



## The SIMCOE STREET Public School ...

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### MARCH 2017



## DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?



The March Break officially begins for students at all District School Board of Niagara schools during the week of Monday, March 13 to 17, 2017. Be safe and enjoy your time together. Make it a practice to read a great book during this week.

☘ Coming up soon: EASTER BREAK April 14—April 17, 2017

☘ School Council Meeting in our WELCOME ROOM on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome!

☘ As per our Simcoe Street Public School Safe School Plan, and in accordance with DSBNO policy, all students participate in a Lockdown procedure twice during the school year just to practice should we need to lockdown our school. We will be practicing again sometime during the week of March 27—March 31, 2017.

☘ Please remember to keep us up to date with your new cell phone numbers. We may need to reach you during the school day.

☘ We are going to kick off our huge second and FINAL school fundraiser of the school year on March 1, 2017 with our amazing and successful COOKIE DOUGH fundraiser. Our fundraiser will continue up until March 20, 2017 in order to have the cookie dough at our school in time for EASTER. Please support us! We want to purchase CHROME books (like mini lap tops!) for our Primary classrooms!

☘ Our **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY and TALENT SHOW** will be scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. We hope to see you there!

☘ Our very last MOVIE NIGHT of the school year is happening on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in our school gym. For \$5.00 per ticket, you will receive two chocolate bars, a bag of popcorn, a glow bracelet and bottled water and a special little treat PLUS watch a SURPRISE movie with all of us! All while supplies last! Now that is what we call a deal. Children 2 years or younger are free. Watch for our flyer coming out sooooooooon!

## Online Math Games-Thinking About The Games Our Children Play

Math games are a wonderful way to engage children. There are many websites which allow children to practice their math facts. While there is a place for this type of practice, there is also a significant place for other websites and games which help children engage in mathematical reasoning and learning. Some questions that might help you determine the value of these types of math games follow:

- √ Is there variety in the mathematical tasks? If you play the same game over, will you be asked different questions? Are there different pathways to the end?
- √ Is there a combination of chance and choice in the game? That is, are there both a random component (rolling a dice, drawing a card) and an opportunity to make a decision?
- √ Is the competition positive and non-threatening?
- √ If a player gets stuck, are there hints?
- √ Does the child feel empowered and in control? In other words, do decisions have clear outcomes?
- √ Does the game encourage social play? The three C's of game playing are: competition, collaboration, and communication. Even one-player games can spark rich discussion of strategy.

### Some Good Online Math Games

**(P-Primary, (K-3) J-Junior, (4-6 )and I-Intermediate (7-8)**

Deep Sea Duel (P/J) <http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivityDetail.aspx?ID=207>

Calculation Nation (J/I) <http://calculationnation.nctm.org/>

Number Twins (P/J) <http://www.coolmath-games.com/0-number-twins/index.html>

Rock-n-Roll Road trip (J/I) <http://www.stem.aetn.org/>

Math Frog (J) <http://cemc2.math.uwaterloo.ca/mathFROG/>

Math Clips (I) <http://oame.on.ca/CLIPS/>

Motion Math Apps (P/J/I) <http://motionmathgames.com/>

Dreambox (P/J and now I!) ask your child how to access this program at home

**\*Tips from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics( NCTM)**

## Please Check Out Our Website!

Are you looking for the **Parent's Guide to our Safe School Plan?**

Are you looking for the Simcoe Street Public School **Code of Behaviour?**

Are you looking for **Inclement Weather Information?**

Are you looking for our **Bell Times?**

Are you looking for our **Monthly Newsletters?**

Are you looking to register with **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE?**

Look no further and check us out at: **[simcoestreet.dsbnschool.ca](http://simcoestreet.dsbnschool.ca)**



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## PARENT ENGAGEMENT MATTERS!

Study after study has shown that student achievement improves when parents play an active role in their children's education, and that good schools become even better schools when parents are involved.

It is recognized that parent engagement is a key factor in the enhancement of student achievement and well-being.

Volunteering or serving on our Simcoe Street Public School Council

Volunteering for field trips and school activities

Meeting with the teachers

Talking to your child about **'what they are learning'** or ask about what their **'learning goals'** were during their day at school.

These are all examples of engaged parents. All these ideas are contributing to your children's education.

Students are more likely to be motivated, to earn higher grades, to have better behaviour and social skills, and to continue their education to a higher level when their parents are actively engaged in supporting their success at school. It is equally important to recognize that parent involvement takes many forms.

## CHECK THIS OUT!

Did you know that your child has access to authoritative digital research databases for his/her reading and research? Current, reliable, student-friendly information is only a mouse click away. Visit our school library website attached to our home page of our school website or visit at <http://destiny.dsbm.org/> to discover the many benefits of using **EBSCO**, **Gale/Nelson** and **Pebble Go** databases.

Here are a few tips for getting started:

- visit our library website at <http://destiny.dsbm.org/> or our school website at <http://simcoestreet.dsbm.org> and click on the library link on our home page
- select the link for the database of interest
- on our website you will notice that we have included the password and username for **Gale/Nelson** database and **EBSCO**. **Pebble Go** does need a password which is available from the classroom teacher.

### Examples of Databases for Students in Grades K - 6:



### Examples of Databases for Students in Grades 7 - 8:

