



The SIMCOE STREET Public School ...

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WELCOME !



Welcome everyone and I extend a special welcome to families who are new to our community as well as to our families who have children just beginning their adventure in our Kindergarten program. We welcome your active involvement and your ongoing interest in the daily events, activities and programs at our school. With your help this will truly be a successful school year for all of us.

A few important pieces of information that we would like to share with you:

NEWSLETTERS: Beginning October, 2017 all newsletters will be on our website by the **first day of each month**. Should you not have access to a computer, please contact the school *each month* for a copy of the newsletter.



PIZZA: Pizza will be available EVERY WEDNESDAY during the second nutrition break this year again. PIZZA tickets are available at the office anytime. We always take a pizza 'finger count' right after morning announcements on WEDNESDAY. If there is pizza left from our order, this is the only time we will accept cash (\$1.00 each) or students may use another PIZZA ticket. PIZZA WEDNESDAY will begin on SEPTEMBER 13, 2017!

MILK: Milk (white and chocolate), and ice cream will be available during the morning NUTRITION BREAK ONLY. MILK tickets are available for purchase at the office as well. MILK tickets are ONLY accepted when student purchase milk. (no cash).



FIVE 'THINGS' THAT NEED TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY:

1. STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM with updated address and contact information.
2. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FORM (or your child will not be able to use our computers, chrome books).
3. PHYSICAL EDUCATION PERMISSION FORM to help us understand any medical issues.
4. AFTERNOON NUTRITION/FITNESS BREAK FORM (for Grade 5-8 students only).
5. Please send \$2.00 for your child's AGENDA (Grades 1-8 students only).

WAITING FOR YOUR CHILD

Parents /guardians who are meeting their child at the end of the school day are asked to wait outside of the building to ensure the smooth and safe dismissal of ALL the children. Should your child need to be picked up sometime during the school day for appointments, please come to the office and wait for your child to arrive at the office. We ask that you *sign out* your child in our binder to indicate that you have taken your child from school. We will be discouraging student requests to phone home or to your place of work for parents/guardians to bring their gym clothes, asking to go home with another child or nutrition break food. Please help us in promoting responsibility amongst our students.

REMEMBER

Please be reminded about the following:

MEDICATION: Should your child require ORAL medication that is prescribed by a doctor, then we will provide you with a form to complete and the medication is always dispensed from the office. If your child requires an ASTHMA puffer and you prefer to have your child keep the puffer in his/her locker for quick and easy access, please ask the office for a form requesting this. Please contact the office for any additional information.



CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES: It is the District School Board of Niagara's policy that students do not bring cell phones/iPODS, iPADS into the school. We understand that parents /guardians provide cell phones for student safety on the way to school and back from school and we respect that. However, once students arrives at their locker, students must keep their cell phones in their locker until the end of the school day. The school is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen cell phones and staff/office do not store student cell phones for safe keeping.

If students use their cell phone during the school day it will land at the Principal's office and parents will be informed to either pick it up at the school or at a later date. Or, with your permission we will keep it in the school safe for a week. Thank you for your attention in this important matter and supporting our expectations.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

- ◆ Our first Early Release Day is Friday, September 15, 2017. This means that students in Grades K-8 will be dismissed to go home at 12:05 p.m.. Bussed students will leave the school on the bus heading home at 12:15 p.m. Staff will be involved in Professional Development for the afternoon.
- ◆ Our school will be hosting the TERRY FOX 36th Anniversary WALK along with many other schools throughout Canada. We will begin our walk around school property at 1:45 p.m. on Friday, September 22, 2017 with our Grades 1– 8 students only. Any donations on this day will be most welcome. We also invite our families to join us as well. Strollers too!
- ◆ Our 'MEET THE STAFF' OPEN HOUSE will be on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pizza will be available in each classroom. Hope to see everyone there!
- ◆ Stop in for a coffee / tea in our WELCOME ROOM anytime. Bring your preschoolers for some time to play under your supervision.
- ◆ Public Health and the Niagara Falls Community Health Centre will be in our backyard (weather permitting!) around the time the morning bell rings, on Wednesday, September 6 and Friday, September 8 and again on Wednesday, September 13 with coffee for our parents/guardians. Please hang around for a COFFEE BREAK with our community partners.



- ◆ BAKE SALE on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 to support the purchase of GRAD HOODIES for our amazing Grade 8 students! Details will follow. Stay tuned!
- ◆ Wear an Orange Shirt on September 29, 2017 to show support for residential school survivors. This day recognizes the effects and intergenerational impact of the residential school system on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children in Canada. Everyone Matters!

AND HERE WE ARE!

I am pleased to introduce to you our current staffing for 2017-2018.

KINDERGARTEN:	Mrs. Belding
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Grade 1:	Miss Norton
Grade 2:	Mrs. Hoday
Grade 3:	Mrs. Hannigan
Grade 4:	Miss Pokol
Grade 5/6:	Mr. Thompson
Grade 7/8:	Mrs. Maiuri
Education Assistants:	Ms. Gilmour, Ms. Lachance
French/Librarian:	Mme. Iacobaccio
Physical Education:	Mr. Beresh
Learning Resource Teacher:	Mrs. Jonovich
Youth Counsellor:	Ms. Barrow
Social Worker	Ms. Bennett
Secretary:	Mrs. Reeb
Caretaker:	Mr. Felton
Evening Cleaners:	Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Carr
Principal:	Mrs. Weerdenburg

