

TRILLIUM WOODS E. S.

October 2023

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ADMIN MESSAGE

Dear TWES Families,

We wish to thank all of our families for your patience and support during our return to school last month. The school has now completed its reorganization to better align our class sizes with the Ministry of Education's class size targets and caps. While it is never ideal to undergo this type of change, our students have settled into their new classrooms and we are looking forward to their progress during the months ahead. Throughout the 2023-2024 school year, the Trillium Woods' staff are committed to ensuring the students of Trillium Woods are engaged and on the path to greater success.

Progress Reports will come home on November 9th, and student conferences are scheduled for **November 13th through 17th**. A link to schedule your student conferences will be shared with families during the week of Oct 16th. Thank you for supporting this important opportunity for our students to communicate their learning and outline their goals for the year.

Mr. Disu—Principal and Mrs. Collingbourne—Vice-Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Every Tuesday is Trillium Tuesdays—
Wear School Colours**

Tuesday, October 11	School Council Elections & Meeting 6-8 PM in the Library
Wednesday, October 12	Cross Country Regional Meet
Tuesday, October 17	Flag Football Regional Tournament
Wednesday, October 18	Cross Country County Race
Friday, October 20	PD Day (no school)
Tuesday, October 24	Wear Favourite Team Colours
Tuesday, October 24	Barrie Colts Assembly
Wednesday, October 25	Flag Football County Tournament
Thursday, October 26	Jr. Boys Volleyball game
Monday, October 30	Jr. Girls Volleyball
Tuesday, October 31	Dress in Black and Orange Primary Halloween Dance (1st block) Junior Halloween Dance (2nd block) Intermediate Halloween Dance (3rd)
Wednesday, November 1	Jr. Girls Volleyball
Thursday, November 2	School Photo Retake Day
Tuesday, November 14	Gr. 7 Immunization Clinic
Thursday, November 16	Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 9	Progress Reports go home
November 13-17th	Student Conferences

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 16 to 20, 2023. Please visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at:



main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for information on school bus safety and links to school bus safety resources.

October 19, 2023 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely.

Thank you, Mrs. Gorete!!

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 via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2urcm2tm>.

DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

To support the health and safety of students, staff, parents and others on school property, animals are not permitted on school property without the prior, written permission of the Principal or designate. This general prohibition includes, but is not limited to, dogs, cats, birds and potentially dangerous exotic animals. Service dogs permitted.



LUNCHBOX LUNCH ORDERS

Trillium Woods is excited to announce the partnership in delivering lunches to our students. This year we have available on Mondays—Subs from Subway; Wednesdays—Pasta from Licous Italian Bakery & Pasta; Thursdays—Little Caesars Pizza and Fridays—Twisted Indian.

Please note that because we are a walking school that Lunchbox will still be delivered on bus cancellation days. If you wish to pick up your absent child(ren)'s Lunchbox orders, please call the school before 11 AM on the day your child is absent.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8 to 14

This year, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme is, 'Cooking safety starts with YOU'. Pay attention to fire prevention™, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those round them safe when cooking. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit: fpw.org.



Information from the National Fire Protection Association website

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.



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>.

Get on the move

There are many benefits to walking or wheeling to school. Walking or wheeling to school reduces traffic, helps students establish healthy lifestyles, is better for the environment and enhances community safety. Wherever possible, we encourage students within walking zones to *get on the move* and walk or wheel to school. For more information please visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website here: bit.ly/3OC4CJ9

on the
move

Have you met Sora?

Our digital ebook/audiobook collection contains over 4,000 titles waiting to be checked out by our SCDSB students.

Students simply download the app, use their SCDSB login and start reading for free on their phone or tablet. The collection can be accessed at: meet.soraapp.com.



Trillium Woods Staff

Carriere, R.	EA	Sarginson, B.	Gr. 7
Mulcare, M.	EA	Robertson, M.	Gr. 7 & 8
Owusu, A.	EA	Chenette, C.	Gr. 8
Roshani, A.	EA	Robertson, G.	Gr. 8
Spragg, C.	EA	Fisher, B.	Gr. 4, 5 LC
Dyck, C./Faria, S.	JK/SK	Peters, B.	Gr. 6, 7 & 8 LC
Cain, M./Watkin, K.	JK/SK	Marling, C.	Librarian
Cadieux, A./Glauser, A.	JK/SK	Ringhofer, R.	Music Teacher
Stephen, L./Carson, L.	JK/SK	Lind, S.	Planning Time
Gogolin, A.	Gr. 1	Schalay, K.	Special Education
Golden, J.	Gr. 1	Kamal, A.	Planning Time
Ma, M.	Gr. 1	King, M.	FSL
Picco, S.	Gr. 2	Powell, S.	FSL/PT Teacher
Gillen, T.	Gr. 2	Duprey, S.	FSL Teacher
Klassen, C.	Gr. 2 & 3	McArthur, A.	CYW
Coleman, R.	Gr. 3	Cameron, J.	Custodian
Buchanan, M.	Gr. 3	Holderney, B.	Custodian
Chant, C.	Gr. 4	Lloyd, J.	Custodian
Gross, D.	Gr. 4	Plummer, P.	Custodian
Ford, A.	Gr. 4 & 5	LaCouvée, L.	SAS-E
Gibbs-White, L.	Gr. 5	Laronde, M.	Clerk Steno
Rand, A.	Gr. 5 & 6	Disu, O.	Principal
Ryan, E.	Gr. 6	Collingbourne, S.	Vice-Principal
Stewart, D.	Gr. 7		

Upcoming in-person Grade 1 French Immersion information sessions

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 English and French.

