



The SIMCOE STREET Public School ...

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A Message from the Principal...

Welcome to June!

As we start the final month of school a big Simcoe Street thank you goes out to our Grade 3 and 6 students who just finished their EQAO assessment. These students' positive attitudes, perseverance and hard work has payed off and they finished strong! We are so proud of their efforts. A big thank you is extended to Miss Roberto (Area Superintendent) and our amazing Parents for supporting us in providing our students a hot breakfast each day. A big thanks also is extended to our dedicated teachers and support staff who consistently support our students both academically and socially, so they can reach their potential.

Here are some quotes from our Grade 3 and 6 students about EQAO and their experience:

'Is it possible to get 100%? I think I might have.'

'It is so much fun!'

'I persevered and didn't give up!'

'I love working my brain.'



Thank you to our school community for supporting the **Education Foundation of Niagara's (EFN) Make Change for Children** Campaign. We raised a total of \$498.05. EFN helps students throughout the Niagara region with subsidies for trips, clothing, eyeglasses and food.

We hope to see you out for our last **Parent Breakfast on Tuesday, June 4th**. Our Parent breakfasts are sponsored by the **Niagara Falls Community Health Centre**. Besides enjoying a great breakfast, we will be having a guest speaker, Chris Alexiou who will be discussing and showing us how to use Collaborative Problem solving with our children. We will also be raffling off **2 Food Basics gift cards. Food, fun and prizes!!** (See event flyer on page 3).

I will be sending home a end of June newsletter that will outline information regarding report cards, next year's class placements and tips for summer reading and math!

Thank you for your continued support of your children and our wonderful school!

Ms. Moore :)

Good to know!

- ◆ **PA Day**-The school will be closed for a PA Day on Friday, June 7 as teachers work on assessment and evaluation.
- ◆ Our last **PIZZA DAY** for this school year will be Wednesday, June 19, 2019. Our **MILK** program will continue until supplies last, during the last week of school. Our Breakfast Club will continue until the last day of school. Thank you to Mrs. Trcovic, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Reeb and our student volunteers who get our supplies ordered and get everything ready for our BREAKFAST program, on a daily basis. Once again, thank you to our School Council members who so generously donate their time to provide a hot breakfast for our students.
- ◆ **Lunch Angels**- Our final Lunch Angels lunch will take place on Wednesday, June 19.
- ◆ This year's Graduation ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, June 25, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm in our gymnasium**. The ceremony should last approximately 1 hour. Following the ceremony, we will be serving cake and punch for the Graduates and their family members.
- ◆ Our **Year 2 (Senior Kindergarten)** students will also celebrate their Graduation to Grade 1. This celebration will be held in the morning of **Wednesday, June 26th**.
- ◆ **Thank you to our Volunteers!** We would like to thank all of our parents and community members that volunteer their own time to make Simcoe Street a great place to be. We look forward to thanking each of you on June 6.

School Council Updates

Updates:

- ◆ Our parents provide a **hot breakfast** to our students every Tuesday morning. If you would like to volunteer to help out please call our office!
- ◆ **Epicure Fundraiser**- Thank you for supporting our Epicure Fundraiser, we made \$760
- ◆ We have been busy planning a year end celebration for our families and students. On **Thursday, June 20th** we will be hosting a **Family Fun Day!** Starting at 12:20 pm students will be having a **bbq lunch (with meat-free options)- free of charge**. At 1:00 pm we will start our afternoon of fun activities which will feature:
 - a 40 ft. obstacle course;
 - Carnival games;
 - Water games;
 - Mad Science- Bubble and Slime booth
 - freezies,
 - water-based tattoos;
 - lots of FUN!

We hope that parents will be able to attend too!



Please Join Us!



YOU'RE INVITED!



YEAR END PARENT BREAKFAST

**Collaborative
Problem
Solving**



**Presentation
with Chris Alexiou**

**Learn skills to assist with
childhood behavioural challenges**

June

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**FREE PARENT BREAKFAST
& PRESENTATION**

Welcome Room

**8:30 AM
9:00 AM**

**FREE BREAKFAST
PRESENTATION WITH CHRIS ALEXIOU**

School Cash On-line

With School Cash Online, you will be able to approve permission forms and make payments for items online. Understanding that we're quickly becoming a cashless society, we know it can sometimes be a challenge to find exact change for items and then send it to school through your child's backpack. Using School Cash Online, you'll be able to use your debit, credit card or echeque to make quick and easy payments online. It will also allow you to track payments made and receive an invoice for your purchases.

School Cash Online is a safe, reliable portal that will ensure the security of your information. The system is already active. You are able to gain access through the School Cash button which has been placed on our school website. We are asking that you click on the button and follow the simple instructions to register. Registration should take less than five minutes. If you registered last year, you do not need to register again!

