

Grizzly News

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Dear Maple Grove Families,

Happy November! The weather has suddenly changed and cooler temperatures have arrived. Please ensure your child has a warm jacket, hat and mittens/gloves for outdoor recesses. If your child has outgrown last year's winter gear, you are welcome to attend our annual clothing swap which is taking place November 15 – 17th in the school gymnasium. Gently used clothing and outdoor gear will be available to families free of charge.

Maple Grove has been a very busy hub over the last 2 months. Our cross country runners had an impressive showing at recent meets. The coaches are extremely proud of the sportsmanship and leadership displayed from all our young athletes. On the volleyball and basketball courts, our intermediate teams have been practicing to compete with other schools. Half way through the season, we are once again impressed with the dedication and responsibility our students consistently demonstrate.

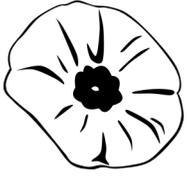
This month the entire student community will be focusing on responsibility as part of our Board's commit to character initiative. The students understand there are many ways to show responsibility including, having their learning materials organized, being at school on time and following through with classroom expectations. Our intermediate Student Cabinet members have been tremendous role models for the entire student body. They have introduced many school activities including spirit days, Waste Free Wednesdays, fund raising for global communities and planning ahead for our Annual Christmas Cheer. Recently, four of our student leaders met our new director, Mr. Steven Blake. They sat with him to discuss some of their goals and responsibilities as Student Cabinet members. He was very impressed with our young leaders and their commitment to making the school a great place.

The staff looks forward to connecting with families at our upcoming teacher interviews. We value your input and ongoing support.

Partners in Education,

Jennifer Walsh (Principal) and Rob Norris (Vice-Principal)





Poppies

Each child at Maple Grove will receive a poppy. The Annual Poppy Campaign helps to raise money for our Legion. The school canvas is a vital factor in the success of the Legion campaign. Please remember to send in money for the poppies to help support programs. Thank you.

Safe Arrival

Remember parents it is your duty to contact the school when your child will be absent. It is imperative we hear from you as we need to know your child is safe and supervised.



705-728-5201 Press #1 for Safe Arrival. Thank you!



ECO Cabinet News

Congratulations to Riley Gaston and Jake Vroom who have been elected at the Eco Cabinet Ministers for this school year.

Waste Free Wednesdays.

Thank you everyone for supporting our Waste Free Wednesdays. WFW will continue for the remainder of the year as we work to divert waste through the use of reusable containers.

Separate the Straws

Just a reminder that the straws in juice boxes are currently not recyclable. You can help by reminding your children to Separate the Straws when they have finished drinking their juice boxes.

Eco Energy Audit

Eco Cabinet students have started checking classrooms for good eco energy practices. Look out for merit mentions in coming newsletters.

Organic Waste

Currently the City of Barrie does not collect organic waste from our schools, unlike schools in the County of Simcoe. Big Green Stamp of Approval to Mrs. McDonough, Mr. Hutchins and Mrs. Potts/Mrs. Posluns who individually divert organic waste from their classrooms, and to Mrs Craig's class who are operating the worm farm.

Water Bottles for Sale

Get your Grizzly water bottle while they last! For only \$4.00 you too could own this awesome water bottle and stay hydrated. At Maple Grove we have our own water bottle filling station. Hurry while supplies last. Come see Mrs. Read for yours!



Message From The Learning Commons

Are you looking for some new books to inspire your young readers? Have you already started to think about holiday shopping? Please visit the Scholastic Book Fair being held in the Learning Commons on

Wednesday, Nov. 15th 3:30-5:30 pm, Thursday, Nov. 16th 3:30-8:30 pm

Or

Friday, Nov. 17th from 8:30-11:00 am

The sale will feature activity kits, a table of discounted items, and a selection of French language books, in addition to many of the same titles from the October Fair. All proceeds go toward the purchase of new books for our Learning Commons.

