



# NEW LOWELL CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## OCTOBER 2017

CHARACTER TRAIT: **COOPERATION** – We work together towards shared goals and purposes.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 2: School Council – 6:30 pm  
 October 4: Cross Country Klondike Park  
 October 9: Thanksgiving – no school

October 10: Character Ed Assembly  
 October 11: Area Cross Country – Blueberry Trails  
 October 13: PICTURE DAY  
 October 16: Area Flag Football – Klondike Park  
 October 17: County Cross Country  
 October 20: P.A. Day – no school  
 October 24: County Flag Football  
 November 16: Picture Retake Day



### PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy October!

NLCPS continues to be a busy place. Extra-curriculars have begun (Green Team, Flag Football, Cross Country ...just to name a few),

pizza days are continuing every Friday and milk will begin October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We welcome Mrs. Gilbert to our school, she is teaching grade 1 / 2.

We are working on updating our website regularly, newsletters will also be posted there. You can find us on Twitter @nlo\_scdsb for frequent updates and pictures of events happening at New Lowell.

Ms. Cook

### STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATES

Student information sheets have gone home for parents/guardians to update. Please include any information that you think the school might need, such as medical conditions, emergency contacts, parent's work numbers, etc. Please return these forms to the school as soon as possible.

### BELL TIMES

9:10 Entry and Morning Session Begins  
 10:50 Nutrition Break  
 11:10 Fitness Break  
 11:30 Fitness Break Ends  
 1:10 Nutrition Break  
 1:30 Fitness Break  
 1:50 Fitness Break Ends  
 3:30 Dismissal

**A reminder to parents and students that supervision is not available until 8:55 a.m. Please do not arrive prior to 8:55 a.m. unless for a supervised school function or activity.**



### 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)

**Allow** at least 1 car length on either side of the entrance and exit so that our buses may turn safely into and out of the driveway.

### BUS ARRANGEMENTS

We are only permitted to make changes to our bus arrangements for an emergency situations of day care. Please send a note **at the beginning of the school day** with your child(ren) to indicate if there is a change of bus arrangements for that day (**emergency situations for daycare**), if they are to be picked up, etc. so that we may reduce the number of last minute calls to the office throughout the day. Please keep calls to a minimum so that we may keep our phone lines open for emergencies and the day to day operations of the school.

Please also note the following Policy on the Transportation of Students (Policy No. 2410):

- 4.2.5 Alternate transportation may be made for students upon the **written request of parents**, provided that:
- 4.2.5.1 the request clearly identifies pick-up location and one location drop-off which will be used every afternoon five days a week for the school year;
- 4.2.5.2 both the requested pick-up and drop-off points are within the boundaries of the school the student attends; and
- 4.2.5.3 both the requested pick-up and drop-off points are served by existing bus routes on which there is available space

## **BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Although fall has just arrived, winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County. With it comes the possibility of severe inclement weather conditions, challenging winter driving conditions and, as a result, possible bus and school event cancellations.

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Our school is in the **WEST ZONE**. When buses are cancelled, please remember that schools are still open (unless otherwise noted) for student learning.

The Consortium, in conjunction with bus operators, will make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and as such, will make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Parents should also note that inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFE AT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

The safety of students is our top priority. Arrival and dismissal are busy times at our school. We need to work together with parents/guardians and childcare providers to make sure students are safe.

Here are key points to be aware of when planning pick up and/or drop off of students:

- Supervision starts fifteen (15) minutes before bell time and ends fifteen (15) minutes after bell time. School staff will contact the parent/guardian, followed by emergency contact, for any student who is not picked up within this time. If late pickup happens often, additional support services may be involved.
- If parents/guardians arrange for other people to pick up their children, like a private childcare provider, the parent/guardian is responsible to ensure the alternate person/program is picking up on time.
- A full description of the Supervision, Arrival and Dismissal Procedures is available at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – Parents – Safe and Healthy Schools – Procedures.

## **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/](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

Anyone interested in volunteering for this school year should contact the school as soon as possible at 424-0991. If you have even an hour to spare, we could use your help at our school. Younger students need support in learning to read. Reading one-on-one with a volunteer could make all the difference for some of our little people.

