



New Lowell Central Public School October 2021 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

It has been an exciting and busy beginning to our school year. It has been lovely to have students return to learning whether it is back in the classroom or online. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank students and families for your patience and support with all of the changes on the turnaround day.

On Monday, October 4th at 6:00pm we will have our School Council meeting, the nomination forms went home in the middle of September. If you are interested in being a member of the council, please call the school so we can email you the link for our virtual meeting on Monday.

On Wednesday, October 6th teachers will be introducing themselves for our Virtual Meet the Teacher. Please look for this on their communication platform (Remind, google classroom, SeeSaw, email etc.).

I would like to wish our families a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

On Friday, October 29th students will have the option to wear orange and black or a costume that is school appropriate (no weapons, face masks or accessories, and must be student friendly). If students are wearing a costume, please know that costumes could get ruined, or pieces lost. Students will be responsible for their costumes and to ensure they take them home at the end of the day.

Thank you for staying connected to your child's teacher and working together to make this year an enjoyable learning experience for everyone.

Take care,

Ms. Cook

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/>

School Bus Information

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s website at: main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.

MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAIT:

COOPERATION: We work together towards shared goals and purposes.



We are in the **WEST** zone

October Safety Tip

"Emergency Evacuation - The Safe Way"

In an emergency evacuation situation, remember to:

- Listen to the driver's instructions for the correct exit.
- Be calm, quiet and don't panic.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Leave the bus quickly without pushing or shouting.
- Walk to a safe place and stay together.

School Bus Safety Week in Ontario takes place: October 18 to 22, 2021.

Inclement Weather and Bus Cancellation Information Reminder

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 **WEST** 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>.



Virtual Book Fair

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a **Virtual Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together.

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** will take place on **November 1st-14th**

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using this link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5162999>

Happy reading!

Ms. Hartley

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 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

Have you Met Sora?

Our digital ebook/audiobook collection contains over 4,000 titles waiting to be checked out by our SCDSB students. Students simply download the app, use their SCDSB login and start reading for free on their phone or tablet. The collection can be accessed at: meet.soraapp.com.



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!

School Bus 'Bus Tag' Program

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/guardian at their afternoon bus stop.

The program provides a colour coded bus tag with the assigned pm 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 childcare centre 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.

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus 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.





October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Day 4	2
3 • Fire Prevention Week	4 Day 5 • Virtual School Council Meet 6pm	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 • Virtual Meet the Teacher	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9
10 109	11 • Thanksgiving	12 Day 5	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16
17	18 Day 4 • School Bus Safety Week	19 Day 5	20 Day 1 • School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	21 Day 2	22 • Professional Activity Day No School for Students	23
24 31	25 Day 3	26 Day 4	27 Day 5	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30

Next Month:

- Nov 1-14: Virtual Book Fair
- Nov 4: Progress Reports home
- Nov 12: P.A. Day