

The ROAR

September 2017

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Upcoming events:

September 18th
School Council 6:30 pm

September 28th:
Terry Fox Run/Walk (pm)

October 4th:
♦ Picture Day
♦ School meet and greet
5:00– 7pm


November 7th:
Picture re-take day
9-10 am

September's Character Trait Is

Caring

"We show kindness
towards each other."

Wyevale Central School Hours 2017-2018



8:50 - 10:30	Period 1 & 2
10:30 - 10:50	Nutrition Break
10:50 - 11:10	Fitness Break
11:10 - 12:50	Period 3 & 4
12:50 - 1:10	Nutrition Break
1:10 - 1:30	Fitness Break
1:30 - 3:10	Period 5 & 6
3:10	Dismissal

Welcome to the new school year!

We are all refreshed and ready for the 2017-18 school year! I hope you and your family enjoyed the summer as much as mine did.

Keep connected with Wyevale and the SCDSB

You can subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://wye.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. **Hard copies of the newsletter are only coming home for September, if you would continue to require a hardcopy please complete the form on the last page of this newsletter and return it to the school.**

For Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) media releases and event information, visit the 'News' section under 'About Us' at 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) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb). Our school info can be followed at @WyevaleP on twitter.

Through SCDSB's *Sharing Simcoe* blog (www.sharingsimcoe.com), we share stories of some of the amazing people involved in our schools. The blog features stories and tips from our own in-house experts and experts we work with in the community, as well as good news stories about our schools. 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.

Chris Harding, Principal



Procedures help keep our school safe

The safety and well-being of students is our top priority. We have a number of procedures in place to keep our school safe. You can help your child understand and feel safe by:

- talking to them about the situations below
- reminding them that emergencies are rare
- telling them it's important to follow staff instructions in these situations

Parents should talk about the following emergency drills with their children:

Shelter in place is used when there is an environmental or weather-related situation, like a chemical spill outside the building, or a major storm. Activities continue inside the school. Students and staff are not allowed to leave the building. The ventilation system may be shut off.

A **hold and secure** is used when there is a situation in the community, not related to the school, like a bank robbery nearby. Activities continue, but all doors are locked. No one is allowed to enter or exit the school.

A **lockdown** is used when there is a major incident or a threat of violence related to the school. Students and staff move to secure areas, away from doors and windows. Doors are locked, lights are shut off and blinds are drawn. Students and staff remain quiet. We practice lockdown drills at least two times per year. In the unlikely event of an actual lockdown situation, police ask that parents do not go to the school. Information will be communicated through the school board social media sites (www.facebook.com/SCDSB and www.twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools) and website (www.scdsb.on.ca), through local police and local media.

All schools have **evacuation plans** in case of gas leaks, bomb threats or fire incidents that would require everyone to leave the school. Each school has an evacuation site. Ours is **the Wyevale United Church**. We hold drills to practice our evacuation plan. In a real evacuation, students and staff may go to the evacuation site, depending on the situation. Parents will be informed about pick-up procedures by the school, school board and local media.

Elementary school main doors are locked during the school day. Visitors must use the **intercom system** to enter the building. **Staff may not be available to answer the door immediately, please be patient.** All visitors, including school volunteers, are required to **sign in** at the school office and wear **visitor identification**.

Staff and volunteers must complete a **criminal record check** before having contact with students.

We ask parents to contact us when their child will be absent from school as part of our **Safe Arrival** program. When we don't hear from a parent/guardian, and a student is absent, we will call home to find out the reason for the absence.

At least two staff members in every school are trained in **first aid and CPR**. All Simcoe County District School Board schools **have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)**.

When parents are at school during a drill or emergency event, they must follow direction from school staff, police, fire and/or emergency personnel. Parents may not have immediate access to their children during drills or emergencies. They may need to wait until the situation is resolved and school staff and/or emergency personnel release students into parent care.

It's important for you to know we'll always take whatever precautions are necessary to keep our school and students safe.



