



Admiral Collingwood Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Courage - we do the right thing even when it's difficult.

More information about character education can be found here: www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 1—Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov 4—School Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Nov 1-7—Canadian Down Syndrome Week
Nov 2-6—Treaties Recognition Week
Nov 11—Remembrance Day
Nov 11—Wear Red for Remembrance Day
Nov 12—Progress Reports home
Nov 13—World Kindness Day
Nov 15-21—Bullying Awareness Week
Nov 20—P.A. Day—No Classes
Nov 20—Trans Day of Remembrance
Nov 22—National Child Day
Nov 26—Country Western Day

ADMIRAL COLLINGWOOD SCHOOL HOURS



- ◆ 8:40-8:55- Arrival Time
- ◆ 8:55 - Instructional Day Begins
- ◆ 10:35-11:15 - Morning Break
- ◆ 12:55-1:35 - Afternoon Break
- ◆ 3:05-3:15 - Staggered Dismissal

NO VISITOR ACCESS

Following the direction from our local health authority, the SMDHU, all SCDSB schools will be closed to parents/guardians and visitors. Parents/guardians may ring the doorbell at elementary schools to receive assistance.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

School council is an excellent way to be involved in your child's school. We will be meeting virtually until we are given permission to meet face to face. The next school council meeting this year will be on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Topic: November School Council

Time: 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83793995739pwd=cTJkTUdJbHVEbVJ3S2pHcTdnVm1iZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 9399 5739

Passcode: G98MV6

COVID- 19 SELF-ASSESSMENT

All students and staff will be expected to self-screen prior to attending school each day, using a self-assessment tool provided by the SMDHU. Students or staff with symptoms must stay home from school. To access the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

Daily COVID-19
Self-Screening Tools



SAFE ARRIVAL - FOR ATTENDANCE



When your child is going to be absent or late you **MUST** call the school's **SAFE ARRIVAL** line 705-445-0811 ext. 1. This must be done even if you've given the teacher a note regarding the absence, so the office is aware of the absence. There could be a supply teacher in, not knowing of a previous note. **If you have opted out of receiving Safe Arrival calls from the office please disregard the above.

SCHOOL FORMS

Please note that the acknowledgment and Permissions Form that would normally be sent home with your child(ren) will only be accessible using School Cash Online. If you have not yet registered for School Cash Online, please follow the instructions on the Parent School Cash Online letter that was sent home with your child. If you need another copy of the instructions, please let us know. These forms are important as they will allow your student to participate in any planned community walking trips and give permission for photos to be taken. Please follow the link here to go to the School Cash Online site: <https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com/>



NOVEMBER PA DAY

Please note that Friday, Nov. 20 is a PA day for all secondary and elementary SCDSB students, both Learn@Home and in school. Please refer to the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.



KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

[National health guidelines](#) recommend that children and youth (aged 5-17) have high levels of physical activity, low levels of sedentary behavior and sufficient sleep each day for a balanced lifestyle. Here are three easy tips to help your kids stay healthy and active:

Get more sleep – Getting the [recommended hours of sleep](#) each night can go a long way in ensuring everyone in your family has the proper energy to take on the next day. More sleep means better ability to get moving and think more clearly!

Practice relaxation – Mental health is just as important as physical health. Now more than ever, we are realizing the important connection between the mind and body in our overall wellbeing. Providing yourself and your kids with a small amount of relaxation or 'time out' every day – even just 15 minutes – can improve your health dramatically. Try doing a [virtual family yoga class](#) to reduce stress and clear the mind!

Get active together – When you're active with your kids, it sends them an important message about healthy living. Get out for a walk, play outside or do a [family workout](#) from the comfort of your home. It's always more fun to exercise with a buddy!

Looking for ways to keep your children active and healthy while in a remote learning environment? YGym offers free virtual physical activities from YMCA certified fitness instructors for children of varying ages and abilities. Visit YMCAHome.ca/YGym for free virtual physical activities for children and youth, anywhere, anytime!



Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION POPPY CAMPAIGN



The SCDSB has a time-honoured relationship with our local Royal Canadian Legions through the annual poetry and poster competitions and the annual poppy campaign. For the 2020-2021 year, it is our intention to once again support the poppy campaign. Due to the health and safety protocols in place, we will not be collecting donations from students. Instead, schools are asked to work with their school councils to make a suitable donation through school generated funds. Families interested in making their own donations can do so by visiting the Royal Canadian Legion's poppy campaign at 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.



Historically, in-person Grade 1 FI Family Information Nights are held annually in advance of the application process for the following school year. This year, due to restrictions to large-group public gatherings, in-person Family Information Nights will not be held. In lieu of this, an [information page on the board's public website](#) has been created to allow families the ability to access and learn about the program and the application process.

The online Grade 1 FI application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 until 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020. In Grade 1, enrollment in the FI Program is limited to a maximum of two classes of 20 students per class at each host site for the FI program. The electronic applications will be processed in the order determined by a digitally randomized lottery system.

Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENTS FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information events will happen virtually this winter. Student leaders and staff at the school will give an overview of what's new and what to expect. Different pathways and courses offered will be explained. Visit the SCDSB website for more information.



TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK TAKES PLACE NOV. 2 TO 6

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it is Nov. 2 to 6. Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties.



TREATIES
RECOGNITION WEEK

MPOWER: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S MATH LEARNING

Are you looking for a way to provide extra math practice for your child at home, in a fun and engaging format? [TVO mPower](#) is a free digital tool that includes 65+ online games to support the mastery of tough-to-learn math concepts.

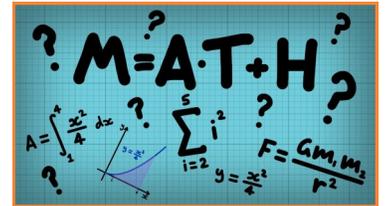
TVO mPower's goals are:

1. To provide Ontario students with opportunities to practice important math skills and to foster positive attitudes towards math by making learning fun and engaging
2. To show students that math is everywhere by connecting math games to the big ideas in science and social studies

To support students to develop 21st century global competencies by integrating skills such as metacognition, problem solving, creativity and citizenship

TVO mPower is:

1. Ontario curriculum-based: Aligns with the Ontario mathematics, science and technology and social studies curricula while also supporting the development of global competencies
2. Learner-centered: Tracks student progress and responds to learners' needs
3. Assessment-driven: Includes teacher dashboard and educator resources
4. Tested and trusted: Developed in partnership with Ontario educators and students
5. Free: Always free for Ontario students and educators - and now for Ontario families
6. Safe and advertising-free



Available for desktop and laptop computers and iPad tablets

Visit tvompower.com for more information

SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT (SMDHU) CLINICAL SERVICES CHANGES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Vision screening

The SMDHU will not be offering the Vision Screening Program for JK/SK for the 2020-2021 school year. Eye exams are free, with an OHIP card, for children 19 years old and under. Visit the [College of Optometrists of Ontario](#) to find an optometrist near you.

Oral health

Oral health screening at school will be delayed this year. The SMDHU will be looking for an opportunity to offer this screening later in the year if possible.

Screening and fluoride varnish application continues to be available in our offices by appointment for children 17 years and under.

Immunization

The SMDHU will not be holding immunization clinics at your child's school during the 2020-2021 school year. We are planning to have school-based immunizations offered in the 2021-2022 school year for Grade 7 and 8 students.

For families of current Grade 8 students who have not completed their immunization series of Hepatitis B (HB), Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Menactra due to COVID-19, we are offering immunization clinics at our health unit offices throughout Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka. Immunization clinics start Nov. 2, 2020 and are by appointment only. No walk-ins will be immunized. Please call us at 1-877-721-7520 x8827 to book your child's appointment.

For more information on SMDHU clinical services for children, please contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, or visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 <i>Day Saving Time Ends</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
Treaties Recognition Week Canadian Down Syndrome Week						
8	9	10	11 <i>Remembrance Day</i> <i>Wear Red!</i>	12 <i>Progress Reports Home</i>	13 <i>World Kindness Day</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>P.A. Day</i> <i>Trans Day of Remembrance</i>	21
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29	30					

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705-445-0811 ext. 1. Our Safe Arrival line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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School Website/Twitter

Please subscribe to our school website at adm.scdsb.on.ca or follow us on Twitter @acfleet to get updates and information.