Annual Winter Clothing Swap

Donations Are Needed!

Please drop off your clean gently used, seasonal items any time before November 13th, 2017.

Items needed include:

Snow pants, winter coats, winter boots, track pants, hoodies, sweaters, jeans, running shoes, hats, mittens, scarves.

Clothing items in sizes from infant to adult.



Barrie Colts Fundraiser

Save the date, Saturday February 17th 2018 will be our annual Maple Grove night at the Barrie Colts game!

After last years successful evening, the Barrie Colts have a Maple Grove promotion!

Mention Maple Grove at the box office, or use promo code MAPLEGROVE online and receive all THURSDAY night games for just \$20.00 each! With each ticket purchase, \$3.00 will be donated back to Maple Grove!

Go Colts Go!



Bussed Students

School busses are offered to Simcoe County students who live in prescribed bussing areas outlined by the Simcoe County Transportation Consortium. While bussing takes place outside of instructional time, students who ride on busses are still subject to the Simcoe County Code of Conduct. In addition to rules and safety precautions that exist at school, students riding on busses are also expected to abide by the safety guidelines outlined by bus drivers and trained safety patrollers.



Please be advised, that students who pose a safety issue (jumping seats, hands-on behaviour, etc.) or repeated use of profanity or inappropriate and/or offensive comments will be removed from the bus for a period of time determined by school administration.

Mabel's Labels

Maple Grove Public School has joined up with Mabel's Labels to earn funds to fundraise for our school. A new school year is here and now is a great time to purchase durable, water-proof labels from Mabel's Labels and support our school! Simply place your order at campaigns.mabelslabels.com and select "Maple Grove Public School (Barrie)" from the School/ Organization drop-down list. You'll know you're crediting your order to us when our school name is displayed on the top left of the screen. Thank you in advance for assisting us with our fundraising efforts! Enjoy your labels! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Mrs. Read.



Rainbows at Maple Grove

Rainbows is a peer support program for children who have suffered a significant loss in their family. This loss may be due to a death, separation, or divorce. When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. When families experience a loss, not only do the adults grieve, the children do also. Because of their age and short life experience, children find it extremely difficult to verbalize their feelings of grief.

The Rainbows program at Maple Grove will be facilitated by sensitive and caring staff members, who are trained to help these children put their feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in their family. The strength of the program is in the peer support, which the children provide to one another. They recognize that they are not alone in the issues and feelings that they are experiencing. They share their feelings in a safe and confidential environment and hopefully come to a more positive acceptance of the changes in their family.

The program is being offered to students from **SK (Year 2) – eight**. The children will be arranged into small, age appropriate groups and will meet weekly for about 12 weeks.

If you feel your child would benefit from this program and at least six months has passed from the time of death, divorce or separation, please send your child's name, their teacher's name and contact information addressed to Mrs. Read.

Christmas Babysitting Fundraiser

Parents who need some time to do Christmas shopping are invited to register Maple Grove K-6 students to participate in our Christmas babysitting fundraiser. The Kindergarten staff will be facilitating a fun night of Christmas crafts, dinner, and a movie. The fundraiser will take place at Maple Grove Public School on December 5th and 7th between 5:00 and 7:30pm. Pre-registration only. Permission forms will be sent home shortly.



Special Thank You

The kindergarten staff and students would like to thank Mr, Beaudrie and his team for all of their hard work in fixing our kindergarten sandbox. We hope to continue to beautify our kindie yard now that we have such a sturdy base from which to build. Thank you!



Upcoming Events

November 5th - Daylight Savings Time Ends– Clocks go back 1 hour.

