



Cameron Street Public School Newsletter

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School Hours

8:50: Supervision begins
9:05: Entry Bell
10:45-11:25: 1st Break
1:05 -1:45: 2nd Break
3:15: Kinder dismissal
3:20: Bus dismissal
3:25: Dismissal

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](http://scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education)



School Council News

The April School Council
meeting has been
cancelled.

The next council meeting
will be Monday, May 1st
at 6pm.

ALL WELCOME!

If you have any
questions regarding
School Council,
please email
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Important Days in April

- 4 Mahavir Jayanti (Birthday)**
Jainism
- 6-8 Theravāda New Year**
Buddhism
- 6-13 Pesach (Passover)**
Judaism
- 7 Good Friday**
Christianity
- 8 Farvardegan (FC)**
Zoroastrianism
- 9 Easter**
Christianity
- 10 Easter Monday**
Christianity
- 13 Vaisakhi**
Sikhism
- 14 Good Friday (J)**
Christianity
- 14 Vaisakhi/Baisakhi**
Hinduism
- 16 Easter (J)**
Christianity
- 17 Easter Monday (J)**
Christianity
- 17-18 Yom HaShoah**
Judaism
- 18 Lailat-ul-Qadr**
Islam
- 21 First Day of Ridvan**
Bahá'í
- 21 Jumma-tul-Wida**
Islam
- 21 Eid-ul-Fitr**
Islam
- 23 Zarathosht-no-diso (QC)**
Zoroastrianism
- 28 Nichiren Foundation Day**
Buddhism
- 29 Ninth Day of Ridvan**
Bahá'í

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](http://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar)

Or

[Cameron Street School Calendar](#)

SAVE THE DATE

KINDERGARTEN SPRING CONCERT

Thursday June 8th



GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Tuesday June 27th



More information coming home soon

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

Kindergarten registration for September 2023 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.



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSION
Cameron Street School
Thursday May 18th
5-6pm

Information will be sent out to new kindergarten registrations

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>



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Mrs. Kirkpatrick is looking for volunteers to read with her kindergarten class.

If you are interested please email
jkirkpatrick@scdsb.on.ca

SNACK SHACK :

Our snack shack is up and running throughout the school day and will provide students with fresh fruit, vegetables and healthy proteins while at school.



FOOD PANTRY:

For families who need a little bit of help with pantry basics like bread, cereal, frozen food, etc., we will have our pantry open during **drop off and pick up hours**. Please help yourself to what you may need. We will have a limited number of shopping bags available so please bring your own bag!





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Join the SCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee for 'Safe connections: navigating a digital world'

On April 25, the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is hosting a virtual learning session for parents/guardians. *Safe connections: navigating a digital world* is a virtual event focused on digital mindfulness and well-being, and Internet safety.

This virtual event will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Presenters include:

- Chris Vollum, CMV SocialMedia
- Sergeant Aaron C. Arnett, Ontario Provincial Police
- Abby Zantingh, Imani's Place

Participants are asked to register in advance: <https://bit.ly/40tEg22>. Information to access the session will be shared via email with Individuals who have pre-registered.

The PIC is a county-wide advisory committee made up of parents/guardians and community representatives from across Simcoe County. The committee works with SCDSB staff and trustees to support student success through parent/guardian engagement.

Visit scdsb.on.ca/elementary/parent/parent_involvement_committee for more information on the PIC.



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).



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 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>.

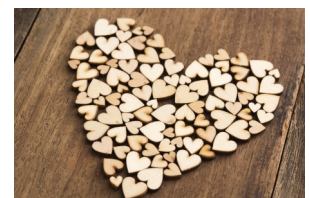
Pine River Institute is a live-in treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth aged 13 to 19 struggling with addictive behaviours and often other mental health issues. Combining therapy with a fully-accredited education program, PRI reinforces the healthy life skills required for a successful 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.

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_MHWB) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools.

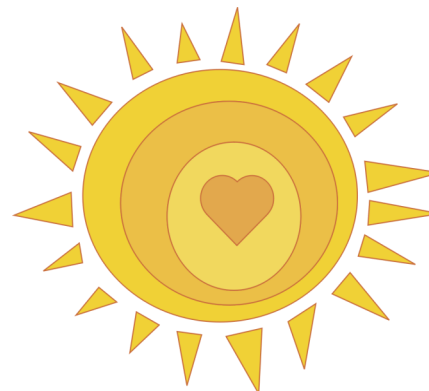


EarlyON Child and Family Centres

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>

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.



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 path 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. Registered participants will receive a pack of hands-on resources that will be sent to the school indicated on their registration form.

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

