



NEW LOWELL CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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CHARACTER TRAIT: **INTEGRITY** – We act justly and honourably in all that we do



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 5: Area Chess Tourn. - Stayner
 March 6: Recognition Assembly 9:30
 March 11: Daylight Savings Time begins
 March 12: Commonwealth Day
 Mar. 12 – 16: March Break
 March 17: St. Patrick's Day
 March 20: 1st day of Spring
 March 29: Gr. 8 + SK Grad Photos
 March 30: Good Friday

PLEASE NOTE:



- ★ Staff supervision is not available until 8:55 a.m.
- ★ Ensure that all children are sent with clothing suited for the weather.
- ★ Listen to the radio (ROCK 95, PEAK 95.1, CHAY 93.1 or KICX 105.9) or check the Board website (www.scdsb.on.ca) for bus cancellations.

- 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, 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).
- Tune in early to radio and other media broadcasts and avoid having to phone the school.
- Parents driving their child(ren) to school that normally take school buses are reminded that if buses are cancelled the buses will not be running in the afternoon, therefore the parents need to pick their children up.



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. **New Lowell is in the West District.** (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:

STUDENT SAFETY

Parents who are dropping their children off at school are reminded to:

- Please pull up alongside the recycle bins to drop students off
- Please wait behind our buses while students are disembarking. Please do not pass the bus in our parking lot at any time!
- Our parking lot is **one way**. Please drive in at the entrance and drive out at the exit!
- **Student safety is always our first priority!**

DENTAL SCREENING

Dental Screening was cancelled on Jan. 22nd + 23rd due to buses being cancelled. The new dates for dental screening will be **April 9 and 10.**



Packing a healthy school lunch

A school lunch should give children the energy and nutrients they need to be ready to learn, be more alert and perform better at school. When planning lunches keep these tips in mind:

- ✓ Include one serving from at least three of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide
- ✓ Rather than buying pre-made lunch kits, make your own healthy lunch kit with divided containers and small, bite-sized cheese cubes, cooked chicken chunks, veggie sticks or fruit slices.
- ✓ Get your kids to eat more veggies – send cucumber coins, zucchini sticks and pepper strips with dip
- ✓ Fill whole wheat or multigrain wrap/pitas/tortilla shells with your child's favourite foods such as hummus and grated carrot or sliced turkey with honey mustard
- ✓ Don't have them drink their fruit – send water instead.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Please make every effort to ensure that your child(ren) attend school regularly and for the full school day. **Students arriving late or leaving early miss out on important parts of the day.** This also causes interruption/disruptions within the classrooms. We ask for your cooperation in these matters.



Kindergarten Registration: Welcome to a Wonderful Journey of Learning!

Do you or someone you know have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten! Elementary schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit www.scdsb.o.ca/kindergarten for more information.

FAMILY ART NIGHT

We had another successful family art night. Over 50 families came out to create some beautiful heart art. Our next family art night will be held in May. Watch the April newsletter for more details.

MAGIC OF CHILDREN IN THE ARTS

In February we had 2 FREE art workshops and 30 students participated. All art work created at these workshops will be on display at the Collingwood Library from March 6 – April 28th. Mrs. Haufe/Mrs. Modrits, Mrs. Wiederer/Mrs. Cox and Ms. Doka's classes also created some pieces of art that will be on display. All art work will be returned to the school after April 28th. Magic of Children in the Arts is Canada's largest children's art exhibition with over 1,200 participants. Their mission is to inspire and encourage children to create, exhibit and celebrate art. The artwork is reviewed by professional artists and each child receives a prize of art materials for something unique and spectacular in their art piece. If you go and check out the exhibit, please tag us @nlo_scdsb. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Haufe.

CHILD CARE PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE FOR MARCH BREAK

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full-day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County on PA Days and school holidays. Over 30 of our schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten to 12 years of age, including care over March Break (March 12 to 16). The daily fee is \$34.20 and a fee subsidy may be available to families who qualify. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at www.scdsb.on.ca – click on "Schools" and then "Before & After School Care".

YEAR BOOKS

Yearbook order forms went home last month. The cost is just \$20.00 for 52 full colour pages. The yearbook will include school photos, grade 8 and Kindergarten graduation, lots of candid, many spirit days, special events, team and club pictures. This yearbook is sure to be filled with many memorable moments. Yearbooks will be delivered September 2018! Order forms are due **Tuesday, March 27th**. You can pay cash, cheque (written to NLCPS) or online at <http://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com/>. Get your orders in before it's too late! Any questions please contact Mrs. Haufe at thaufe@scdsb.on.ca or 705-424-0991.

LOST AND FOUND

Our bins are overflowing again with lost and found items. Please ask your children to check the bins for anything they might have left behind at the school. Items will be packed up and taken to a local charity within the next few weeks.

DANCE-A-THON

On February 14th – Valentine’s Day, New Lowell Central held their annual Dance-a-Thon. With the pledge forms and student donations, we raised \$890.00. Thank you for supporting New Lowell Central as this money goes towards technology, specifically towards buying chrome books. A great big thank you to our School Council members who decorated the gym, supplied the music and helped supervise in the gym and also for counting the money.



PARENTS INVITED TO INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

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