

Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School - Home of the Thunder!

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Character Trait for October: **Cooperation**

"We choose to be learners, to be supporters and to be proud"

*To reduce the amount of paper consumed, our future newsletters will be sent out via email to those we have on file, otherwise a paper copy will be available in the office to pick up. Thank you!

Around the School

Open House

Thank you to everyone who helped make our school Open House such a success on October 3rd. Staff did a fantastic job welcoming our parents and opening their rooms to the community. Classes did a great job displaying their work and welcome signs for all our visitors. School Council were instrumental in preparing and arranging food and refreshments for all in attendance. Students and volunteers were active and helped keep a smile on everyone's face. Mrs. Pike (and Clifford) set up an amazing Book Fair in the Library. A huge success! We are so proud of our school and everyone who, together, make it such a wonderful place to learn and work. #proudtobethethunder

Cross Country

Our first meet was yesterday at Klondike Park for all of our runners. Great job by all! Thanks to coaches Angus and Smith for working with our student athletes. The next meet (Areas) is on October 11 at Blueberry Trails in Wasaga Beach. Best of luck. Go Thunder!

Terry Fox

We would like to send out a BIG thank you to all Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School families for their generous donations to our annual Terry Fox Run. This year we raised more than we have in the last 19 years!! We will be sending in \$525 on behalf of our school. Way to Go Thunder!!

Eco-Schools/Green Team

NCPS is Going Green! In an effort to further support the SCDSB initiatives already in place, NCPS is taking on the challenge to become a recognized and certified Eco-School through the

Ontario Eco-schools program. The mission of the NCPS green team will be to reduce our school's ecological footprint and encourage every school member to learn about, and practice, environmental stewardship. The NCPS Green Team will be meeting during second break on every Day 3. Activities will be student organized and will include assisting with waste audits, recycling, raising environmental awareness and adding to the current greenspace. We will be hosting events through the year and welcome members of the community to get on board. Stay tuned for updates after our first meeting!

Staffing

Thank you to everyone for your patience and support during our school reorganization last week. I would like to welcome Mrs. Tara Dea as our new Grade 6/7 teacher to NCPS. Mrs. Dea brings experience in the Junior/Intermediate division, as well as a strong commitment to academics and leadership opportunities for our students.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Hawboldt will also be spending more time with us as she will be teaching the Grade 2/3 class now on Days 1, 2 (AM), 3, and 4, with Mrs. Phillips teaching the class on Days 2 (PM), and 5.

To all staff, thank you for everything you do to support and nurturing a love of learning in our students at NCPS!

School Council Corner

Our first School Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, Sept 26th, in the library, at 6:00pm. Thank you to all who attended. We had a great turn out! Over ten voting members and three executive positions! We are happy to welcome back Michele Boileau as Council Chair.

We discussed our yearly fundraising plan and it was decided by vote that we would hold back on selling Poinsettias and look towards a new initiative for an exciting Spring event. If you would like input

into what we can do, please come out to our next meeting on Tuesday, November 7th at 6pm. Our big focus again this year is Breakfast with Santa, which will take place on Saturday, December 2nd. We will need lots of volunteers and support from our school community. There will be a meeting about this in mid-October. For more information or to get involved, please contact Michele via email at: services@cleartaxview.ca

Kiss 'N Ride

Our Kiss 'N Ride program is running well to help parents and students arrive to school safely and on time. To continue to support these efforts we ask that parents not leave their vehicles idling and help maintain a consistent flow of movement for our kids and for our environment. We appreciate your attention to this and cooperation with us!

NCPS is on "Remind"!!! You can be too!

Would you like to receive occasional reminders via text or email for events such as due dates for food orders, picture day, newsletters, bus delays or other school events? Download the free "Remind" app on your phone. Next step:

To receive **text** reminders – text (705) 302-3415 and write **@ncpsp** in the body of the text. You can opt out at any time by texting unsubscribe@ncpsp to the same number.

