

TRILLIUM WOODS E. S.

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Dear Families,

May is chock full of fun and excitement here at Trillium Woods! We strongly encourage our families to check our school website, Twitter and the Friday Blast for important information. These are just a few ways that we try to keep communication open between school and home. By connecting in this way, we are making sure that our community can be part of all that is happening here.

Our creative team is just a week away from the presentation of Matilda the Musical. Our artistic directors, along with the students involved have worked extremely hard to get this production ready for our community audience. Tickets are still available through School Cash Online.

We are also welcoming our newest learners to the building on May 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Kindergarten Orientation. This evening event gives families an opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet the educators in this division. Please do not miss this if you have a child starting school next year.

Finally, track and field day is May 25th. Students are already beginning to practice the skills they will need to participate in this school day event. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather cooperates. If not, the rain date will be May 26th.

Mr. Disu and Mrs. Collingbourne

Important Dates in May

May 1-7	Children's Mental Health Week
May 3	Simcoe County Museum ~ Gr 3
May 1-5	Education Week
May 4	Spirit Day ~ May the 4 th (Star Wars Day)
May 9	Matilda {Cast A} 6:30—8 pm
May 11	Matilda {Cast B} 6:30—8 pm
May 9-15	Scholastic Book Fair
May 14	Mother's Day
May 15	School Council Meeting 6 pm
May 15	Gr 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic
May 15	International Day of Families
May 16	Mrs. Chant ~ Scientists in the Classroom
May 18	Kindergarten Orientation 5:00 pm—6:00 pm
May 18	Gr 7 & 8 Toronto trip
May 18	Mr. Gross ~ Scientists in the Classroom
May 22	Victoria Day ~ no school
May 23	Mr. Gross & Mrs. Chant ~ Scanlon Creek
May 24	JK/SK "Scales Nature Park" visit (at school)
May 25	School Track & Field
May 26	School Track & Field raindate
May 26	Spirit Day-Kaleidoscope Day (wear patterns & colours)
May 28 to June 3	National AccessAbility Week

May Rainy Days = Spring Flowers

If you are a gardener and are flower shopping at Bradford Greenhouse this month, 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.



Kindergarten Orientation

Why? To welcome our new Year 1 students to our school community.

When? Thursday, May 18, 2023 5:00pm–6:00pm

Where? Gymnasium

Watch for information regarding JK orientation emails coming to your inbox starting Thursday, May 11th.

If you haven't yet completed your child(ren)'s registration by coming into the school with your proof of address (utility bill—paper or online) and your child(ren)'s proof of birth, please do so before the Orientation so you don't miss the informative emails coming to your inbox.

MATILDA MUSICAL PRODUCTION

Our school production is fast approaching!!

If you haven't purchased your tickets for either of the two shows, School Cash Online closes Sunday, May 7th at midnight.

Cast {{A}} ~ Tuesday, May 9th ~ doors open at 6 pm; show begins promptly at 6:30 PM

Cast {{B}} ~ Thursday, May 11th ~ doors open at 6 pm, show begins promptly at 6:30 PM

Purchased tickets will go home on Monday, May 8th. Please check your child(ren)'s schoolbags. There will be no assigned seating.





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.



Elementary summer learning programs in the SCDSB

The SCDSB continues to support student achievement and well-being throughout the summer months by providing a range of elementary summer learning programs. This summer, the SCDSB is offering programs that will focus on reading (Grades 1-3), math (Grades 4-8), multilingual learners (Grades 4-8), as well as students with learning disabilities who use assistive technology at school (Grades 4-8). The programs will be delivered through both a virtual synchronous learning format and in-person, and take place from July 10 to 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. daily. In-person programs take place at Terry Fox Elementary School in Barrie.

Interested families are asked to contact their children's school principal for further details and registration information. Registration is completed through the SCDSB's public website starting Monday, May 1. Deadline to register is Friday, May 19.

Looking to improve your English skills? Join our Adult English as a Second Language Program (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 ganderson@scdsb.on.ca.



