

# TRILLIUM WOODS E. S.

## November 2023

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### ADMIN MESSAGE

During the month of November, we will experience lower temperatures along with less desirable weather conditions, but our students will continue to play and learn outside. We ask that you send your child(ren) dressed for changing/worsening weather. Layers often work best, and extra socks and pants are always worthwhile. During the week of November 13, families can meet in person or virtually with their child(ren)'s educator for this year's student conferences. We're using an online booking system again this year, and you can access [this link](#) to book a 15-minute slot with your child(ren)'s teacher. If needed, the booking code is **x2mpk** and the deadline to book a student conference interview is 9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov 11. Finally, there have been lots of school extracurricular activities and fundraisers going on these past couple of months, and we are incredibly grateful to our educators for providing these opportunities to our students. Congratulations to all our Cross-Country runners participating in the Regionals and County meet. And congratulations to our school's Flag Football team for participating in this year's Regional Tournament. Way to go, Tornados!

Mr. Disu, Principal and Mrs. Collingbourne, Vice Principal



Thursday,  
November 2nd



**Please note that Friday, Nov. 17 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students.**

Please refer to the 2023-24 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/school\\_year\\_calendar](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar).

Below is a summary of the activities planned for the Nov. 17 PA Day:

#### **Elementary**

**Length:** Full-day parent/guardian-student-teacher conferences

**Topic:** Communication to parents/guardians about student progress through parent/guardian-student-teacher conferences

**Host:-** Simcoe County District School Board elementary schools, including Grades 7 and 8 in Grade 7-12 secondary schools

**Presenter(s)/facilitator(s):** Elementary educators  
Elementary educators will meet with students and parents/guardians to discuss student progress thus far this school year, including areas of strengths and next steps for improvement.

Popcorn, get your popcorn!



Popcorn sales are back beginning this November! Please go to school cash online to order your popcorn. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support primary students by supplementing in class presentations and learning materials.

Thank you, for your support!  
Primary Division

### TRILLIUM TUESDAYS every Tuesday Wear school colours (burgundy, black, white)

November 2	Picture Retake day
November 6	Grade 4 Scanlon Creek In-School field trip
November 8	Grades 1, 2 & 3 The Big One Oh! Jr. field trip
November 9	Progress Reports Go Home
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	World Kindness Day
November 13 –17	Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 14	Grade 7 SMDHU Immunization Clinic
November 14–18	Bullying Awareness Week
November 15	Grade 8 — Georgian College Presentation
November 16	Last day to purchase Barrie Colts tickets
November 17	PD Day
November 15–20	Book Fair (Taking place in one half of gymnasium)
November 13	Parent Council
November 23	Grade 5 & 6 Mute the Musical field trip
November 25	Barrie Colts game at Sadlon Centre

Attention hockey fans!!

The Barrie Colts and our Trillium Woods community have once again teamed up to offer a special night at the Sadlon Arena (formerly Barrie Molson Centre). This year's game will feature the Barrie Colts facing off against the annual favourite London Knights on **Saturday, November 25, 2023** beginning at **7:30pm**. Tickets are **\$25.00 each**, which includes all taxes and service fees. For every ticket sold, the Barrie Colts organization will donate up to \$6.00 back to our school.

Once again, this year, our school choir will also be kicking off the evening with the singing of our National Anthem. As the date of our game approaches, Ms. Ringhofer will provide more details about where and when the choir will meet.

Please come and enjoy a night out while supporting our school. Proceeds from the event will go towards the purchase of equipment for the school.

Tickets will be available until Thursday, November 16th through School Cash Online.

Tickets will be given to students the week of the game.

Thank you for your continued support and see you there!

Mr. G. Robertson, Ms. R. Ringhofer



## Royal Canadian Legion poppy campaign



The SCDSB has a time honoured relationship with the local Royal Canadian Legions through the annual poetry and poster competitions and the annual poppy campaign. We will not be collecting cash donations from students this year. Instead, a donation can be made in School Cash Online. Families who wish to make their own donation can do so through the Royal Canadian Legion's poppy campaign directly: <https://www.legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy>.

## 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.

Grade 1 FI family information nights are held annually in advance of the application process for the following school year. This year, FI family information nights will be held in-person throughout the month of November at the respective FI school locations. The designated Grade 1 FI site for our school is Ferndale Woods E. S. The information night for this school will be **Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00 PM at 170 Ferndale Drive South.**

**The SCDSB board-wide electronic applications for the Grade 1 FI program for all sites will open Friday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15.** Entry into the FI program is determined through a digitally randomized lottery system.

## Nov. 28 is Eat Well to Excel Day in Simcoe County

Eat Well to Excel is a Simcoe County non-profit community partnership that supports our school's student nutrition program. The funding provided by Eat Well to Excel allows us to supply students with access to healthy snacks during the school day.



The pandemic and increasing food costs have caused a significant financial strain on many families in our region and new data shows that 1 in 3 kids in Canada are at risk of going to school hungry. Kids that are hungry struggle to retain knowledge and keep focused throughout the day. They are also at an increased risk of experiencing poor mental health and a compromised immune system. With your support we can maintain and hopefully improve our program to provide a consistent supply of healthy food to our students.

