



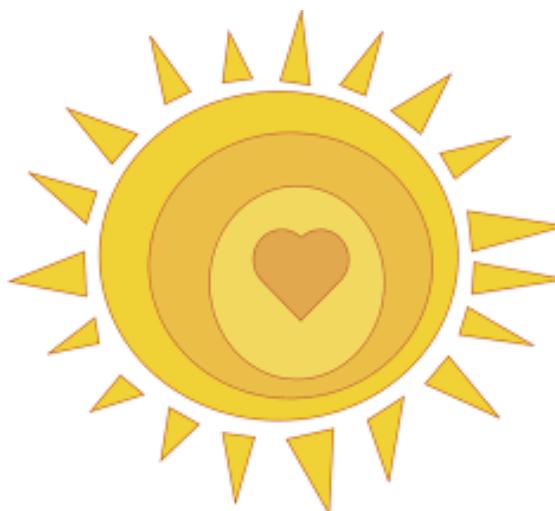
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ALMOST THE END OF ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR!



With summer just around the corner, we have so many individuals to thank for supporting us throughout the school year.



A very huge THANK YOU to Carousel Players for coming to our school on April 25, 2017 and performing BOYS GIRLS AND OTHER MYTHOLOGICAL CREATURES to our students in Grade 1 to Grade 5. The students thoroughly loved the performance! As the story goes, deep in Simon's basement is a secret world of imagination and adventure. While Simon and his new friend battle a fire-breathing dragon, in reality, Simon's older brother is not so sure about all this dressing up and fairy tale business.



We have been very fortunate to have Niagara Nutrition Partners (NNP) supporting our Simcoe Street Public School's incredible **BREAKFAST** program as well as our Tuesday morning **HOT BREAKFAST** program. Many thanks to our dedicated School Council members who came in early on Tuesday morning to prepare the breakfast and deliver it to all of our students! Our students love Tuesdays! We will be continuing on with this program in September on the Tuesday as well. Something for our students to look forward to.



Our students were treated to a day at the FIRST ONTARIO PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE for two beautiful performances. In March, 2017 our K- Grade 3 students saw GRUG which was a magical theatre performance that the children just loved. On October 25, 2016 our Grade 3-8 students went to the FIRST ONTARIO PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE to watch the performance of *THE LIGHTNING THIEF*. What a great day for all of our students!



We just cannot thank GAULD NURSERIES enough for the beautiful landscaping in the front school yard! We have received so many complements and a big thank you to Mrs. Trcovic and Mrs. Gilmour, who you may have seen early in the morning pulling out weeds.



Thank you to Little Caesar's Pizza (Drummond Road location) who have been our most dependable pizza provider on Wednesday and they will continue to provide pizza on Wednesday. REMEMBER that Pizza and Milk tickets NEVER expire, so they may be saved for September.



Thank you to our parents/guardians for supporting us in regards to getting students to school on time. This year we are going to have a SURPRISE ATTENDANCE AWARD for students who have had 7 days (or less) of absences as well as 7 days (or less of lates) since the first day of school in September. They will be receiving a VERY SPECIAL award on the last day of school Celebration Assembly! Can't wait to hear who has earned this award!

GETTING READY FOR SEPTEMBER

- ♦ It seems that our paper copies of the monthly letters have not been read as widely as we wanted and each month we only had 2 students bring in the BUZZWORD. We were hoping for a higher readership. We will be making these changes: beginning September our Monthly newsletters will be posted electronically (and no paper copies will be sent home) on our website and we will discontinue with the BUZZWORD. This June Newsletter will be our last paper copy.
- ♦ We have a number of staff members who will be taking positions at other schools in the District School Board of Niagara. Please join us in wishing all the best to:

Mrs. Beresh who will be moving to Parnall Public School in St. Catharines teaching Grade 6. Mrs. Pyper will be teaching Grade 1 at one of our newest elementary schools, Harriet Tubman Public School in St. Catharines. Mrs. Flett will be teaching Grade 5/6 at William H. Merritt Public School in St. Catharines. Mrs. LeBlanc will be teaching Grade 7/8 at one of our newest schools in Niagara Falls at Forestview Public School. Congratulations to Mrs. Poirier who will be the Vice Principal at James Morden Public School in Niagara Falls. We also wish Mr. Oblak all the best next year and we are unsure as to where he will be teaching.

