



# NEW LOWELL CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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CHARACTER TRAIT: **Optimism** – We maintain a positive attitude and have hope for the future.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 1:	Easter Sunday
April 2:	Easter Monday
April 9:	School Council 6:30 pm
April 9 + 10:	Dental Screening
April 10:	Character Assembly 9:30 am
April 11:	International Day of Pink
April 18-20:	Book Fair
April 24:	Jump Rope for Heart Assem.
April 27:	PA Day

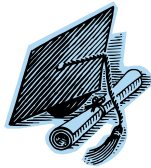
### LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found buckets are overflowing. Please tell your children to check for missing hats, mitts, ski pants, and shoes. We will only keep these items for a few weeks before putting them into our clothing exchange.

### INDOOR SHOES

Just a reminder that all students are required to have a pair of shoes that is to be worn indoors only. We have numerous students not wearing shoes in and around the school. Everyone must have shoes on for safety reasons. Wearing indoor shoes also helps to reduce the amount of sand and dirt that is brought into the classrooms from the school yard. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to review this school policy with their child. Thank you for your co-operation and support with this requirement.

### GRADUATION



The Gr. 8 Graduation will be Tuesday, June 26th, 2018. More information will be sent home with the Gr. 8 students at a later date.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:



**Welcome to a Wonderful Journey of Learning!**

Is your child starting school in 2018? We invite you to register your child for Kindergarten which begins next fall. New Lowell Central P.S. is a Full Day Early

Learning Kindergarten school (JK/SK students will attend every day). To be eligible, your child must be four years of age by December 31, 2018. Upon registration, you will receive our "Welcome to Kindergarten" package.

Please call **705-424-0991** for further information.

For Kindergarten registration, we will require proof of your child's birth date (original Canadian birth certificate, Certificate of Canadian Citizenship, Canadian Passport, Permanent Resident Card/Record of Landing, or Statement of Live Birth - long version) and proof of your child's address. We will also request his/her record of immunization.

Families of Kindergarten students new to Canada or Ontario are invited to contact our "Newcomer Welcome Centre" at 705-725-8360, ext. 310.

We look forward to welcoming your child to a wonderful journey of learning!

### BUS DELAY NOTIFICATION: SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE FROM TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM

Did you know that you can subscribe to updates from the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium about your child's bus and any delays? Parents/students can sign up for email notification of delays by student's bus route number (no personal information required). The email subscription service is available at <http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/> - click on 'View bus delays,' and then click on the subscription sign in the right corner.

### NUT FREE SCHOOL

New Lowell Central is striving to be a "nut free" school. A reminder that Nutella contains nuts so please keep it at home.

### FAMILY ART NIGHT

Our last family art night will be held Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration forms will be going home the first week of May. Our family project this time is a terra cotta flower pot wind chime. Space is limited so it will be on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Haufe at [thaufe@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:thaufe@scdsb.on.ca)

## **RUN 4 FUN**

Run 4 Fun will be starting up again this month Chargers! We are looking for students that are interested in running a few kilometers each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, for 7 weeks, with the goal of completing a marathon! This program will be open to students in grades 1-8, but if you have a keen kindergarten aged child, please contact Mrs. Kennedy at [lkennedy@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:lkennedy@scdsb.on.ca) for more information. Permission forms will be coming home later this month, with a start date of Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **YEARBOOKS**

The yearbook committee is busily working on another great copy or the yearbook. Yearbooks will be ready for pick up in September. If you purchased a yearbook and have not yet received a receipt, it's coming, we are waiting on more receipt books. If you are at a school event and take any pictures of our students, please share them with Mrs. Haufe - [thaufe@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:thaufe@scdsb.on.ca)

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **BOOK FAIR**

Our Library will be hosting a final Book Fair on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this Book Fair is Pets. We will be open during nutrition breaks and during class visits for all interested shoppers.

This is a great time to get books for summer reading.

Thanks to all who continue to support our Book Fairs. The money raised goes directly back into resources for our library.

### **END OF YEAR**

We are coming close to that time of year when we are beginning to take inventories in the Library to assure that all of our books are returned. Lending privileges will stop in early June so that we can do final inventories and begin getting ready for our next school year.

Primary, Junior and Intermediate books must all be returned by June 8<sup>th</sup>. This allows us time to hunt for books that have gone missing and make sure that all of our books are returned and in good repair for our next school year.

### **NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND LEGAL CUSTODIANS OF STUDENTS REGARDING OUT OF AREA REQUESTS**

Under the Simcoe County District School Board procedures (APM A7000), it is possible for students to apply for and receive permission to attend an out-of-attendance-area school. Students will be permitted to continue in attendance as long as space is available. They may be required to return to their home school or transfer to another school when the capacity of the school they are attending has been reached and space is required for students residing within the attendance areas. Even with this permission, however, the responsibility for transportation to and from school is borne by the out-of-attendance-area student and/or parent/guardian.