English as a Second Language

**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*

Reading with Sora

Sora is the SCDSB's digital ebook library which is available to all students from K-12. Each year, Sora has a collection of diverse ebooks and audiobooks (juvenile to young adult) curated into a collection called Sora Sweet Reads. From May 15 until Aug. 28, students may access these books using either the Sora app or by using the desktop version: <https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/202712>. The best part of this collection is that each title is simultaneous use, meaning that there are unlimited copies available so there are no holds on the titles! Simply use your school Google login and password to access the library. We hope that this collection will encourage students to stay engaged in reading even when the weather gets warmer. Happy reading!

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 session is:

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

Tuesday, 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.

Before and after school programs for the 2023-24 school year

Register now for before and after school programs for the 2023-24 school year. Please contact the child care operator at your child's school 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.

EQAO – Grade 3 & 6



In-person students in grades 3 and 6 will participate in the provincial EQAO assessment during the week of Monday, May 29th – Friday, June 9th, 2023.

The assessment will be completed electronically. As such, students will complete a short practice assessment on Tuesday, May 23rd and Friday, May 26th to familiarize themselves with the online platform.

Letters will be sent to families in advance of the assessment with further details.

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!

Mrs. Marling is very excited to announce that our library will be hosting a **hybrid** Scholastic Book Fair May 9th-15th (both online and in school). Students will be able to shop IN-PERSON in the library during the school day. The book fair will be open from 3:15-6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 9th and Thursday, May 11th (before the Matilda production), if parents would like to shop in person with their children. Parents can also access the book fair virtually 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.

Battle of the Books

Our Battle of the Books team is anxiously awaiting our trivia contest on May 8th at the Barrie Public Library. The "BOB" team is comprised of avid readers in grades 4-8 who will be competing against other schools in a trivia contest about a selection of 40 novels. Wish them luck!

We are looking forward to a busy end of the school year in the library!

Read, read, read!

Mrs. Marling

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

It is that time of year where our Trillium Woods students, staff and community get active while supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Registration and fundraising can all be done online at:

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/23961>.

Register for the 4 EASY Healthy Habits Challenge and learn and track habits to protect the heart and brain. Register today! It is easy!



Mental Health Week 2023



Join us for Mental Health Week May 1 to 7 by shining a spotlight on how mental health care can be expressed and nurtured (through self-care strategies, art, music, sport etc.). At the SCDSB we are committed to the mental health and well-being of every student and will be shining a spotlight on how mental health is supported in our school communities by sharing on social media using the hashtags #MyStory, #MentalHealthWeek, and #ShineGreen, and tagging @scdsb_mhwb, @scdsb_schools, and @SMHO_SMSO.

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Character Attribute for

Respect - we treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity.

More information about character education

can be found here: scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education



GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important



to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.


Parents/guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in the next school year, who wish the school to consider their child for gifted screening are asked to contact:

⇒ Ms. Schaly, kschaly@scdsb.on.ca or

⇒ Mr. Peters, bpeters@scdsb.on.ca

by Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent. A letter examining the gifted screening process in greater detail will be sent to parents of students in Grade 3 in September. Parents will still have the opportunity to nominate their child in September and October. If you require further information about the gifted screening process, please contact Ms. Schaly or Mr. Peters.



Reporting immunizations

Parents/guardians are responsible for reporting their child's immunizations to public health to keep records up-to-date per standards of the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) (ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900645) and the Child Care and Early Years Act (ontario.ca/laws/regulation/150137#BK46). Please note, health care providers in Ontario do not automatically report immunizations to their local public health unit. Reporting and viewing immunizations is easy and can be done online.

To book a clinic appointment to receive a vaccine, visit: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Immunization/Clinics-and-Programs/Routine-Immunization-Clinics. For more information or questions, you can call Health Connection at 705-721-7520, or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.

Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Dyck would like to recognize the members of the Jr. Girls Basketball team. The girls had a successful season, improving individually in skill and coming together as a supportive team.



Thank you to families for supporting your athlete by driving and adjusting your family schedules for after school games. Congratulations to the following athletes: Makayla, Hailey, Madison, Chloe, T'Jaiyah, Gabby, Serena, Kinsley J., Kinsley M., Janicia, Hareem, Mizuki, Alana, Lauren, Seah.



"Laughter is timeless,
imagination has no age,
and dreams are forever."

