



# NEW LOWELL CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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CHARACTER TRAIT: **Honesty – We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner.**



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 8: 1<sup>st</sup> School Day for 2018  
 January 15: School Council – 6:30 p.m.  
 January 16: Character Recognition Assembly-9:30 a.m.  
 January 26: PA Day

### Principal's Desk

We have some staffing changes at New Lowell Central. Welcome to Mrs. Kennedy to the grade 1 / 2 class. We wish Mrs. Gilbert all the best at her new school. We also would like to welcome back Mrs. Cox, our DECE working with Mrs. Wiederer in Kindergarten. We wish Mrs. Coghill all the best at her new school.

### BUSING ALERT!

Just a reminder that **EVERYONE** entering the parking lot at New Lowell Central Public School:

- Give **RIGHT OF WAY** to school buses in the parking lot
- **Do not** attempt to drive around the school buses
- **Do not** walk your child(ren) around or between the buses
- **Allow** buses to depart from our school parking lot before you attempt to enter to pick-up or leave with your child(ren)

□ **There is no parking on the south side of County Road 9!**

- **Our parking lot is one way. Please drive in at the entrance and drive out at the exit!**

*These measures will help ensure the safety of our students!*

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

### PARKING ALERT

Clearview Fire Department has informed us that there is no parking in front and around the Fire Hall at any time. The fire trucks need space to exit and enter the fire hall. This will be a tow away zone or a ticket zone. This is in effect immediately. Please be aware of this parking situation when parking (for drop off) in the morning, afternoon (for pick-up), or for any function happening at the school.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- ★ That staff supervision is not available for students until 8:55 a.m.
- ★ Ensure that all children are sent with clothing suited for the colder temperatures.
- ★ Listen to the radio (ROCK 95, PEAK 95.1, CHAY 93.1 or KICX 104.1) or check the Board website ([www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca)) for bus cancellations.

### VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

We always welcome visitors at the school, but **please observe our policy of signing in at the front office and obtaining a visitor's pass.** If a staff member or student is needed, we will call them to come to the office.



### **.SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES: SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION AND SCHOOL CLOSURES**

Parents are responsible for deciding if it is safe for their children to leave for school during severe weather conditions.

School bus operators determine during pre-dawn hours if it is unsafe for buses to travel during inclement weather. As well, school superintendents and principals together determine whether school closures are necessary, depending on local weather conditions for each area of Simcoe County. (School closure decisions are based on severe weather conditions and NOT on school bus cancellation decisions.) In addition, please note the following procedures relating to severe weather:

- Cancellation of buses and school closures will be announced on local radio stations and the home page of Board web site [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca), as well as other media broadcasts. **NEW LOWELL IS IN THE WEST DISTRICT.** Please be aware of your child's bus number and bus company name.
- During very cold temperatures, please take extra measures to ensure children are dressed appropriately and please do not send children to the bus stop too early (to avoid having them standing in cold weather for lengthy periods).

### **CHRISTMAS CHEER UPDATE**

This year our tiny school collected 1076 food and toy items for Christmas Cheer. Amazing work Chargers! Thank you to Mr. Leal and his crew for collecting, counting, sorting and packing the donations each day. This year we had a friendly competition between the classes to see which class could collect the most items. Mr. Daniels' class collected 177 items – AMAZING! A special mention to Mrs. Haufe and Mrs. Modrits class, Mrs. Wiederer and Mrs. Coghill's class, and Ms. Doka's class who all collected 100 items or more. Thank you Chargers for helping to make so many families have a merrier holiday season!

### **FAMILY ART NIGHT**

We will be holding our second Family Art night on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Registration forms will be available January 16, 2018 outside the office for interested families. It is up to your child to bring home a form or you may contact Mrs. Haufe after January 16<sup>th</sup> at [thaufe@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:thaufe@scdsb.on.ca) and she can send a form home with our child. We will be making heart art using a variety of art mediums. There is no cost for this event, but there is limited space. A parent must accompany the children and the activity is designed to include all members of the family from toddlers to 101.

### **YEARBOOKS**

Yearbooks this year will again be created with Edge Imaging, by our own yearbook team. This is the same company we have our class and school photos taken with. The yearbook will once again be 52 pages, full colour and only \$20.00. Order forms will go home by the end of January. We will accept cash, cheque and online payment. The yearbooks will include class pictures, team and clubs, spirit days and many more fun school memories. Did you miss getting a copy of the 2016-2017 yearbook? It's not too late, we have a few extras! Bring \$20.00 to Mrs. Haufe for your copy.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS THIS MONTH**

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning January 22, our elementary schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization

records. Visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) for more information.

### **CHANGES TO ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRES EFFECTIVE JAN. 1**

In February 2017, the Ontario government announced the transformation of the delivery of early years programs for children and families. Starting in January, Ontario Early Years Centres, Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, Child Care Resource Centres and Better Beginnings, Better Futures centres will collectively be known as EarlyON Child and Family Centres. These EarlyON Child and Family Centres will be open to all families across Ontario, and provide support, parenting programs, personal connections and a network of resources as well as play-and-inquiry-based programs for your children.

Effective January 1, Child and Family Programs currently in schools will be relocated to the community. These four agencies will now manage EarlyON Child and Family Centres in Simcoe County:

- OEYC Simcoe North, [www.oeycsimcoenorth.ca](http://www.oeycsimcoenorth.ca)
- Simcoe Community Services, [www.simcoecommunityservices.ca](http://www.simcoecommunityservices.ca)
- E3 Community Services, [www.e3.ca](http://www.e3.ca)
- La Cle (Francophone), [www.lacle](http://www.lacle)

For specific days and hours of operation, please contact your local lead agency information can be found by visiting [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – 'Schools' – 'Before & After School Care.'

### **OHIP+ PROVIDES FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN**

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit: [www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus](http://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus).

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH?**

Health Connection offers free, confidential health information from nurses and health inspectors on:

- How your child is growing, parenting tips, fast and healthy meals, safe food and water, common illnesses, keeping kids safe, fun family activities
- Health unit programs such as vaccinations and dental care
- Community resources for parenting, mental health, addictions, quitting smoking or financial help

Contact Health Connection at 1-705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/>. If English is not your first language, we have a telephone interpretation service.

## **FIVE HEALTHY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR YOUR FAMILY**

Some of the top New Year's resolutions across all age groups for 2017 were eating healthy, getting in shape and reducing stress. So, how do you set and achieve a resolution to be healthier? It's been proven that the key to success is setting small goals which require steps towards a larger goal. Here are some New Year's resolutions that families can work on together in 2018:

- Spend 30 minutes outside playing together as often as possible, regardless of the weather
- Find a place that provides opportunities for the entire family to be physical active together or offers child care and after-school programs
- Add physical activity or play time to the calendar, such as scheduling an evening walk or fitness class, with the same commitment as other important meetings
- Pick a fun run/walk or 5K to do as a family – sign up, train and participate together
- Have more family dinners together and involve children in preparing meals as much as possible.

For more information about programs offered at the Y for the whole family, please visit [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca)

Please check the SCDSB web site at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) for news and events from the Board.

## **CONCERT RAFFLE FOR PARKING AND FRONT ROW SEATING**

We raised \$137.00 from the raffle for the concert parking and front row seating. The lucky parents/grandparents were:

Carol Connor for the a.m. performance

Jess Murray for the p.m. performance

We would like to thank the parents for supporting the raffle.

The money raised goes towards Technology.

## **QSP FUNDRAISING**

With our magazine and gift orders we raised \$1,668.61! This money will go towards our General School Needs. Thank you every one who participated in this fundraiser.