If you require some assistance registering for School Cash Online, please visit the office and we will be happy to help you get started.

School Vandalism

Now that the warm weather has arrived, we seek your cooperation in reducing school vandalism. Should you observe unusual activity at our school, please call in confidence either of the following emergency numbers:

905.682.8065

905.563.1293

We appreciate your assistance with this matter. As you can imagine graffiti and other damage is very costly to remove/repair, not to mention how unsightly it can be.

DSBN Summer Programs

There are summer programs available for current Grade 6, 7, and 8 students available in our area. They include **Super in 7, Great in 8, High School Head Start, and Reach Ahead credits.**

Please visit the DSBN Summer Programs website for more information or speak to the office for further information.

www.dsbn.org/summerprograms

Moving Before September?

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Simcoe Street Public School for the 2019/2020 school year, **we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months.** Providing us with this information will also facilitate transportation arrangements for September. We thank you in advance for keeping us informed! School and classroom organization begin shortly, so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year! **Thank you!**

Class Placements

The staffing process for a new school year continues throughout the school year and often requires "fine tuning" during the first weeks of September. The teachers assigned to each class and class organizations have not been finalized at this point. When we organize classes, a great deal of consideration goes into the placement of students for the next year. The staff takes into account the children's needs in order to provide an appropriate academic and social environment.

Regarding class placement, if your child has any significant learning/education needs which you feel should be considered, please advise the office in writing, stating these factors no later than **June 6th**. All requests will be considered (but cannot be guaranteed), in conjunction with the above staff considerations, when making decisions about student placements.

After School

Just a reminder that we do not have teacher supervision on the yard after school, past 3:30 pm. Students are expected to go home after school, unless they are being supervised by a parent/guardian.

Attendance Matters!

With the end of the year upon us, we will be recognizing students with top attendance patterns at the June assembly. We look forward to celebrating students with fewer than 7 absences and less than 7 lates for the entire 2018-2019 school year. Congratulations to those students that will be recognized!

Dress Code

Everyone has their own unique style and aesthetic. We celebrate students' individuality and respect their ability to express themselves. Our only expectation is that all students come to school dressed appropriately for a learning environment.

When deciding on what clothes your child will wear, we ask that all members of our school community are mindful of:

- Health and safety considerations
- The dignity and well-being of all students and staff (i.e. clothing that is free of inappropriate or discriminatory imagery or wording)

SAVE THE DATE!



Save the Date

Parenting any age can tough!

Are you struggling with:

Tantrums or meltdowns
Bedtime battles
Aggressive behaviours
Self-esteem issues
Worrying

Come and join **Public Health's Positive Parenting Program**. It is a 5 week, evidence based program that gives parents and caregivers simple and real-life strategies to handle challenging behaviours.

Led by a trained public health nurse, families will learn how to:

- Build positive relationships with their children
 - Plan ahead to avoid or manage difficult situations
 - Deal positively and consistently with problem behaviours
- Encourage good behaviours from your child

Location: **Simcoe Street School**

Dates: **October 23, October 30, November 6, November 13, November 20**

Time: **9 – 11 a.m.**

To save your spot, contact Niagara Parents at:

T: 905-684-7555 or
1-888-505-6074 ext. 7555
E: parents@niagararegion.ca



Fight the Bite!

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals have no boundaries and can be a risk to you and your family when walking to and from school or work, waiting at the bus stop, family trips, while playing in the yard at home or at the park.

Protect yourself and your family from **West Nile Virus:**

- Reduce standing water where mosquitoes breed
- Cover up, wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, hats socks and shoes
- Repair any damaged window screens
- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)

Reduce the risk of **Lyme disease:**

- Wear light coloured clothing to help spot ticks
- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)
- Check yourself, your children and pets for ticks after being outdoors
- Cut your grass and dispose of leaf litter where ticks can live

Prevent **rabies:**

- Vaccinate your pets
- Do not feed or approach any wild, stray or strange animals
- Do not trap, transport, keep or pet any wild animals
- Do not try and nurse sick animals back to health

Presently, all of these diseases exist in Niagara. For more information, contact Niagara Region Public Health at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590 or 1-888-505-6074.



The Greatest Showman!

James Morden Public School has been working all year on a production of "The Greatest Showman". If you are interested, there are evening performances open to all community members.

James Morden Presents...

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

*"No one ever made a difference by being like everyone else."
-P.T. Barnum*

SHOW TIMES

June 12-13th, 2019 at 6pm
June 12-14th, 2019/12pm Matinees
James Morden Elementary School
Tickets: Donation Only
Contact the school to reserve your tickets now!
jam@dsbn.org