



# NEW LOWELL CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## OCTOBER 2018

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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 1: School Council – 6:30 pm  
 October 1: Orange Shirt Day  
 October 4: Cross Country Klondike Park  
 (Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> is Rain date)

October 8: Thanksgiving – no school  
 October 9: Character Ed Assembly – 9:30 a.m.  
 October 9: Area Cross Country – Blueberry Trails  
 (Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> is Rain date)  
 October 10: PICTURE DAY  
 October 16: County Cross Country – Moonstone  
 (Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> is Rain date)  
 October 22: P.A. Day – no school  
 November 9: Picture Retake Day



### PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy October!

Looking for new or used Lego or funds to purchase Lego. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Haufe are planning to run a Lego club for students in JK-8 beginning in November.

Here's to enjoying the company of friends and family. I wish you a happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Cook

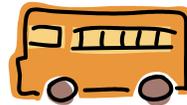
### STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATES

Student information sheets will be going 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 to **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 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. 22 to 26. 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. 24 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/)

### **WANT TO BE A VOLUNTEER AT OUR SCHOOL? HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. This school year, we are implementing a new online Volunteer Portal. SCDSB Community Apps (<http://communityapps.scdsb.on.ca>) is a new online portal that allows you to begin the process for volunteering at our school. Here is some information to share as we've been receiving some questions:

- Only NEW volunteers or those who received a letter in June indicating you require an updated Criminal Background Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (5 year renewal) are able to register as a volunteer on the Community Apps website at this time.
- If you're a current, approved school volunteer, you can still volunteer at our school for the time being. You should have recently received a letter with your success code. This code will allow you to register as a volunteer on the Volunteer Portal through the Community Apps website.

### **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 9, 2017 at 9:30 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.

### **PAY FOR FIELD TRIPS WITH SchoolCash Online**

We have made it easy for parents to make their school purchase from the convenience of their own home. Follow these three steps to get started:

1. Go to [simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com](http://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com) or visit our school website and click on "pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through bank transfer or credit card

It's safe, fast and convenient. Contact the office with any questions.

PARENT PORTAL GIVES PARENTS REAL-TIME ACCESS TO ATTENDANCE, GRAD INFORMATION  
The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID will be provided in a letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, you can visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

### **TERRY FOX RUN**

The students of New Lowell Central Public School participated in the school's 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Terry Fox Run/Walk on, September 28<sup>th</sup>. All money sent in will go directly to support the Terry Fox Foundation. A pledge sheet was sent home or visit [www.terryfoxrun.org](http://www.terryfoxrun.org) and select New Lowell. It is not necessary for each student to collect pledges; however, our school goal is \$2800. If we reach this goal Ms. Cook will kiss a "pig" at our next assembly! So far we have raised \$1138.00. We will collect pledges until Thursday, October 11<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 4<sup>th</sup>. We have our area run October 9<sup>th</sup> and the county run will be October 16<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 15<sup>th</sup> (rain date is Oct. 17<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 7-13: Every Fire Prevention Week runs from Oct. 7 to 13. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on three fundamental actions people can take to be fire-safe:**

- LOOK for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
- LISTEN for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.
- LEARN two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

### **NLCPS GREEN TEAM BAG2SCHHOOOL CLOTHING DRIVE**

We are pleased to announce that NLCPS Green Team has organized a clothing collection with Bag2School to raise funds for our school. Please donate any unwanted clothing – hats, purses, belts, footwear and stuffed toys to the school by **Monday, October 29**. By getting involved with our clothing collection, you have an opportunity to help raise funds for our school, as well as helping the environment by diverting unwanted textiles away from landfill sites. In addition, we are helping to raise students' awareness of the benefits of the 3 "Rs" – Reduce, Recycle and Reuse! Thank you for your support!

### **ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS**

Every Thursday, New Lowell students and staff are encouraged to wear pink to raise an awareness against bullying.

### **CHARGER WEAR**

Charger wear, if you would like an order form for charger T-shirts, please have your child see Mrs. Davies.