There are lots of ways to dress for school:

Learn about the student dress code

The SCDSB is introducing a new student dress code this school year. The dress code was developed in consultation with staff and students. 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.

There are lots of ways to dress for school...



...but there are a few things that aren't okay.



Exposed underwear



Spiked or chained accessories



Offensive or inappropriate content



What's happening

September Library News



Welcome back!

All students will have regular times that they can visit the library and exchange their library books. We are in the process of establishing the schedule and we will have it confirmed by the end of the week. Primary students may sign out one book at a time while junior and intermediate students may sign out two. To see the updated schedule and to see any other interesting things happening in the library, please visit our library blog at <http://wyevaleschoollibrary.edublogs.org>. The link to the blog will also be available on the school website (<http://wye.scdsb.on.ca>) under classes.

Our library books need special care! Please take the time to follow our rules to ensure their safe return.

- Decide on a safe place to always keep your library book when it is not being read. This makes it less likely that it will be lost. Choose a place away from pets and babies.
- Handle books gently and with clean hands.
- Keep books away from food and drink.
- Use a bookmark. It is very important for students to be responsible for taking care of their library books and for returning them on time.

If a book is not returned, or returned damaged, students will be asked for the cost of replacing it. If you ever have any questions, please either contact me at the school by phone or by email me at jcarleton@scdsb.on.ca

Thank you!
Mr. Carleton

Thank you!

A special Thank you to Mr. Mills and Mr. Bittman for all their hard work this summer getting our school up and ready for start up! The school looks fantastic! Also, a Special thank you to Ms. Caston for the friendly face and amazing work getting all of the students, staff, and myself organized for this school year! Thank you Thank you from the Wildcat family!



School bus 'Bus Tag' program helps students get to and from school safely

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's Bus Tag program supports safety for JK/SK and other school identified students. The program helps match students to their assigned afternoon school bus and identifies that they must be met by a parent or guardian at their afternoon bus stop.

The program provides a colour coded Bus Tag with the assigned p.m. route number to be attached to the student's backpack and a colour coded route card with route number in the windows of the school bus that the Bus Tag is matched to. The program can also provide tags for students who are walkers and/or who remain at an on-site daycare to make sure they don't get on a bus in error.

For more information, visit main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the 'Safety' tab.

Schools are available for community use

Through our Community Use of Schools program, almost all of our schools are available outside of school hours for not-for-profit community groups. Our gyms, fields, auditoriums and classrooms are available for your sporting events, concerts, recitals and more.

You can apply online. A Permit Clerk will process the application and advise if the facility is available at the requested time. Once an application is approved, a rental contract will be issued and the applicant will be invoiced.

Ideas for packing healthy school lunches

A school lunch should give children the energy and nutrients they need to be ready to learn, be more alert and perform better at school. When planning lunches keep these tips in mind:

- Include one serving from at least three of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide
- Rather than buying pre-made lunch kits, make your own healthy lunch kit with divided containers and small 'bite-sized' cheese cubes, left over chicken chunks, veggie sticks or fruit slices
- Get your kids to eat more veggies! Send cucumber coins, zucchini sticks and pepper strips with dip
- Fill whole wheat or multi grain wrap/pits/tortilla shells with your child's favourite foods such as hummus and grated carrot or sliced turkey with honey mustard.

Water is the best option for hydration.

Looking for more information to help keep you and your family healthy? Call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-5720 to speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.
Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Parent Portal gives parents real-time access to attendance, grade information

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID will be provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, you can visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.



Parents' Corner



Medication

A completed **Request of Administration of Medication by School Personnel** form is required each school year or when the need is identified or when the student transfers to another school, to authorize the administration of prescribed medication to students who require it during school hours, or when the medication and/or dosage requirements change. A few students may experience severe allergic reactions to bee, hornet, wasp or other flying insect stings or to certain foods (e.g., peanuts) Epi-pen/Allerject is the only emergency injection method approved for administration in school, by school personnel. Two doses on site at school are recommended.