**Please become an active partner in our school community, we would all benefit. Reminder that all volunteers must have a criminal record check – forms are available in the main office.**

## **CHARACTER EDUCATION**

As part of our Board's Character Education Initiative we will be recognizing, encouraging and reinforcing the character attributes of good citizens. The 10 attributes identified by the Board include: Respect, Responsibility, Empathy, Inclusiveness, Cooperation, Caring, Honesty, Integrity, Courage and Optimism. For the month of October, we will focus on Co-operation. We look forward to your input and support as we continue this Character Education initiative. Each trait will be introduced in our monthly assemblies and then in the following assembly and students exhibiting this trait or any other character traits will receive a Commit To Character certificate. We encourage you to review the Character Traits and their meaning with your child(ren).

Our first recognition assembly will be held Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 9:20 a.m.



## **THE FACTS OF LICE**

Working together, we will help keep head lice in check. This means that all families must do regular head checks and treat their child if head lice are found. There is a *Head Lice Fact Sheet* available on the Simcoe county District Health Unit's website at [www.simcoehealth.org](http://www.simcoehealth.org), click on Health Topics, then Parenting, then Facts of Lice. For further information, call the Simcoe County District Health Unit's Health Connection Line at 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520. If you find head lice when checking your child's head, please treat your child and also notify the school.

### VISITORS WELCOME

Parents are reminded that when they come to the school for any reason, **they must ring the doorbell, sign in at the office and wear a badge in the school.** The safety of our students is our main concern and we need to know who is in the building. If coming to the school during nutrition break times, your entry to the school may be delayed, we appreciate your patience.

### NEW LOWELL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Student nutrition programs are an excellent way to help ensure that all children have the opportunity to attend school well nourished and ready to learn. New Lowell Central Public School is excited to announce that we will once again be offering the Breakfast for learning program. A child nutrition program is an excellent way to help ensure children attend school well-nourished and ready to learn.

Child nutrition programs help to:

- Provide students with healthy meals and snacks that provide the energy they need to stay alert and engaged throughout the school day;
- Foster a happy and healthy school environment;
- Decrease student absenteeism, in-class disruptions and conflict between students;
- Increase students' self-esteem, problem-solving skills and creative abilities;
- Develop life-long healthy eating habits; and
- Provide children and youth with the best chance at success possible!

Parent volunteers, teachers and EA's will have nutritional breakfast type foods available (toast, cereal, granola bars, fruit, etc.). Students are asked to enter through the Primary Doors and proceed to the Learning Centre.

We are looking for Parent Volunteers that would be able to assist us in the running of this program. If you are able to volunteer before school (and have a current criminal record check), please contact Mrs. Hartman. Thank you for your support with the Breakfast for Learning program at our school.



### PIZZA

Pizza sales are on Friday. The cost is \$2 per slice and the money is collected first thing in the morning and pizza is delivered for the second nutrition break.

### PITA DAYS

Pita Days will run once again on Wednesday starting in November and will be pre-ordered. Please watch for Pita order forms in your child's backpack.

### MILK

Milk will be available for sale at second nutrition break starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$1.00 for either chocolate or white milk.

### GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.

Parent/Guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in this school year, who wish to nominate their child for gifted screening are asked to contact their child's classroom teacher or Michelle Hartman (Special Education Resource Teacher) before Thursday, October 5, 2017. Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent/guardian.

### GNE WINNERS

Our Kindergarten students and Mrs. Young's class entered some art at the GNE. We are very proud of all those who entered and represented our school. We would like to say congratulations to:

Kerrissa Allen who placed 1<sup>st</sup> for her turkey plate  
Madison Giuliani who placed 1<sup>st</sup> with her hand/fingerprint fall tree

Jax Murray who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with his Sparky picture  
Reese Walker, Sadie Walsh and Kensington Nash who placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for their adorable popcorn sheep.

These winning art projects are on display in the front hall.  
Well done everyone!

### TERRY FOX RUN

The students of New Lowell Central Public School will participate in the school's 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Terry Fox Run/Walk. Students are invited to walk, run or jog around a course at the school on Friday, September 29 at 2 pm. All students are encouraged to take part and we invite you to join us as well. All money sent in will go directly to support the Terry Fox Foundation. A pledge sheet was send home or visit [www.teryfoxrun.org](http://www.teryfoxrun.org) and select New Lowell. It is not necessary for each student to collect pledges; however, our school goal is \$3000. If we reach this goal Ms. Cook will kiss a "pig" at our next assembly! So far we have raised \$1223.85. We will collect pledges until Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Get those pledges in. Let's reach our goal, come on Chargers!