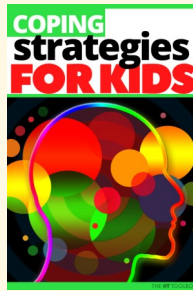
WALT DISNEY

Four finger affirmations coping strategy

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

This month's strategy is four finger affirmations. Parents/guardians can guide their child to think positively in the face of stress or challenges by using affirmations to promote confidence, a growth mindset, self-regulation, and resiliency. To practice four finger affirmations at home, work with your child to generate four words that make them feel calm and confident. For example, "I am loved today" or "breathe, listen, smile, love." Explain that each word will match a finger on their hand. Have them say the words (affirmation) aloud or in their head and connect each finger with their thumb. Tell your child they can repeat this as many times as they like, to themselves or out loud. Consider practicing four finger affirmations at home with your child at a time of day that will be most helpful for them. Find more easy and fun mental health activities to do at home here: <https://smho-smso.ca/online-resources/easy-and-fun-mental-health-activities-for-home/>.

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



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>



Making 'cents' of financial literacy

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 such as a book, toy, or 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, Practicalmoneyskills.ca
Financial Literacy Rocks, financialliteracy.rocks/financial-literacy-for-kids

Name: _____ Date: _____

I ♥ My Teeth

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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MOUTHWASH
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TOOTHBRUSH
TOOTH PASTE
X-RAY

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 scdsb.on.ca.
- ◇ Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb). Check out our Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/TrilliumWoodsE.S.>





Dear Parents/Guardians,

Jump Rope for Heart is the school FUNdraising event that nobody wants to skip. Students discover fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learn about helping others while raising money to beat heart disease and stroke.

We recently hosted our Jump Rope for Heart kick-off assembly to launch this year's program. From now until our Jump event, students will learn fun ways to get active for heart health while raising awareness and support for Heart & Stroke.

We love participating in Jump Rope for Heart because:

Students learn life-long habits:

Jump encourages kids to be active and live healthy. A lesson they will value for life!

Kids feel good by doing good:

Students learn the importance of giving back as they collect donations that help fund critical research that saves lives, prevents heart disease and stroke, and supports survivors and their families.

Fits any time, place and activity:

Kids can move their way by jumping, dancing, wheeling and more, on their schedule, at school or home.

Jump gives back:

Schools that raise a minimum of \$500 will receive 8% of their fundraising dollars back to put towards what they need most (think, sports equipment, or educational tools!) or can donate back to Heart & Stroke to make an even bigger impact.

Be part of the movement - register today!

Join our school and help Heart & Stroke save lives by jump-starting your fundraising. Here's how:

Visit jumpropeforheart.ca and click "Register" and search for our school's name or copy and paste the school link below to register right from our school page!

Help your child set up their fundraising page online. It's never been easier.

School Page Link :

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/23961>

(Copy and paste this link into your internet browser)

Kids helping kids!

The funds kids collect supports research that helps other kids and families across the country.



Dani
Was born with congenital heart disease.



Zoe
Wears a device in case her heart isn't beating.



Nolan
Had a stroke before he was born.



Madolaine
Had a cardiac arrest when she was five.

How Jump Works

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3, 4!



EASY Healthy Habits

Jump Rope for Heart is more than a fundraiser. It teaches students 4 EASY Healthy Habits to help protect their heart and brain health – for a lifetime! Check out the EASY Online Challenge at jumpropeforheart.ca – it's full of fun activities that you can even do as a family at home!



Eat fruits and vegetables



Active for 1 hour or more



Screens for 2 hours or less



Yes to water, and no to sugary drinks

Fundraise to earn contest entries:

With each donation you receive, you're one step closer to entering two great contests!



Raise \$50 and get entered to win one of five "Got Active" prize packages.



Raise \$100 and get entered to win one of six "Summer Fun" packages.

Presented by Desjardins

Track your EASY Healthy Habits to help your school win!

Presented by Desjardins

In addition to educating your child about the importance of having healthy habits to help reduce their risks of heart disease and stroke later in life, tracking their Healthy Habits online can help qualify our school for an entry into the Healthy Habits prize draw to purchase new equipment for the school.



National Top Prize Draw

- \$2,500 to spend on Phys. Ed equipment for their school
- \$1,000 donation Desjardins to add to their school's fundraising total
- A skipping rope for every student

Regional Prize Draw

- \$1,000 to spend on Phys. Ed equipment
- Additional skipping ropes for the school and more!

