

# The Hawk Herald



*"We inspire and empower learning for life."*

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## February 2018

### Principal's Message

As I write this message, I've got my fingers crossed that Warton Willy will announce on Friday that spring is right around the corner.

Our Hawk Athletic Teams are in full swing. Our Intermediate Girls are competing in Volleyball and our Intermediate Boys are involved in Basketball. They are all representing our school very well in their competitions. Thank you to our coaches! Girlstrong is coming soon for all interested girls in grades 3-8.

As we get closer to Valentine's Day, our students are getting more excited about the various activities planned for the week. Our Junior/Intermediate teachers have some activities around the Olympics and there will be the dance as well. Primary teachers will be celebrating in different ways in their classrooms.

Our staff is involved in a variety of initiatives to support student academics and well-being. Stay tuned for our "Action" board in our front foyer highlighting events happening at school.

I hope that everyone has a fabulous February!

Sincerely,

Robbie Losch

## CHARACTER EDUCATION

During the month of February our classes will be focused on the character trait of 'INCLUSIVENESS'. Our students will continue to learn about the importance of being INCLUSIVE in all situations. At the end of February we will celebrate students from each class that have been selected for having demonstrated that character trait throughout the month. This Recognition Assembly will take place on February 23rd @ 9:30 a.m. and we hope that you'll want to join us for that event.

# Coming Soon... *Girlstrong*

## Now accepting Kindergarten registrations

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten! Elementary schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/)



## Girlstrong

Girls in grades 3-8.... Are you interested in playing games, feeling empowered, learning how to live healthy and being active? Then join Girlstrong for a non-competitive program doing all those things! We will be meeting twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in May. We end with a 3km Celebration Run in June (you don't have to be a "runner"; some of us just do the best we can!). The program cost is \$10 and that gets you a tshirt, and a finishing award after the Run. See Mrs. Hamilton for a permission form if you are interested and had to miss the introductory meeting. Forms and money are due by Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Update your child's immunization record

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).

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## **National Engineering Month competition takes place March 3**

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Students in Grades 5 to 8 are invited to submit a model bridge, catapult or grabber for the National Engineering Month (NEM) event. Models will be tested for design, strength, quality of construction and functionality. Students of any age are invited to attend to check out 3D printers and robots, Raspberry Pi computer coding demos, crystal radio construction and CNC machine coding. The event takes place on March 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastview Secondary School (421 Grove St. E. in Barrie). Lunch will be provided. This event is jointly organized by the Georgian Bay Chapter of OACETT and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter of PEO, under the banner of NEM Ontario. For more information and to register for this free event, visit <https://nemsimcoe.wixsite.com/nemsimcoe>.

## **Operations Appreciation Day:**

### **A Chance to Say 'Thank You'**

Feb. 8 is Operations Appreciation Day in the Simcoe County District School Board. We celebrate and recognize our custodians and operations maintenance employees for the great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean. We'd like to say thanks to *Ms. Farr, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Scott* for everything they do in our school. We'll say our thanks on February 8th, by wearing grey.

## **High School information nights coming soon to a high school near you**

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights are happening this winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at [www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool).

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## Walking to school is great for students

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit [www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning).

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### EARLY PICK UP?/ALTERNATE AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Recently, we've had an increased number of calls into the school regarding students who need alternate arrangements at the end of the day. Our office is very busy and we cannot guarantee that your child will receive the message if you call **after 2:45pm**. We understand that emergencies do arise and we will do our best to accommodate you. If you are picking up your child early, please send a note in the agenda to your child's teacher in the morning to let them know. Our goal is to get everyone home safely and your cooperation with this would be appreciated. We are also trying to avoid confusion and class interruptions at the end of the day. If you arrive to pick up your child **after 3:15pm**, we are asking that you kindly wait until the bell rings at our regular dismissal time of 3:30pm.