These staff members will be missed and they are by far the most outstanding instructional and supportive teachers that I have had the pleasure to work with! Staffing for Simcoe Street Public School 2017-2018 school year is as yet not complete so introductions of new staff will wait until the first day of school in September.

We will inform you about your child's classroom placement as well as your child's teacher on the very first day of school. The class lists will be posted on Door B and C back door windows in our school yard around 8:30 a.m.

Should enrolment change (students moving out or into our school BOUNDARY area) throughout the summer, it may be necessary to reorganize the classrooms within the first two weeks of September, 2017.

Next year will bring many new friendships and excitement for all our Simcoe Street Public School students. and families.

- ♦ Our last PIZZA DAY for this school year will be Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Our MILK program will continue until the last day of school. Our Breakfast Club will continue until the last day of school as well. Thank you to Mrs. Gilmour, Mrs. Trcovic and Mrs. Preston and our student volunteers who 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.
- ♦ Join us for a regular Celebration Assembly on June 6th, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. On the very last day of school, Thursday June 29, 2017, we will have our VERY last AWARDS Celebration Assembly at 9:15 a.m. ALL are welcome to join us as well.
- ♦ Just a reminder that Friday, June 9, 2017 is a Professional Activity Day for all staff and there will be no school on this day.
- ♦ Report Cards will be sent home on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 for all of our JK-Grade 8 students.

I would like to highlight our caretaking staff who work so hard behind the scenes. Our Head Caretaker, Mr. Felton is with us during the day to attend to our cleaning and maintenance needs. Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Carr are our Evening Cleaners who work during everyone's supper hour getting our classrooms ready for the morning. We always receive so many compliments as to how clean they keep our school, not only from our staff, but from our parents/community as well! You will enjoy their cheerful nature just like all of us do! They truly work as a team and we are glad they are at our school!

 Enjoy your summer holidays everyone and we look forward to seeing you on the very first day of school which is September 5, 2017.

All the best to our families who are moving to Nova Scotia, British Columbia and other cities in Ontario. ALL the best to our graduating Grade 8 students as they enter Grade 9!

FAMILIES ARE THE BEST!

FAMILY LIFE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

How can you help your child succeed? Research suggests that children who are well adjusted, happy and motivated tend to come from families with the following characteristics:

Togetherness: Children tend to be happy and well adjusted when they feel important and cared for.

Positive Reinforcement: Family members encourage and support each other, especially during the challenging and difficult times. Most of the comments made to each others in daily conversation is positive.

Responsibility: Parents help their children become more responsible for their actions. They help their children solve problems on their own.

Tolerance: Children are encouraged to share their views and offer different opinions. Parents genuinely listen to these views without passing judgement.

Maturity: Children gradually gain responsibilities and privileges as they grow and become more independent. The sense of accomplishment children gain from successfully meeting these increased expectations help them to mature.

Involvement in Learning: Parents are highly involved in their children's learning. They provide their children with challenges and encourage them to think and learn every day.

Involvement in community activities: Volunteering as a family helps children to connect with their community and learn more about citizenship.

The school year is winding down and the final days of instruction and school activity are almost here. We have been delighted by our students and their growth, their energy and their achievements. Parents /guardians at our school are incredibly generous and supportive what we do here. They participate in many opportunities which allow our students to grow in their knowledge, self esteem, confidence and skills. Our children learn to accept, work with and befriend children with special needs and students who have come to us from all over the world.

Only through the continuous partnership of staff, parents and community are we able to address the needs of our students. Thank you for taking the time to ask your child **WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY?** and listen to your child/children. Thank you for contacting us with questions, concerns and ideas. Your input is greatly valued. We have recognized student success at Celebration Assemblies and we will be celebrating our Grade 8 graduation on June 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and our Senior Kindergarten Celebration on June 28, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. BOTH in our GYM, All of us at Simcoe Street Public School thank you for a great year! With your continued support and help, Simcoe Street Public School will continue to be a great place to learn and grow!