JUNE 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Bradford Greenhouses
As spring approaches we start to think about gardening. Once again this year, Bradford Greenhouse has included us in their rebate program. When you are shopping at Bradford Greenhouse this spring and summer, please mention our school name before the cashier starts checking out items. Thank you for your support. Every little bit helps!

LOST & FOUND ITEMS
During the week of Monday June 17th - Friday June 21st, 2013 all found items will be placed in the library hallway. Please feel free to come into the school to search for those long lost items you may have thought were gone. The custodian will be bagging and taking to Goodwill Friday the 21st!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION!
FULL DAY EVERY DAY!
Kindergarten classrooms are active, stimulating, supportive and challenging. Your child will learn to make choices, take risks, create, explore and solve problems. A good Kindergarten program provides a sound foundation for all future learning.
If your child was born in 2009 he/she is eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2013.
To register, parents must:
• show proof of their child’s age (original birth certificate is a MUST!!)
• immunization record
• live within our school boundaries
• bring work numbers for either or both parents
• bring an emergency number where we can reach a friend or relative if we are unable to reach you.
• Please call the office to set up a time to register your child as soon as possible @705-728-9251.

ORGANIZATION OF CLASSES
When school starts on September 3rd, students will greet their new teacher and classmates right on the yard. Staff will have class lists and they’ll direct students to the area where their new class is gathering. Then students will proceed directly to their 2013/14 classes.
Be prepared for possible reorganization within the first few weeks. Due to changing enrolment from new registrations and/or families who have moved, it is reasonable to expect that your child may be moved to another class at the beginning of the school year. It is important that you help your child understand and accept this situation.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SEPTEMBER
PRIMARY DIVISION
- 5 duotangs
- 1 writer folder with 2 pockets
- Glue stick – white only
- 3 holed lined refill paper
- Pencils – yellow HB#2
- Pink pearl erasers
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencil case
- Box of Kleenex
- Indoor shoes
- Change of clothing

JUNIOR DIVISION
- math set (compass, protractor) Grade 6
- pencils, erasers, coloured pencils
- pens (blue, red, green, black) Grade 6
- Pencil sharpener
- Indoor shoes – athletic
- Calculator
- duotangs

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION
- 4x 1” binders - Language, Math, Rotary,
- Lined paper
- Memory stick
- Markers
- Calculator
- Math set (geometry set)
- Pen/pencils/pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- White out
- Gym clothes (shorts/t-shirt/running shoes)
- Highlighters
- Cloth pencil case

RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS! Please respect this request immediately so that we can complete our inventory. Forgotten books cost your school. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Last day to return books: Mon. June 10th.

Our thanks to the following parents who represented you so well on the 12-13 Council
Your School Council Executive – 2012-2013
Lianne Power – Chair
Leanne Gorbell, Jill Hebert, Mary Wuergler, Linda Hawk, Donna Lange, Jodi Stevens, Danielle Landry, Jennifer Conjerts, Melissa Cripps.
Teacher Reps: S.MacLean
Principal: M.Temmer.
Message from your chair:
I would like to thank all members of the School Council for the past year. It has been an exciting year and we look forward to what next year will bring. I want to thank the Johnson Street families for any contributions to our fundraising for various items we have purchased for the school.
Have a safe and enjoyable summer.
Leanne Power
School Council Chair 2012-2013

SOS – Save Our Subscriptions!
Our QSP Family Reading Magazine Program will be returning this FALL, so please save your magazine orders (new or renewals) and order them through our school program.
We all benefit!
- Our school earns profits through magazines people already purchase.
- QSP prices are up to 85% off of newsstand prices. A single magazine can cost as little as $1.00 per issue. That’s a great investment in literacy!
- Any reading material, including magazines, will encourage children to read and a parent who reads is a great role model!
If you can’t wait until our program starts, you can order early and still support our school by shopping online! It’s easy...just visit www.QSP.ca.

