



## The *SIMCOE STREET* Public School ...

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## WELCOME!

I am so looking forward to getting to know our students and families of Simcoe Street Public School! It has been wonderful to hear all the chatter about summer activities! Mrs. Poirier (Vice Principal) and staff, welcome everyone back and 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. Both Mrs. Poirier and I are very honoured to be working alongside such dedicated staff at Simcoe Street Public School. We trust that throughout the year, both teachers, and parent(s)/guardian(s) will communicate closely so that we can work together. 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:

This year we will be an **ALLERGY ALERT** school since we have students at our school with severe allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Please support us in making our school a safe place by keeping peanut butter products at home. Even though children love to share, we discourage children to share their lunch with other children as well. "WOW Butter" looks exactly like peanut butter and it will be very difficult for us to monitor in classrooms and other children may have difficulty knowing the difference, even with a sticker.

We understand that your pets are such important members of your family and we welcome you and your dog as you drop off and pick up your child from school. We know that your pet is under your control at all times and that makes it safe for all.

Beginning October, all of our newsletters will be posted on our website on the very first day of each month. We are working very hard in continuing our efforts to be an environmentally conscientious school. Should you not have access to a computer, please contact the school *each month* for a copy of the newsletter.

We will be having PIZZA days each Wednesday as well this year to support our Grade 8 graduation activities. More details to follow.

An electronic sign will soon be posted on our outside school wall. Keep an eye out for this. It will just happen one day!

Sincerely, Mrs. Genny Weerdenburg (Principal)

## A REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parents 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.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please consider coming to our very first School Council meeting which will be Thursday, September 29 at 9:00 a.m. at our school. Light refreshments will be served. Please consider joining us for chat about ways we can make our school even greater. Bring your infants/preschoolers and find out about our new WELCOME ROOM. We are not quite finished but we are inviting you anyway!



## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

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 dispensed from the office. If your child requires ASTHMA puffers 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:** It is the District School Board of Niagara's policy that students do not bring cell phones into the school. We understand that parents provide cell phones for student safety on the way to school and back from school and we respect that. However, once students arrive 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 Vice Principal's office and parents will be informed to pick it up at the school at a later date. Thank you for your attention in this important matter and supporting our expectations.

## 2016-2017 School Year STAFF

I am pleased to introduce to you our current staffing for 2016-2017.

KINDERGARTEN :	Mrs. Beresh and Mrs. Mele-Mills
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Grade 1:	Mr. Oblak
Grade 2/3:	Mrs. Hoday
Grade 3:	Ms. Pyper
Grade 4/5:	Miss Bergsma
Grade 5/6:	Ms. Jonovich
Grade 7/8:	Mrs. LeBlanc
Education Assistants:	Ms. Gilmour, Ms. Preston, Mrs. Weaver
French/Librarian:	Mme. Iacobaccio
Physical Education:	Mr. Beresh
Learning Resource Teacher:	Mr. Beresh
Youth Counsellor:	Ms. Barrow
Social Worker	Ms. Bennett
Secretary:	Ms. Falconer
Caretaker:	Mr. Felton
Evening Cleaners:	Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Carr
Vice Principal:	Mrs. Poirier
Principal:	Mrs. Weerdenburg

## DID you know that we have a new athletic LOGO?

Simcoe Street Public School has a new athletic logo - **The Mighty Bumblebee**. The bumblebee replaces our previous wasp logo. The Mighty Bumblebee is a gentler insect who only stings when absolutely necessary. The bumblebee is an incredible little insect that defies nature by taking flight despite the fact that scientists believe that it should be physically impossible for it to do so based on the proportion of its tiny wings to body size. Despite its tiny wings it is a very successful flyer because it beats its wings fast enough to create the energy necessary to fly. The bumblebee seems to have the magic of believing anything is possible. This logo was carefully selected to represent the students of Simcoe Street School. The bumblebee symbolizes the diligence and perseverance we see in our Students. **It is a symbol that encourages us to dream, believe, and succeed.**

## OUR CROSSING GUARDS

We would like to welcome and introduce to you:

**Pauline at Victoria and Simcoe Streets:**

8:15—8:55 am /12:50—1:40 pm./3:10—3:50 pm and on EARLY RELEASE Day 12:00—12:40pm

**Jim at Victoria and Queen Street:**

8:00—8:50 am/11:20—12:15 pm/2:50—3:30 pm

**Maria and Shirley at Valley Way and Valley Way:**

8:10—9:00 am/12:45—1:35pm/2:55-3:35 pm and on EARLY RELEASE DAY 11:55—12:30 pm

**Lorrie at Morrison and Homewood:**

8:15—8:50 am/ (no lunch crossing guard) /3:05-3:40 pm and on EARLY RELEASE DAY 11:55—12:30 pm

## What's Happening in September?

- ◆ Our first Early Release Day is Friday, September 16, 2016. 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 home at 12:15 p.m. Staff will be involved in Professional Development for the afternoon.
- ◆ Our school will be hosting the TERRY FOX '35th Anniversary WALK' along with many other schools throughout Canada. We will begin our walk around school property at 11:20 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2016 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 21, 2016 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pizza will be available in each classroom. Hope to see everyone there!