To receive **email** reminders, send an email to ncpsp@remind.com. You can leave the subject blank. To unsubscribe, send an email to the same address with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

New Path offering child and youth mental health walk-in clinics

In response to the increasing wait times for child and youth mental health services, and the increased need for such services, New Path has undertaken a service redesign that will provide more timely and responsive services to children, youth and families in Simcoe County. New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Bradford, Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia.

Children, youth and families requesting service from New Path no longer need to call and complete an intake; they can simply attend one of the local Walk-In Clinics and will receive a single session intervention that day. Should children or

youth require further service, New Path will continue to offer a wide variety of community and school-based services as well as residential service and women's service. For further information, including the clinic locations, days and hours, visit www.newpath.ca or contact New Path's central intake department at 705-725-7656.

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 16 to 20. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, will offer bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation. Wed., Oct. 18 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. For more information, visit the SCSTC website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.

Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with SchoolCash Online

If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for School Cash Online. This is our preferred method of payment for all school fundraising including lunch days and field trips. School Cash Online allows you to pay with your debit or credit card. Follow these steps to get started:

1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or from our school website click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through echeck or credit card

The School Cash Parent Helpdesk is available 24/7 to help you with registration, password recoveries or any other payment issues. Call the

helpdesk at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.

Fire Prevention Week is October 8 to 14: Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!

Fire Prevention Week runs from Oct. 8 to 14. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" Smoke and fire spread fast. There's no time to figure out how to escape AFTER a fire starts. All households should have working smoke alarms and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in the family BEFORE there's a fire. Find out more at: www.nfpa.org/fpw.

October is International Walk to School Month

Did you know that October is International Walk to School month? It's a great way for children to get their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day and also gives parents and staff a chance to be part of a worldwide event that celebrates the many benefits of walking. Here are some ideas:

- Encourage your child to walk or cycle to and from school if you live close by and team up with others to make the trip more fun
- If you usually drive your child to school, try getting them to walk part of the way
- If your child takes the bus, walking to and from the bus stop is a great way to add physical activity minutes into the day

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Healthy classroom celebrations

Classroom and school celebrations are great opportunities for children to practice the healthy eating messages they learn in the classroom. Help teach the importance of healthy eating by choosing healthy foods to send in the next time your child's class is celebrating. Here are some ideas:

- Send a tray of watermelon slices, orange slices, apples or fruit kabobs
- Make homemade mini muffins with whole wheat flour and grated carrots or apple

- Send a tray of whole grain crackers, cubes of lower fat cheese and grapes
- Send a veggie platter - get creative by arranging it in fun shapes
- Prepare chocolate dipped strawberries for a sweet treat

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.

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Tips for a healthy Halloween

The month of October is upon us and that means Halloween is just around the corner! For many children, this can be an exciting time of year as they get their costumes ready and their buckets out to fill with candy! Halloween can also be a tough time for parents to keep their kids' diets healthy and balanced. Here are some helpful 'tricks' to help you and your family have a healthy Halloween this year!

- Walk door to door when trick or treating. It will burn calories and also tire the kids out – potentially limiting the amount of houses you will hit before the end of the night. Try making a competition out of who can walk the most steps.
- Plan a party. Make the focus of your party fun activities instead of sugary treats. Include Halloween games such as a costume or dance contest, or pumpkin carving.
- Trade the candy collected for non-edible treats like books, small toys or arts and crafts materials. You can also consider offering to buy back some of the candy, providing your kids with some extra spending money as a reward.
- Before your kids venture out in their costumes, make sure they eat a healthy meal.

Visit your local YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka for some fun Halloween activities for the whole family to enjoy!

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca

Important Dates

Pizza and Milk Program begins – October 5

Thanksgiving – October 9

Area Cross Country Run – Oct 11

Author visit in the Library - Oct 16

PA Day – October 20

Therapeutic Dogs of Canada Reading to Cody with our Grade ½ - Oct 23

Halloween – Tuesday, October 31

Elephant Thoughts Assembly (Gr. 1 – 5) –
November 1 @ 9:30am