

Tiger Tales



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Simcoe County
District School Board



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Happy February,

This month brings the first set of report cards. Teachers are completing final assessments for the report cards that go home on February 16th. Report cards are an indicator of your child's success. Please make sure to focus on the Learning Skills section. These are the intangibles that your child shows on a daily basis. Responsibility, Independent Work, Initiative, Organization, Collaboration and Self-Regulation are all important indicators of success and are skills we try to develop in our Tigers. And make sure you go over the report card with your child including the comments, not just marks. And if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. Stay warm!



Mr. K. Crozier

Black History Month

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) recognizes and celebrates Black History Month every February. The SCDSB is committed to improving equity of access, positive identity affirming experiences and opportunities for Black students, staff, and parents/guardians, and to creating a safe and caring learning environment that promotes the human rights of students, staff, and parent/guardians. The initiatives undertaken by the SCDSB have been embedded in teaching and learning at all school levels, and centrally, for Black History Month and throughout the year. Follow the SCDSB on social media to see how schools are recognizing Black History Month and celebrating Black excellence.



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://cdnsm5-ss14.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_210898/File/Secondary/Parents-Guide-to-Assessment.pdf

Important Dates:

February 14th—Valentine's Day Dance
February 15th—Winter Carnival
February 16th—Reports Home
February 16th—Grad Photos
February 19th—Family Day
February 22nd—Pink Shirt Day



Kindergarten registration for September 2024 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 2024? If so, we invite you to register your child for Kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

A Reminder that our parking lot is closed daily:
8:45 - 9:00am & 3:00 - 3:30pm



Council Corner

Hope all our Tiger Families are able to get out and enjoy some winter activities with all of this snow or lack of!

With Valentine's Day coming up School Council will once again be hosting a special fundraising dance on February 14. Make sure to deck our Tigers out in their Red, Pink and White and be prepared to dance their tails off! Keep your eyes peeled for the price list the week before.

Breakfast Club is super busy each morning with the kids really enjoying our special days of Grilled Cheese and Pancake Day! Thanks once again to our amazing volunteers for providing such delicious meals for all of our Tigers!

Half the school year is done but still lots to look forward to this year with Winter Carnival & Valentine's Dance, Candy Grams and nicer weather.

Next School Council meeting is February 5 in the library from 7-8 pm.

As always if you have any questions for parent council please email rpschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Safe Arrival System for SCDSB schools

Please call 1-888-885-8065 to report an absence
This school year, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) launched a new Safe Arrival system at elementary schools. This system supports us in continuing to improve our home-to-school communication process and streamlines absence reporting. To report a student absence, call 1-888-885-8065. Callers will be prompted to identify the school before leaving a message. Parents/guardians should include the student's name, teachers' name, dates, and reason for the absence. When schools do not hear from a parent/guardian, and a student is absent, the school will call home to find out the reason for the absence. If you have questions about the system, please contact the school office.



Mental health strategy of the month - Just Breathe

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 Just Breathe. The purpose of this strategy is to help students develop a mind/body connection, self-regulation, awareness of emotions, and resiliency by practising deep breathing.

To practice Just Breathe at home, follow these steps:

Place your hands flat on your stomach or pay attention to your stomach.

As you breathe deeply in through your nose, send this breath all the way to your stomach.

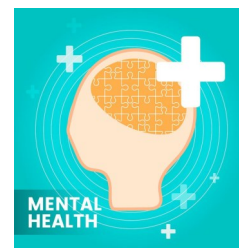
Feel your stomach expand and your hands move out.

Breathe out. Feel your stomach contract and your hands move in.

Repeat 5-6 times.

Practice deep belly breathing any time you feel stressed or upset. Find more information to support your child's mental health here: <https://smho-smso.ca/parents-and-caregivers/>.

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



Online Luring and Grooming

As part of our shared commitment to educating our students about digital citizenship and cyber awareness, this month we are highlighting online luring and grooming. The following info sheet has been created by the Educational Collaborative Network of Ontario (ECNO) to overview:

What online luring and grooming is

Commonly used tactics that online predators use

Helpful tips to stay safe

How to report if necessary

Info sheet: https://ecno.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/ECNO-CAM-Calendar-23-Aug3023_GroomingLuring.pdf

For additional activities and information, please refer to the digital citizenship resources for parents/guardians that are available on the Safe Schools page on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/safe_schools). The Ministry of Education has also provided information and resources in PPM 166 Keeping Students Safe: Policy Framework for School Board Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocols: www.ontario.ca/document/education-ontario-policy-and-program-direction/policyprogram-memorandum-166.

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!

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 (ERIK), parent/guardian education, referrals to community resources, nutrition information, and post-natal resources.

Check with your local EarlyON provider:

<https://linktr.ee/earlyonsimcoe>.

As students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared, which eases each student's transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes are authorized under the Education Act. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure, and protected at all times. Please contact Scott Young, Superintendent of Education, if you would like more information about the transition process at Regent Park.

Child care programs available on PA days, holidays, and March Break

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 March Break (March 11 to 15). Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. For more information and contact numbers, please visit:

https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after.

Developing fluency through repeated reading

Fluency, the ability to read smoothly, accurately, and with expression, is a fundamental skill that significantly impacts a child's overall reading proficiency. When children read fluently, they can focus more on comprehension, understanding the meaning behind the words, rather than struggling with decoding.

Repeated reading is a highly effective strategy that involves a child reading the same text multiple times. This method aims to enhance fluency, comprehension, and overall reading proficiency. By revisiting a text, readers become more familiar with the words and structure, leading to increased speed and accuracy. Additionally, repeated reading allows children to focus on expression and intonation, promoting a more natural and engaging reading style. This approach is particularly beneficial for struggling readers, as it builds confidence and reinforces word recognition. As parents/guardians, incorporating repeated reading into your child's routine not only reinforces the joy of reading but also cultivates a strong foundation for improved fluency and comprehension skills over time.