



# Grizzly News

## June 2021



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### Administrators' Message

Once again, we sit on the precipice of indecision. As I write the final Principal's Message of the 2020/2021 school year, we remain uncertain as to whether or not we will be able to welcome our students into the building for the few remaining weeks of the school year. I am certain however, that if our doors open this month we will be ready, and if they do not, we will be eagerly awaiting the return of the children next September.

Looking forward, I believe we can start to be optimistic once again about social gatherings. With that in mind, please find information in this month's newsletter pertaining to summer childcare opportunities. Summer childcare, summer camps, and gatherings with friends should be a focus this summer. As restrictions are lifted, and as your comfort level allows, please take some time to look into programs that allow your child(ren) to get outside. Many summer camps are starting to plan for the possibility of programming throughout July and August. Looking for opportunities for children to get back to 'normal' is important for their mental health and well-being. Now is the time to start looking into these possibilities.

Finally, thank you for your continued support. Ms. Jowett, the staff, and I have been truly appreciative of the kind words, the support, the patience and the understanding that we have been greeted with by the Maple Grove community. These past two years have certainly been the most difficult in recent educational history. Thank you to the fantastic Maple Grove Staff, and the fantastic Maple Grove community for continuing to make this a special little school.

With hope that we can all be together soon,

Mr. Norris  
Principal





**UPCOMING DATES & DAYS OF RECOGNITION:**

May 30th- June 5th National Accessibility Week  
June 4th PA Day (No School)  
June 18th Beach Day  
June 24th Report Cards go home  
June 29th Last Day of School

**GRIZZLY SPIRIT WEAR!**



We have had many requests to sell school clothing this year and to offer spirit wear for purchase. Please go to the following website to shop for the clothing of your choice:

<http://maplegrove.entripyshops.com/>

Shop Name:  
**Maple Grove Shop**

URL:

<http://maplegrove.entripyshops.com/>

**Spirit Wear:**

Please note you can buy new spirit wear clothing by simply picking your team's colour and selecting the design you like best.

**School Clothing:**

If you want to buy school clothing go take a look at the numerous options.

**Benefits to using online ordering:**

- Items will be delivered directly to you
- 10% of sales go back to the school if there is \$1000 or more in purchases
  - The website will be available all year long
- You can buy a large variety of clothing items and accessories

**Thank you for the ongoing support Grizzlies,  
we are Maple Grove proud over here!**





LAST MONTH'S CHALLENGE WAS TO START GROWING SOMETHING YELLOW!



## STUDENT LEARNING SHOWCASE



Ben S. Grade 1 / Rae S. Grade 3  
Ms. Astin / Mr. Hutchins



Emmett W. Grade 3  
Ms. Crotin Learn@Home



Lucas S. Grade 3  
Ms. Crotin Learn@Home

**NEWS**

**SCDSB family updates and contact information**

As we continue to plan for the 2021-22 school year, we encourage you to visit the SCDSB website ([www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca)) and social media channels (@SCDSB on Facebook and Instagram and @SCDSB\_schools on Twitter) for updates and information over the summer months. If you have recently changed your email address, have a new telephone number or have moved, please contact the school directly to update your information on file so that we can communicate with you effectively, efficiently and securely!

**Register now for before and after school programs for September 2021**

Register your child(ren) now for the before and after school program at our school for the 2021-22 school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2021 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2021**. Please contact **YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka Coordinator Kelsey Jackson**, at [kelsey.jackson@sm.ymca.ca](mailto:kelsey.jackson@sm.ymca.ca) or **705-896-1102** to register your child(ren).

**Register now for summer child care**

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 [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/childcare\\_before\\_after](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after).

**Days of awareness and recognition taking place in June, July and August**

Throughout the year, there are many awareness days that focus on different causes and recognition. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has developed a list of these days as a guide for schools. Schools may participate in recognizing some or all of these days in various ways. This list is not exhaustive. Following are the days of awareness and recognition that the SCDSB will recognize during the months of June, July and August:

<b>May 30 to June 5</b>	National AccessAbility Week
<b>June</b>	Pride Month
<b>June 20</b>	Father's Day
<b>June 27</b>	Canadian Multiculturalism Day
<b>July 15</b>	World Youth Skills Day
<b>July 30</b>	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
<b>August 9</b>	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
<b>August 12</b>	International Youth Day

### **Character attribute for the month of June**

Responsibility - we are accountable for our actions and we follow through on commitments.

More information about character education can be found here:

[www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education).

### **Take math outdoors this summer!**

Are you looking for ways to promote and extend your child's math learning in the summer? Take math outside! Many of the everyday summer activities that your child engages in provide opportunities for making math practical through meaningful math explorations!

#### **Number**

- Count collections of objects found in nature or on a scavenger hunt
- Calculate rates and speed during running, biking and obstacle races
- Estimate the heights and lengths of natural and manmade objects outside

#### **Algebra**

- Find examples of growing and shrinking patterns in nature
- Code your friend. One person is the coder and the other is the robot. The coder must instruct the robot on how to navigate a path or do a dance around the yard

#### **Spatial**

- Use a park map to plan a route and travel to a new location
- Go on a shape hunt and find shapes in the natural environment
- Examine leaves and other objects to find symmetry
- Estimate and determine elapsed time of road trips and adventures

#### **Data**

- Keep a tally of the different types of birds that come to the feeder
- Track and graph daily temperatures over time
- Track the growth of plants in a vegetable garden and examine how they change over time

#### **Financial Literacy**

- Determine a budget and calculate the costs to refresh a garden
- Set up a lemonade stand and determine costs and sales goals
- Donate gently used outdoor items that you're done with for others to enjoy

Have fun adding some math joy to your outdoor experiences this summer!

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### **Free Personal Support Worker program - many employment opportunities available!**

The Learning Centres offer an accredited Personal Support Worker (PSW) program, taught by qualified teachers with health science backgrounds. Be finished in six months, receive a PSW certificate and earn up to six secondary school credits! Your diploma is closer than you think. Programs are starting in September at Learning Centres located in Barrie, Midland and Orillia. The program is provincially funded, and a stipend will be paid for clinical co-op placement. Visit [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com) for an information session and application requirements.

### **COVID-19 Vaccination for Youth 12 - 17 years of age**

As of May 23, 2021, youth aged 12-17 years of age are eligible to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment through the provincial booking system ([www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/](http://www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/)), the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line (1-833-943-3900) or at select pharmacies administering the Pfizer vaccine ([www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/](http://www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/)). To book an appointment online, these individuals **must** already be 12 years old as of the date of their booking.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### **Get outside and play!**

Active play does more than help kids to achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity they need every day, it supports their development in many ways – especially when the play is outdoors, self-directed and fun. This allows kids to test boundaries and problem-solve, develop social skills and resolve conflict, and learn to control their emotions and behaviour. Encourage activities that support physical distancing and that fall within current provincial or municipal COVID-19 prevention guidelines.

Active play outdoors in the fresh air and nature also helps to improve mood and lower stress. Support your child to play outside with friends in the neighbourhood and at your local park as much as possible.

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### **Hot weather has arrived!**

Help your child stay cool during the day by giving them plenty of water and encouraging them to drink even if they're not thirsty. Kids don't sweat or release heat from their bodies as easily as adults, so they can become dehydrated quickly. Dress them in lightweight, light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and don't forget to put sunscreen on before they head outside.

For more tips to help your family stay cool this summer, visit the health unit's website at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

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