Your children are certainly fortunate to attend school in such a caring, giving community as ours. They should appreciate the benefits they enjoy. Thank YOU for your continuing support.

Report Cards
Final reports will be sent home on Tuesday, June 25th.

FINAL ATTENDANCE DAY for students is THURSDAY, JUNE 27th, 2013

ALL SK– students begin Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013

School’s in for Summer!
Join us for summer school, where you will improve your Numeracy skills in an interactive and engaging environment.
Students entering grades 7, 8, or 9 in September 2013 may be interested in attending summer school in order to prepare for the upcoming school year. The program runs Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, August 12-23, 2013. Summer school sites are established in six locations throughout the county and limited bussing is available. Please contact your child’s teacher or school administrative staff for registration forms and information. You can also contact your local learning centre or visit www.thelearningcentres.com for more information.

Prevent ‘brain drain’ over the summer – keep your kids reading and writing!
As children’s first and most important teachers, parents have a major role to play in motivating children to read and write during the summer months. Here are some strategies to encourage summertime reading:

- Lead by example. When parents read the newspaper or pick up a magazine or book, children will better understand that literature can be a fun and important part of their summer days. Talk about what your children are reading and to tell them what you are reading.
- Keep up bedtime reading sessions! Your child craves routine (yes, even in summer), and reading together is an investment that you should keep up year-round. Seize this time to delve into longer adventures or series that might be too daunting for the school year.
- Encourage reading! If your kids are less than enthusiastic, try an incentive program to help keep them motivated to read and cultivate a joy for reading. Create a sticker chart to reward them every time they finish a book, or, if they are older, rewarding them with a weekend outing or extra hour to hang out with friends may help motivate them to read.
- Visit a local library and participate in summer programs for children.
Encourage your child to extend their writing skills by keeping a nature, travel or reading journal. They can write about the places they see on family vacations (they could even make a scrapbook), record nature walks and things they see, or keep a log of good books they have read. A daily entry could be in any format - a list, a poem, blog or a comic strip. Encourage your children to look up new words in the thesaurus or dictionary and use descriptive words (adjectives) to describe their adventures.

Volunteer for the Roots of Empathy program next year

The SCDSB is recruiting volunteer instructors to facilitate the internationally recognized Roots of Empathy (ROE) program in elementary schools in the 2013-14 school year. The program invites a neighbourhood infant and parent to visit an elementary school classroom several times over the school year. A trained ROE instructor coaches students to observe the baby’s development and to label the baby's feelings. The instructor also delivers all aspects of the ROE curriculum in the classroom and builds respectful relationships with the participating family, classroom teacher and students. The SCDSB and Roots of Empathy are looking for volunteer instructors from diverse professional backgrounds. Experience in education, health, social work, counselling, speech therapy and recreation are essential skills to be eligible to volunteer for this program. The program also welcomes retired principals, school board superintendents, and police officers. Classroom experience and knowledge of infant development are major assets.

All training and materials are provided and instructors must be willing to make a two-year commitment to the program. Instructor training will take place in Midhurst in late August 2013 and instructors will be placed in schools within their geographical area in Simcoe County. Email roots@scdsb.on.ca for more information.

Immunization Records

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required by law to keep an up-to-date immunization record on file for every student who attends elementary or secondary school in Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka. Unfortunately the health unit does not receive immunization information directly from doctor’s offices, therefore parents need to contact the health unit each time students receive a vaccine from their health care provider to update their record. If a student’s immunization record on file with the health unit is not up-to-date, the health unit will send a notice to parents, and students will be required to update their records to be up to date. Immunization clinics are no longer held in secondary schools. If a student is due for immunizations, an appointment can be made with their health care provider or at a health unit immunization clinic by contacting Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520. Parents can now provide updated immunization information to the health unit online at: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline. For more information visit the immunization page on the health unit’s website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Extreme Heat

In extreme heat, the body’s temperature control system can become overwhelmed. Sweating helps to cool the body; however, when the humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. Children have a high metabolic rate and therefore produce more heat. Their capacity to sweat is not as great compared to adults; so it is more difficult for them to release heat from their bodies and the effects of dehydration are greater. To protect children’s health when temperatures and humidity are high, keep cool by:

- Drawing blinds/curtains to prevent radiant heat from entering rooms
- Drink plenty of fluids (non-caffeinated) - even more than thirst indicates
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing
- Keep physical activity to a minimum – especially during peak high temperature times

For more information about extreme heat and how to stay cool, visit the health unit’s website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520, or 1-877-721-7520.

