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Character Trait of the Month:

Cooperation

We work together towards shared goals and purposes.



E.C.E.S October Newsletter

A Word from the Principals



Thank-you ECES Families for sharing your precious children with us each day. We are grateful for the joy they bring to our lives.

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who donated a 'toonie' for the Terry Fox run. The Important recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation day was evident in our school as we flooded the halls with orange t-shirts. Staff and students honored the lost lives of indigenous children by learning historical truths and thinking of ways to show inclusiveness and kindness to everyone.

Each morning, students are required to complete a self-screen prior to attending school. The self-screening tool can be found here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

Students who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home. We ask that parents/guardians report their child's absence as part of our Safe Arrival program.

Eile Short
Principal

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Vice-Principal

REMINDERS

- NO DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY
- NO TREATS FOR SHARING IN CLASS

Daily COVID-19 self-assessment

All students and staff will be required to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessment prior to entering SCDSB schools and buildings, using the provincial self-assessment tool.

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/school-screening/>

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND BUS CANCELLATIONS

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the South zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. School staff are expected to plan for such emergencies in order to transition students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather, to their online platforms (Google Classroom and/or SCDSBhub [Brightspace by D2L]) and continue with academic programming. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

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](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.
<https://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/>

School Bus Safety Week and Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 18 to 22, 2021. Please visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for information on school bus safety and links to school bus safety resources. Oct. 20, 2021 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely.

EARLY PICK UP

We are noticing an increased number of families wishing to pick up students early.

To avoid this disruption to the learning and working environment, we ask you to avoid early pick-ups unless there is an emergency.

Please be patient if you arrive early as our office staff are working hard to support all students and families.

FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Election Results will be shared in the coming weeks.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 3 to 9

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety' works to educate everyone about the different sounds smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.

Information from the National Fire Protection Association website

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S MATH DEVELOPMENT

Are you looking for ways to support your child in developing their love of math? In class, your child has been learning about how their mindset, experiences and identity have shaped them as a math learner. You can make a difference and support your child's learning by helping them see connections between their everyday experiences and the mathematics concepts they are learning about at school.

Ways to help your child develop their personal connection with mathematics:

- notice and name the math in your day-to-day lives at home
- talk about the ways math is used in your culture
- tell stories about your positive math experiences
- share ways that math has helped you solve problems at work or home
- identify the beauty of math in nature and at home (in patterns, symmetry, geometric shapes, etc.)

We're planning a Math@Home learning series for parents and want to know what you would like to learn more about! Complete the survey at <https://bit.ly/scdsbmathathome>, and include your email for a chance to win one of three Math@Home prize packs!

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Terry Fox Run 	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Blue Jays Spirit Day 	9
10	11 Thanksgiving	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 PA Day	23
24	25 Virtual Book Fair Begins School Council 6-7 p.m.	26 	27	28	29 Black and Orange Spirit Day 	30/31

DAYS OF RECOGNITION AND HERITAGE

OCTOBER	
2021	
3	World Communion Day Christianity
5	Bodhidharma Memorial Buddhism
7-15	Sharad Navratri Hinduism
11	Thanksgiving Day Canadian Holiday
13	Nichiren Shonin Memorial Buddhism
14	Vijaya Dashmi/Dussehra Hinduism
15	Durga Ashtami Hinduism
18	Milad-un-Nabi Islam
20	Kathina begins Buddhism
20	Installation of the Guru Granth as Guru Sikhism
21	Pavarana Buddhism
23	Karva Chauth Hinduism
25	Lord Mahavir Nirvana Jainism
26	New Year/Enlightenment Day of Gautamswami Jainism
31	Samhain begins Wicca

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month (also known as Latin Heritage Month) is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of Hispanic people in the province. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/15h04>.

International Day of the Girl (October 11)

International Day of the Girl is dedicated to championing girls' rights around the world. For more information, visit <https://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/commemoration/idg-jif/index-en.html>.

Islamic Heritage Month

Islamic History Month Canada aims to celebrate, inform, educate, and share with fellow Canadians the rich Muslim heritage and contributions to society: sciences, humanities, medicine, astronomy, and other disciplines that have greatly benefited human progress. For more information, visit <http://www.ihmcanada.com/>.

Women's History Month

This month Canadians celebrate the achievements of women and girls as trailblazers throughout our history. It is a time to learn about the contributions women have made that have shaped our way of life. For more information, visit <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/commemoration/whm-mhf/index-en.html>.

