



# Nottawasaga Creemore Bulletin

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## From the Desk of Mrs. Golding:

May is shaping up to be a very busy month in the classrooms. Tennis, field trips and music activities are just a few of the exciting activities we have planned to support the students' curricular learning this month!



The garden is also waking up for spring! The greenhouse at SCI is hosting some of our seedlings as they begin to sprout, the garlic is beginning to come up as are the special "Maple leaf" tulips we have planted near the sign in front of the school in honour of Canada's 150th.

At the end of the month, our grade 3 & 6 students begin their final preparations for EQAO standardized testing. We encourage our students to give their best effort every day to make for great results at the end of the year.

Thank you for supporting your child in all of the different aspects of their education.

### May Important Dates:

Monday May 1  
 Tuesday May 2  
 Tuesday May 2  
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 Thursday May 4  
 Monday May 8  
 Monday May 8  
 Tuesday May 9  
 Wednesday May 10  
 Thursday May 11  
 Monday May 15  
 Tuesday May 16  
 Wednesday May 17  
 Thursday May 18  
 Thursday May 18  
 Friday May 19  
 Monday May 22  
 Tuesday May 23  
 Tuesday May 23  
 Tuesday May 30  
 Wednesday May 31

Music Monday  
 School council 6-8pm  
 Primary classes to Musicmania at Worsley  
 After school math  
 Ontario Early Years Stay and Play 9-10am  
 Tennis Demo day  
 6pm- 50th anniversary planning meeting  
 Tennis demo rain date  
 Gr 5- Race against drugs  
 Tree planting for Grade 4's  
 Team Photos with Edge Imaging  
 After school math 3:30-5  
 Welcome to Kindergarten 4-5pm  
 Ontario Early Years Stay and Play 9-10am  
 Grade 7's to SCI for Canada's 150th activities  
 Elementary PA Day  
 Victoria Day- holiday  
 After school math 3:30-5  
 EQAO begins (until June 5)  
 Vaccinations- All grade 7's and grade 8 girls  
 Gr 7's Brock Trip (until June 2)



### **Are you looking for work?**

The Simcoe County District School Board's Career Centre is ready to help at no cost to you.

The Career Centre has experienced, professional employment consultants available to help job searchers prepare for and find work. Visit the Career Centre for resources, including the use of computers, internet, printer, fax, information sessions, job board and online postings. No appointment necessary and the Centre is open Monday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information on the services available, visit [barriecareercentre.com](http://barriecareercentre.com) or call 705-725-8990. This Employment Ontario service is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

### **Student Placement**

Soon, we will be starting the process of student placement for next year. We recognize that the classroom placement of your child is important to you as a parent. Our goal as a staff is to create balanced classrooms where each child has the best opportunity to thrive. Staff will meet and look at a number of criteria when placing students in next year's classrooms. (Academics, learning styles, consideration of siblings, social/emotional factors, gender balance, and consideration of positive peer working relationships)

Occasionally, there may be personal information that is unknown to the school staff that may affect your child's placement. This might include family changes, or recent learning or medical assessments for example. Please share this pertinent information in writing with your child's teacher or principal by **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. All student placements are tentative until finalized in September. Staffing is based on projected student enrolment, and changes may be necessary in September based on staff changes and actual student numbers which may change throughout the summer.

### **Summer camp can be an important part of your child's growth and development**

To many people, summer camp for kids might appear like nothing more than fun and games. However, a study conducted by the University of Waterloo supports what camp directors have been saying for decades – camp is a setting for positive youth development where invaluable life skills are acquired and nurtured. Youth development experts agree that children need a variety of experiences in their lives to help them grow into healthy adolescents and adults. Here are five critical life skills that are fostered at summer camp:

**Getting along with others** – Talk to any camp alumni and you'll likely hear how some of their most meaningful friendships and lessons on how to get along with others came from camp.

**Overcoming challenges** – According to the ParticipACTION Report Card, over-supervising kids or keeping them indoors to ensure they are safe limits their opportunities for physical activity. Camp provides a safe environment, allowing children to freely learn how to overcome challenges and develop and grow their capabilities.