Information sessions for families who are considering entry into Grade 1 FI for the 2024-25 school year will take place at **Ferndale Woods at 170 Ferndale Drive South on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00 PM** and online applications will open in December 2023.

Entry into the FI program will be determined through a digitally randomized lottery system. A link to access the Grade 1 FI online application form will be available on the SCDSB website starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, December 1 until 4 p.m. on Friday, December 15. For more information regarding French Immersion, visit: www.scdsb.on.ca, then select 'elementary', and 'French as a Second Language'.



Character Attribute for the month of October

Cooperation - we work together towards shared goals and purposes.

More information about Character Education

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



Parents' guide to mathematics

Are you curious about how you can support your child's growth as a mathematician? Visit the Parents Guide to Mathematics at www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8, where you can find a summary of the knowledge and skills your child will be learning as they progress through the grades, information about how you can support your child's learning, and how the curriculum was developed.



TVO Mathify offers free 1:1 online Grade 4-12 math tutoring to SCDSB students. Connect with an Ontario Certified Teacher of your choice. It is anonymous and secure, and can be used from a phone, tablet, or computer. Math tutors are available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday to Friday, and 3:30 to 9 p.m. ET Sunday.

All SCDSB students from Grades 4-12 have been pre-registered for this amazing service. For quick access to TVO Mathify:

1. Find the link in your child's Google waffle to the SCDSBhub.
2. Look for the TVO Mathify icon on their dashboard.



Your child will not need to enter their OEN number or any identifying information when TVO Mathify is accessed through the SCDSBhub.

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

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 first session, *IEPs and school-based assessments – information for parents/caregivers*, will be held on Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This virtual presentation will include an opportunity for participants to share some of their questions regarding IEPs and special education programming.

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 upcoming sessions and how to register on the SCDSB website:

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

School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC



In order to receive delay and cancellation notifications, families can check the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca or download the 'BusPlanner Delays' app from the Apple or Android app stores to receive delay notifications to their devices. Users would need to select Simcoe County STC as the transportation authority. The app will need to be forced closed, but you will be able to select your student(s) routes or school to receive delays.

The app will send a general notice for any cancellation in Simcoe County. You only need to know which 'zone' you're in, so you would know which one to look out for in the app. You can find your student's zone by visiting the School Bus Status page at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and clicking the dropdown for the area you live in.

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 eight webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents/guardians and other caregivers during this school year.

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| Oct. 26, 2023 | Understanding and managing screen time, part one - gaming edition |
| Nov. 9, 2023 | Understanding and managing screen time, part two - social media edition |
| Nov. 30, 2023 | Helping parents align |
| Jan. 11, 2024 | Sleep hygiene |
| Feb. 8, 2024 | Self regulation for kids |
| Feb. 22, 2024 | Self regulation for teens |
| March 28, 2024 | Building parents' resiliency |
| April 18, 2024 | Vaping, weed, and alcohol |

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>.

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.

Licensed PA day and holiday 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, March Break, and during summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register.

September 2023

Dear Parents & Future Musicians:

The Bear Creek Music Programme is offering a music program in which your child is eligible to participate!!

As a high school music teacher, I have had the opportunity to see the benefit that an Instrumental Music programme can provide to students at the Elementary level. Unfortunately, in recent years fewer and fewer students have had these programs available in their Elementary School. For more than 10 years now we have opened up a way for students in Bear Creek's partner Elementary Schools to obtain these experiences by forming a joint Grade 6-8 band. This year, we will once again be offering this opportunity for students who would like to learn an instrument and play in a band. The band will begin rehearsals towards the end of October. Bear Creek is providing facilities and instruction. The only cost to participants will be the cost of renting the instrument. Instrument rental averages around \$175 for most instruments for the entire school year (full details will be available at the organizational meeting outlined below). All other music will be provided by Bear Creek, on loan for the year.

The organizational meeting for interested students and parents will be held on Tuesday October 17th from 6:30PM – 7:30PM. At the meeting you can get information about the program and ask any questions you might have. **I would really like to emphasize the importance of having interested students and a parent at the meeting. Important information will be shared that will help with students' success in the program.**

No previous music experience is required to be a part of this ensemble. If you are interested in learning to play a Concert Band instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, or percussion) then this is your opportunity. To become a part of this ensemble, students and parents are asked to attend the organizational meeting on Tuesday October 17th at 6:30PM in Room 156 at Bear Creek (100 Red Oak Drive). If you are interested in this ensemble, but unable to attend the meeting, please contact me prior to the meeting (it is REALLY, REALLY preferable if you can attend!!). You can contact me by email at yalli@scdsb.on.ca

More details about the ensemble, a schedule and performance plans for the group will be presented at the meeting. Thanks for your interest in this ensemble! I look forward to meeting you on October 17th and getting off to an exciting start!

Sincerely,

Ms. Alli
Band Director
Bear Creek Music Dept.