## **CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

We have just over 50 students from grades 4 – 8 participating in cross country this year. They practice several times a week. The students are working very hard and we have already seen an improvement in their endurance. Our first meet is at Klondike Park on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We have our area run October 11<sup>th</sup> and the county run will be October 17<sup>th</sup>. Permission sheets will go home as we get closer to those dates.

Good Luck to our **Intermediate Flag Football** team at the Simcoe County Southwest Area Tournament at Klondike Park on October 16<sup>th</sup> (rain date is Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>).

## **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE AVAILABLE FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND TRIPS**

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the school board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can happen. It is essential that all students participating in extra-curricular activities have adequate insurance coverage. The SCDSB has selected *Insure My Kids* as an option for parents to consider. The coverage is for 24 hours a day and offers a variety of plans at reasonable prices. Coverage can be purchased online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com).



## **SAFE TRICK-OR-TREATING TIPS**

Halloween is a fun and exciting time, but safety should be the number one concern. Here are some safety tips to share with your child(ren):

- Wear a properly fitted costume that is bright and non-flammable. Use reflective tape on your costume so you can be seen in the dark.
- Use face makeup or enlarge the eyes on your mask so you can see well. When wearing a mask, push it up on your head while walking.
- Teach children to visit the front door of well-lit homes and never go inside.
- Help your child plan a route and a time to be home.
- Remind children to always walk on the sidewalk (or on the left side of the road if there are no sidewalks), and obey traffic and pedestrian signals. Do not cross yards where objects or uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- Have an adult check treats at home before allowing children to eat them.
- Younger children should go trick-or-treating with an adult. Older children are reminded to trick-or-treat in groups.
- Teach children their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.

## **STAY UPDATED, GET INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL AND SCHOOL BOARD**

Want to ensure you are receiving up-to-date, accurate information about what's going on at your school and our school board? Here's how:

- You can subscribe to our school's website by clicking on 'Subscribe' at the top of our school website: <http://nlo.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. When you fill out your email and click Subscribe, an email will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.
- For Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) media releases and event information, visit the 'News' section under 'About Us' at the SCDSB's website: [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca). You can also subscribe to receive board media releases, event information and/or job postings via email by visiting [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) and clicking on 'Subscribe' at the top of the page.
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB\_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb) and follow our school on Twitter @nlo\_scdsb. Check out our *Sharing Simcoe* blog ([www.sharingsimcoe.com](http://www.sharingsimcoe.com)), where we share stories of our amazing students, staff and community members.
- For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s website at: [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). And remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days. Notifications of bus delays can be emailed to families and students that subscribe to receive their specific bus delay notification through the SCSTC website. Subscribe here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/>

## **MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH UNIT: ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD IS UP-TO-DATE**

The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires the health unit to have up-to-date immunization records for all students attending school. According to ISPA (2014), students are required to be vaccinated against the following diseases:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (must have two doses after the first birthday)
- Meningococcal Disease (must have one dose after the first birthday & Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7)
- Varicella (chickenpox) - only for those born 2010 and after

The health unit **does not** receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices. Please contact the health unit each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider.

What you can do:

- check your child's yellow immunization card
- contact your child's health-care provider to obtain records or get missing vaccinations
- go to <http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline> to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to 705-726-3962

## **OCTOBER IS INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH**

Did you know that October is International Walk to School month? It is 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:

- 1) 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
- 2) If you usually drive your child to school, try getting them to walk part of the way
- 3) 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

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 8-14: 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](http://www.nfpa.org/fpw)

## **MEET THE TEACHER BBQ**



Just a reminder that the Meet the Teacher BBQ (5:00 to 7:00) is tonight! Forms were sent home regarding the cost of each item. Hope to see you there!



## **COME VISIT OUR BOOK FAIR!**

The Book Fair will be open during the Meet the Teacher BBQ from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

It will also be open during nutrition breaks on Friday.