Sun Sense

When your shadow is short
Stay out of the sun.
When your shadow is tall
Go out and have fun!
Slip on a shirt
Slap on a hat
Slop on some sun screen!
(And that is that!)

Summer School registration

Now is the time to register for summer school! New for 2013, students can complete Grade 10 Civics and Careers credits while travelling to Ottawa, Montreal and New York City, and leadership program credit programs will be available at Geneva Park near Orillia. Students can also register for the following, regular summer school programs:

- Specialized Summer Co-operative Education (see your guidance counselor for referral)
- Grades 10, 11 and 12 credit courses
- Grades 9 and 10 credit upgrade
- Grades 9 and 10 science upgrade
- Grades 7, 8 and 9 Numeracy Preparatory Program

Summer school programs are offered throughout July and August. Further details and registration information about summer school can be found at: http://www.thelearningcentres.com/learning-centres-programs/summer-school.

Online payment option coming soon to our school

You will soon have the opportunity to pay for school trips, hot lunch days and other school fees online. We’re introducing the cashless school program to help reduce
the amount of money traveling to school and to provide a
convenient option for our parents. The cashless school
program will be phased in across the Simcoe County
District School Board during the 2013-14 school year.
More information will be shared as we get closer to
implementation at our school.

First Rider: A program for first time JK/SK/Primary
bus riders
Do you have a child taking the bus for the first time in
September? The Simcoe County Student Transportation
Consortium (SCSTC) is pleased to welcome your
student to the experience of riding on the school bus for
the first time! To help ensure a happy and rewarding
experience for your child, the SCSTC invites you and
your child to take part in the informative First Rider
Program - a school bus safety program for first time
JK/SK/Primary school bus riders.
This FREE program is provided by the SCSTC, in
partnership with our school bus operators, to educate
students and their families of the rules and
responsibilities on and around the school bus. Parents
and students from any school may attend any of the
sessions. Visit
http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/safety for more
information and the August 2013 program schedule.

Reduced-cost dental services from Georgian College
During the months of May and June, Dental Assistant
Students at Georgian College will be offering select
dental services to members of the community between
the ages of 8 to 25 years. Community members are
invited to access services for a fee of $10. Services
include polishing, fluoride application, dental sealants,
sports mouthguards (additional fee), teeth whitening
(additional fee) and oral hygiene instructions. For more
information or to book an appointment, call the Georgian
College Oral Health Clinic at 705-728-1968 ext. 1388

YMCA of Simcoe-Muskoka – Healthy Kids Day
in Barrie on June 2
On Sunday, June 2, the Barrie YMCA (22 Grove St. W.)
will be holding a Healthy Kids Day from 12 to 2:30 p.m.
The event will feature FREE activities for families to
engage in active play and learn healthier habits (snacks,
crafts, stories, adventures, games, prizes). Check with
your local YMCA facility or visit
www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca for more information
about local Healthy Kids Day events in your area.

Do you want to recognize someone who contributes
positively to your community?
The Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration
invites nominations for deserving people who make a
difference. The Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship
recognizes individuals who, through exceptional long-
term efforts, have made outstanding contributions to
their communities. Visit
http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/hono
urs/goodcitizenship.shtml for more information. The
nomination deadline is July 17.

BALL HOCKEY INFORMATION
Please go to link below for more information regarding
ball hockey in Barrie. There is also a brochure on the