**Getting active** – A recent Statistics Canada study found that only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 got the recommended hour a day of exercise they need. Summer camp is a great way for kids to stay active all summer and ensure they are surrounded with great role models and supportive friends.

**Unplugging** – We know that when children are connected with their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to "unplug" and help them build social skills while enjoying all the activities of the great outdoors.

**Leadership** – When it comes to developing strong leaders, camp provides both implicit and explicit training including morals, ethics, problem solving, teamwork and life skills.

To learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka summer camps, visit [www.ymcasummerncamp.ca](http://www.ymcasummerncamp.ca).

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka ([www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca))

### **Stay safe in the sun**

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. As the weather gets warmer, follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm
- apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the label instructions
- apply sunscreen to any exposed areas of skin – nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc.
- reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours and after sweating or swimming
- wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses
- if possible, avoid being in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
when you're outside, look for shade

For more sun safety tips, visit [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

## **Tennis**

Creemore Tennis is providing a day of tennis lessons through Simcoe Tennis for students in Grades 2-8. The tennis club is a volunteer organization interested solely in promoting the game of tennis. Watch for information on their Spring Playin' Learn program coming home!

## **Day of Pink**

Thank you to all of our community partners who came together to support our "Paint the Town Pink" activities. Many of the local businesses showed their support by decorating their windows. A special "thanks" goes out to our parent volunteers as well as community partners who went above and beyond by facilitating activities for our students. These businesses include the Creemore Public Library, Flowers by Ms Design, the Creemore Echo, Clearview Community Church, Foodland and Card-board Castles.

## **Let's walk/roll/bike to and from school!**

Research tells us that children want to walk and bike to school! Children know that using active transportation to and from school is part of a healthy lifestyle, it's good for the environment and it makes them feel happier. A recent Ontario study indicated that a whopping 42% of children are driven to school, and 93% percent of children and youth are not meeting Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines. Did you know that distances up to 5km are travelled more quickly door-to-door by bicycle than by car?

Active school travel is the use of any form of travel that is self-propelled for the trip to and from school. Active & Safe Routes to School mobilizes children with initiatives such as Walking/Cycling School Buses, Walking/Wheeling on Wednesdays or Walk/Wheel Once a Week, and walking buddies. Using active transportation for the school journey is one of the easiest ways for students to get regular daily physical activity. Learn more at [www.saferoutestoschool.ca/](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/).

## **Immunization reminder**

By law, all students need to have an up-to-date immunization record on file at the health unit. Since starting Kindergarten, your child may have received new immunizations. A reminder – you must send your child's updated immunization records to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit for:

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio, and Pertussis

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella

Two-doses of a Chickenpox (Varicella) containing vaccine

If your child will not be getting these vaccines, you will need to give the health unit a valid exemption (medical or affidavit). If the health unit does not have an updated record, students could be temporarily suspended from school. Follow these steps to help us:

1. Check your child's yellow immunization card
2. Contact your health care provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations

Share the complete record with us at [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) or fax the record to the health unit at 705-726-3962

Questions? Contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

## **Head Lice Protocol and Reminders for families**

A common protocol has been established to provide a standard practice for all elementary schools in the management of head lice in schools. The protocol is as follows:

- Parents/guardians should learn how to recognize head lice and routinely check their children.
- When a child has head lice the parent/guardian should notify the school.
- If the parent/guardian becomes aware that the child has head lice, or the school identifies that a student has head lice, the school must notify the other parents/guardians with children in the same class.
- Upon treatment, a signed Confirmation of Treatment form will be required before a student who returns to school following head lice treatment goes back to the classroom. This form will indicate that the parent/guardian has treated the child with a treatment product according to the product instructions; the parent/guardian is aware that a second treatment is required 7-10 days from the first treatment to kill any newly hatched lice; and that the parent/guardian has examined the child's hair following treatment and has found no evidence of live lice.
- If a returning student is not free of live lice, the parent/guardian will be contacted by the school and arrangements will be made for the child to return home to be re-treated. When there is evidence of a treatment failure (detection of live lice), using a full course of topical treatment from a different class of medication is recommended.
- The Canadian Pediatric Society found that school wide screening programs have not been shown to have a significant effect on the incidence of head lice in schools, and it is the position of the school board that these should be discouraged.