. Here are a few reminders for the messages left by the Automated Message Sender:



- (A) If you receive an automated call on a regular school day saying that your child is absent, you still need to call and leave a message on the Safe Arrival Line that your child is sick or away from school that day.
- (B) On Inclement Weather days (When the buses have been cancelled), please remember to call the school if your child(ren) will not be attending. If you do receive a call on an Inclement Weather day we would like to remind you that you only need to contact the school if your child(ren) SHOULD be at school.

Thank you for your continued support!

### Volunteer as a family

Volunteering is a great way to teach kids about empathy and compassion. It shows them that a simple act can make a big difference, and helps them practice valuable life skills. Start small, like spending an hour helping a neighbour, and work your way up to bigger commitments, like going to a shelter or animal rescue once a week. Some families pick a favourite project and make it a yearly tradition, like filling gift baskets for seniors around the holidays. You're never too young to help others!



### Reminder about sledding safety at school

Student safety is our first priority, and although we do allow 'crazy carpets' and soft sleds at our school, we do not allow hard sleds, two-person sleds or snow racers. We do supervise sledding and we remind students of safety rules on a regular basis.

We want to inform parents that if students are sledding at school, Ophea recommends that they should wear a properly fitted (as per manufacturer's guidelines) and properly worn CSA-approved hockey helmet or snow sport helmet certified by a recognized safety standards association. If you send a sled and helmet (optional) for use during nutrition break/recess, you are giving permission for your child to take part in this activity.



Please note that we have a class set of crazy carpets that may be used for Daily Physical Activity (DPA) or physical education classes. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

### Character attribute for the month of December

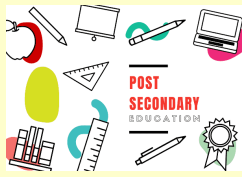
**Empathy** - we strive to understand and appreciate the feelings and actions of others.

More information about character education can be found here: [www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education).



**Register now for night school (semester two) to complete high school, prepare for post-secondary education**

Night school offers secondary school credits in a variety of subjects for students completing their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, and for students who are preparing for post-secondary education. Subjects include math, English, chemistry, biology, physics and social science. All night school courses this year are offered as teacher-led, synchronous online classes using Brightspace/D2L. Classes are held two nights per week from 6 to 9 p.m. on either a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule, with online student attendance being mandatory. Night school classes run given sufficient enrolment. Learn more at: [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com).



Give old clothes or toys a second life

Have your kids outgrown any of the items they used to love? Consider giving gently worn clothing or used toys a second life by donating them to a local nonprofit. Many shelters that support struggling families, refugees, or immigrants rely on clothing and toy donations. Have your family collect any items they want to donate, and explain to your little ones that their once loved items will be going to a new home to bring joy to other children that need it. Basic items that many of us take for granted can make a huge difference in a person's life. Local charities, like the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, run on the generous support of individuals and families like yours. If you'd like to learn more about the ways you can give back to the YMCA, visit [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca). No matter how you decide to give back to your community, you and your family can feel good knowing you are making a positive difference in the lives of others. Your giving changes lives!



**Right to Read inquiry report**

Beginning in 2019, the Ontario Human Rights Commission conducted a public inquiry into human rights issues that affect students with reading disabilities in Ontario's public education system.

The report ([www.ohrc.on.ca/en/right-to-read-inquiry-report-](http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/right-to-read-inquiry-report-)), released this past spring, issued 157 recommendations. Among these recommendations is the need for an updated language curriculum that includes explicit, systematic, and direct instruction in foundational reading skills, including phonemic awareness, phonics and decoding, and word reading proficiency. The Simcoe County District School Board is committed to shifting our instructional practices to align with these recommendations.

What does this mean for my child? Primary educators are shifting from using leveled texts as they encourage reliance on guessing strategies to solve unknown words. Instead, educators are beginning to use a scope and sequence to systematically teach phonemic awareness and phonics. Students may apply the phonics skills they have learned by reading 'decodable' or 'phonetically controlled' texts. As a result, educators are moving away from using PM Benchmarks and moving towards assessments that measure foundational reading skills. To support your child at home, the following documents provide activities that may help foster these foundational skills:

**Phonological awareness activities for families**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mrSSU-HhNzjSRv6\\_CKiJBue32B-n6ggy/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mrSSU-HhNzjSRv6_CKiJBue32B-n6ggy/view?usp=sharing)

**Supporting reading development at home**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12jf50KLLzZP9q82HN-w39jrHFqYElf45/view?usp=sharing>

**High school information events for Grade 8 students**

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information events will take place in-person this winter! Student leaders and staff at the school will give an overview of what's new and what to expect. Learn about courses offered, as well as information about teams and clubs. Please visit the [SCDSB website](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) to find details on your high schools' info night, and contact the school directly for more information.



**Adult English as a second language program**



Looking to improve your English skills? Join our adult English as a second language (ESL) classes to improve your listening and speaking skills through class discussions and presentations. Develop your English skills to advance in your current job or open the door to new employment opportunities. Learn more about your local community and explore Canadian culture and history. Adult ESL classes are offered year-round with a continuous intake. To register for the program, please contact the Barrie Learning Centre at 705-725-8360 ext. 45151, or email [gander-son@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:gander-son@scdsb.on.ca).

*\*Please note all students starting ESL for the first time must be assessed prior to starting the class. Fees apply for visitors to Canada and work/study permit holders.*

## Winter Fun

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K	T	A	X	B	B	O	O	T	S	O	E
E	Q	R	S	L	D	L	W	B	X	W	N
H	A	F	S	L	E	D	C	O	D	L	S

Find these words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → and ↓.

BOOTS	FLOW
COLD	SCARF
FLAKE	SHOVEL
FREEZE	SKATE
HAT	SKI
ICE	SLED
MITTENS	SNOW