## **2-1-1 Connects People to the Information They Need**

Connecting with the right program at the right time can be a frustrating process. Many programs and services exist to help people. The problem is to know where to call and who to speak to.

**GET CONNECTED. GET ANSWERS.**

**DIAL**



If you are a parent or guardian searching for a tutor, after school care, extra curricular activities or community clubs, for a child, or yourself to get involved in, help is really as close as your phone.

Information on youth counseling services, retraining programs for adults, assistance for housing and basic needs, and much more, is also available by dialing 211

**211** is your first call for information about community, social, health and government services.

Your **211** call will be answered by a trained information specialist 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. **211** can be accessed by your land line phone or your cell. In Simcoe and Muskoka you can also visit [www.211SimcoeCounty.ca](http://www.211SimcoeCounty.ca) or [www.211Muskoka.ca](http://www.211Muskoka.ca)



### **A REMINDER TO PARENTS**

Only in an **emergency** situation are we able to allow students to ride a bus other than their regular bus. Thank you for helping us ensure we are meeting the expectations of the Simcoe County Transportation Consortium.

### **ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD IS UP TO DATE**

All families are required to provide the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) with a record of their child's immunization information. This is required by law under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). The SMDHU can suspend students whose immunization records are not up to date.

You can update your child's immunization record in one of the following ways:

- Online at: [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline)
- Fax: 705-726-3962
- Call: 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8807

The health unit hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **VACCINATION REMINDER FOR PARENTS OF GRADE 1 STUDENTS**

All students must have an up-to-date immunization record on file at the health unit. Since starting Kindergarten, your child may have received new immunizations. If so, you must send their updated immunization records to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit for:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Polio
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
- Meningococcal disease
- 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 medical exemption or affidavit. To complete either of these forms, you can call the health unit. Your child could be temporarily suspended from school if the health unit does not have an up-to-date record on file. Follow these steps to help protect everyone in your school community:

- Check your child's yellow immunization card
- Contact your health care provider to get a record or to get missing vaccines
- Share the complete record with the health unit at [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) or fax the record to the health unit at 705-726-3962

For more information, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website at: [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).  
*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

## **SCHOOL BUS EVACUATION TRAINING – April 3 – 6**

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, is offering school bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students the week of April 3 – 6. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency. The SCSTC would like to remind all drivers to be extra cautious near school buses and in school bus loading and unloading zones. For more information or if you have questions, visit [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/).

## **TRAUMA & LOSS: CREATING SCHOOL COMMUNITIES OF WELL-BEING**

Parents and/or community members are invited to attend *Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being* on Sat. April 14 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Bear Creek Secondary School, located at 110 Red Oak Drive in Barrie. This conference is being funded through a Regional PRO grant from the Ontario Ministry of Education and is being presented by the Adoption Council of Ontario. This event is free to attend and lunch is provided. Limited child care is available for children aged three to 12 years. Register at [www.adoption.con.ca/events](http://www.adoption.con.ca/events). Questions? Contact [pact@adoptontario.ca](mailto:pact@adoptontario.ca).

## **STRESS: OUR KIDS GET IT TOO!**

Kids have stress, just like us. Stress is a normal part of life, but our bodies are only made to handle it for short amounts of time. Continued stress can cause feelings of pressure, anxiety and tiredness. It can make it hard for kids to focus in school and can cause them to become sick, get lower grades or make unhealthy choices. It's easy to mistake signs of stress for bad behaviour in your child. You can help them learn to manage stress by staying calm, showing love and talking openly about their feelings. Encourage them to try calming activities like deep breathing or doing something active. If the stress continues, be sure to talk to your child's doctor or health care provider. To speak with a public health nurse, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit website for more information at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).

## **YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY**

YMCAs across Canada are celebrating Healthy Kids Day on Sunday April 29. It's a national day dedicated to improving the health and well-being of kids. The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka is happy to host this FREE event for everyone in the community, offering fun and healthy activities for the entire family to enjoy. Across Canada, most children do not meet the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Rising rates of obesity and related chronic disease tell us that getting kids active should be a top priority for parents, schools, and all Canadians. With summer just around the corner, here are some practical tips on how to keep your kids active and healthy:

- ❖ Rather than heading out on a walk or jog solo, invite your kids to hop on their bicycles, skateboards and scooters and head out with you. You will come back energized and connected knowing that you've set a great example and spent quality time together. Everyone wins!
- ❖ Many communities have free or low-cost youth activities or programs at facilities such as pools, playgrounds, parks, sporting fields, community centres and the YMCA! Contact your local municipality, search online or contact your local YMCA for upcoming events.
- ❖ Depending on the distance and safety factor, consider letting your children walk to school, the library, their friend's house or any other place you would normally drive them to. Some kids may be inspired by tracking their steps with a pedometer. Pedometers are relatively inexpensive and many libraries have them available on loan!

## **FOLLOW US TO STAY CURRENT WITH SCHOOL BOARD NEWS**

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