November 6th - Parent Council Meeting– 6pm - 7:30pm - Open to anyone wishing to attend

November 6th - Picture Retake Day

November 13th—17th– Parent/Teacher Interviews

November 15th - 17th - Annual Winter Clothing Swap

November 15th - 17th– Book Fair in the Library

November 17th– PA Day

November 21st - Grade 4,5 & 6 to Cineplex

November 24th - Plaid Spirit Day

November 27th - Grade 7 Vaccinations

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S.C.D.S.B. NEWS

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):

- you can subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://MAP.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. When you fill out your email and click Subscribe, an email will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.
- for Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) media releases and event information, visit the 'News' section under 'About Us' on the SCDSB's website: www.scdsb.on.ca. The SCDSB Education Centre can be reached at 705-734-6363.
- follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook ([facebook.com/SCDSB](https://www.facebook.com/SCDSB)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/scdsb](https://www.instagram.com/scdsb)), through SCDSB's Sharing Simcoe blog (www.sharingsimcoe.com), we share stories of our amazing staff, students and school communities. For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's website at: main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. And remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.

Students are expected to respect the guidelines when dressing for school. Our school is a safe space. We work to be equitable and inclusive, and understand that students may choose to express themselves through their clothing choices. Student clothing cannot pose a safety concern or conceal identity. Exceptions are granted to students who wear head coverings or other garments/objects for the purposes of religious observance, medical or sensory needs, or other reasons protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The SCDSB dress code is available in the student agenda and online at www.scdsb.on.ca. If you have questions

about the dress code, you can contact the principal or the SCDSB Equity and Inclusive Education Team at 705-728-7570.

Bus cancellation information reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the

zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>

High school information nights coming to a school near you!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered:

Barrie North Collegiate,: Wednesday January 17th, 2018 from 7-8:30pm at 110 Grove St. East.

Eastview Secondary School: Thursday, February 22nd, 2018 from 6:30– 8pm at 421 Grove St. East.

Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

SCDSB online tool for reporting bullying, drug use or vandalism

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://map.scdsb.on.ca>, as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is our top priority. For more information, visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

SCDSB's new Holy Days and Holidays Calendar now available

The students and staff of the SCDSB represent a rich diversity of faith traditions. The Holy Days and Holidays calendar helps identify some of the important days of commemoration, however it isn't designed to be a complete listing of religious days. Students and staff from a particular faith background may or may not be absent from school on these special days. If they do attend, certain accommodations may be required. To view the July 2017 - December 2018 calendar, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, click on 'Schools,' 'School Year Calendars' and then 'Holy Days and Holidays Calendar.' You can also learn more the significant faith dates that the SCDSB recognizes.

November 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week

Nov 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week. The SCDSB will be marking this week by providing schools with a variety of resources to increase awareness and education among staff and students. We hope that your child will share some of what they are learning this week and we have included some helpful resources to support you in conversations you might be having with your kids:

- www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/unplug-and-play
- <http://parentactionondrugs.org>
- www.drugfreekidscanada.org
- www.camh.ca

Eye See...Eye Learn program offers free glasses for Junior Kindergarten students

The Eye See...Eye Learn program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeyelearn.ca.

Volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters and our schools

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Barrie & District is proud to partner with the SCDSB to run three mentoring programs for students. Volunteers are welcome to apply to mentor students for as little as one hour per week. Call BBBS Barrie at 705-728-0515 or visit www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie to find out more. The Orillia (705-325-3151), Georgian Triangle (705-445-2330) and North Simcoe (705-526-5051) BBBS locations also welcome volunteers for their in-school mentoring programs.

OHIP+ provides free prescription drug coverage for children

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrollment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no up-front costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus.

Nutri-eSTEP can help your family encourage healthy eating habits

Are you a parent of a Kindergarten student? Do you sometimes worry about your child's healthy eating? Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP. You answer 17 questions to find out what's going well and what to work on to keep your child healthy. Nutri-eSTEP is a questionnaire for parents with children aged 18 months to five years of age. When you help your children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. For more information, call Health Connection weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or toll free 1-877-721-7520.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

It's time to update your child's immunization records

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up to date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. It's easier than ever to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record, or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

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