Immunizations Required for School Attendance

As of July 1, 2014, the Immunization School Pupils Act (ISPA) has added three new vaccines that students require for entry to school: meningococcal disease; pertussis (whooping cough) and varicella (chickenpox). These three vaccines are addition to existing requirements for proof of immunization against tetanus, diphtheria, polio, measles, mumps and rubella. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is required under the ISPA to collect and maintain up-to-date records of all the above immunizations for every child registered in school within Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka. Now is a good time to contact your health care provider to discuss your child's immunization needs in light of the new legislation. Parents are required to contact the health unit to update immunization records for their children or provide a valid affidavit. Visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website for further information: <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/> (click on 'Topics,' then 'Immunization').

Safety reminder: Our school doors are locked during the day

The safety and well-being of our students is our top priority. We have a number of procedures in place designed to keep our school safe. One of the newer initiatives is that our front door is locked during the school day. All other school doors are also locked. To access the building, visitors will need to press the intercom button at the front door.

Staff in the office will let visitors into the school. This will help us ensure that all visitors sign in at the office. Please understand that staff may not be available to answer the door immediately. If you have any questions about safety procedures, as always, please contact the office.

Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with School Cash Online

The School Cash Online program is now available at all schools, offering parents the option to pay online for field trips, lunch days and other items. The program is intended to reduce paper, eliminate the need for students to travel with money, and for money to be counted and stored at schools. Payment by credit card has now also been added.

Parents who sign up will receive a notification when a new item becomes available for purchase. Items are personalized to each student. Parents will use a secure online account to process payments, and can either make a one-time payment for each item as it occurs, or load money to carry a balance in the online account to make payments in the future.

To create an online account, go to <https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com>. Please contact the school office with any questions.



Food allergies: To ensure a safe environment for all students, please do not send any peanut or nut products to school. Read ingredients carefully and check with staff before sending treats for any special occasions. Please be aware that there may be different allergies in a classroom which might mean other items may not be brought in. Your classroom teacher will make you aware if this is the case. Food items sent in to celebrate Birthdays etc. will be sent home with the individual children so all parents can decide what their children eat each day. Notice will be given ahead of time for special occasions controlled by the classroom teacher where food will be consumed.

Student Accident Insurance 2017-18: Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country field trips) are not covered by the Board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen. Due to recent injuries in Ontario during school extra-curricular activities and field trips, and the resulting financial cost, a risk exposure to school boards and families has been highlighted. It is essential that all those participating in extra-curricular activities have adequate insurance coverage for all instances of injury.

The Simcoe County District School Board has selected Reliable Life Insurance Company as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider with regards to purchasing student accident insurance coverage for the upcoming school year. The coverage is for 24 hours a day. Reliable Life offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices. Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com. Please watch for your student accident insurance package along with a letter about requirements for extra-curricular activities and out-of-province or out-of-country field trips.

Reminder from the Health Unit: School grounds are smoke free 24/7—Protect yourself and your children from the health hazards of secondhand smoke. Remember, it is against the law to smoke ANYWHERE on school property at ANY TIME. This includes smoking in your vehicle while picking up or dropping off students. It is also against the law to smoke or hold lit tobacco in a vehicle carrying anyone under age 16. The fine for ignoring the law is \$250. For more information contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Giving back to the school community - volunteer in our school—Volunteers are an important part of what makes our school a great place to learn and grow. We value and appreciate the support of our volunteers. There are many opportunities available, including school council, breakfast clubs, reading help, assisting in the classroom or library and much more. Everyone who volunteers in a school must have a criminal record check, which includes a Vulnerable Sector Screening. Please call or visit the school office for more information about opportunities available or if you'd like to volunteer!

School Council

Welcome back! Wyevale School Council will meet on **Monday, September 18th, at 6:30pm in the library**. Beginning with open elections for the 2017-2018 team.

Positions on the council include Student Rep, Community Rep, Teacher Rep, Secretary, and Chairperson. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn more about the direction of this dynamic team and exciting new initiatives this year.



Newsletter



Please complete and return to the school if you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter

Name: _____

Student Name and Teacher to send newsletter with: _____