You can make a donation by visiting [eatwelltoexcel.ca](http://eatwelltoexcel.ca). You can either support the county-wide program or direct your donation to our school. Please include our school name in the comment box to ensure the donation goes directly to our program. A tax receipt will be emailed to you. For more information about Eat Well to Excel visit [eatwelltoexcel.ca](http://eatwelltoexcel.ca).

## Library News

### THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!



Mrs. Marling is very excited to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from November 15-20th! Students will be able to shop at the fair during the school day. Your child's classroom teacher will share which day their class will be visiting. Parents and guardians will be able to shop on the conference evening: **Thursday, November 16th from 3:30-7:30 p.m. or Friday, November 17th (P.A. Day) from 9-11 a.m.** Please help support our library!! Visa/MasterCard/American Express, Debit, and cash will be accepted.



### 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 at:

[www.scdsb.on.ca/secondary/planning\\_for\\_high\\_school](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/secondary/planning_for_high_school) to find details on your high school's info night, and contact the school directly for more information.

### 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.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.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>.

With winter weather fast approaching, we would like to remind parents to call the Safe Arrival Line if their child(ren) is not going to be attending school or will be arriving late. The new Safe Arrival number is:

**1-888-885-8065**



## Supporting oral language development at home

Within the revised language curriculum, there is a focus on supporting students to acquire the knowledge and skills relating to the foundations of language. Oral and non-verbal communication are foundational components of language skills. Over the years, students develop their listening and speaking abilities using a variety of strategies and skills, including word choice and syntax, to become effective communicators.

Here are some ways you can support oral language development at home:

- ◆ Engage your child in conversations about things that interest them
- ◆ Talk to your child and listen responsively
- ◆ Ask and answer questions
- ◆ Share oral stories
- ◆ Read aloud to your child
- ◆ Talk about the books you read together
- ◆ Singing and playing together

## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

The foundation for lifelong learning and health is built in the early years. EarlyON Child and Family Centres across Simcoe County offer programs for children prenatal to six years of age and their parents/guardians and caregivers. They offer access to play- and inquiry-based learning supported by *How Does Learning Happen?* Ontario's pedagogy for the early years, information on child development and developmental screening including Early Referral Identification Kits (ERIKs), parent/guardian education, referrals to community resources, nutrition information, and post-natal resources. Check with your local EarlyON provider: <https://linktr.ee/earlyonsimcoe>

## Knowledgehook math tool

Knowledgehook is a digital math assessment and practice tool that has been purchased for all K-10 SCDSB classrooms. This tool is accessible to students at home so that they can practice math skills, either assigned by their teacher or on their own. Ask your child about how they use Knowledgehook in class and learn more at: [www.knowledgehook.com](http://www.knowledgehook.com).



## Licensed Winter Break 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 on PA days and holidays including over the Winter Break. 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 by visiting:

[www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/childcare\\_before\\_after](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after).

## LUNCHBOX ORDERS:

If your child(ren) are going to be absent on the days that you have ordered from Lunchbox, please call the school by 11 AM the day of the order to have it picked up or given to a sibling to take home. Vendors prefer we don't hold the lunches to the following day.



## Dental screening and services for kids ages 0-17

Good dental health is an important part of your child's general health. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's Oral Health Community Program offers free dental screenings in day-cares, schools, and health unit offices for children and youth aged 0 - 17 years. Dental screening can identify and inform families that their child has a dental concern.

Health unit staff can also help children/youth and their families access free preventive services and treatment through the Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) Program. For more information regarding these services visit:

[www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Dental](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Dental).

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

## Mental health promotion strategy of the month

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 *Let It Go*. This practice helps students focus their attention, calm feelings of anxiety, and manage stress. To practice *Let It Go* at home, have your child/youth sit comfortably and take a deep breath. Share the following exercise with your child/youth:

- ◆ Use your fingers to gently massage the top of your head
- ◆ Still in massaging motion, bring your fingers to your forehead, eyebrows, temples, around your eyes, cheeks, and jaw
- ◆ If you notice tension anywhere – let it go
- ◆ Finally, massage each of your ears and end by gently pulling your earlobes

Keep in mind to take your time with each area, especially where you hold the most tension.

Practicing *Let It Go* can be done any time of the day or at regular times, such as at mealtime or before bed. You may try this technique on your hands using a massaging motion to focus on each finger, thumb, and palm. Consider doing *Let It Go* with your child/youth to model the strategy.

Visit the links below for *Let It Go* posters from School Mental Health Ontario:

Elementary - <https://smho-smso.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/SEL-Posters-Let-It-Go.pdf>

Secondary - <https://smho-smso.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SEL-Posters-Secondary-Let-It-Go.pdf>

Find more easy and fun mental health activities to do at home visit: <https://smho-smso.ca/online-resources/easy-and-fun-mental-health-activities-for-home/>

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

## Parents' Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

Learn to navigate the world of assessment, evaluation, and reporting with this new guide for parents/guardians. Created to support parents'/guardians' understanding of assessment, this guide was designed to effectively empower you to actively engage in your child's educational journey. The guide has been posted to the Simcoe County District School Board's website and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/2urcm2tm>.