

MUSTANG NEWS!

MINESING CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

April 2024 NEWSLETTER

The Character Traits for February are **Respect & Honesty**



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ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians at Minesing P.S.

As we embrace the beauty of spring, I extend a warm welcome to April at Minesing P.S. and hopefully with that some warmer weather! This month, let us continue to cultivate curiosity, kindness, and resilience in our school community. We are continuing our monthly exploration of the "UnLearn Posters" to assist our students to become critical thinkers that embrace the SCDSB character traits. We look forward to exploring this together with you, our parent community next month during our Diversity Night. In addition, our focus on the monthly strategies for mental health and well-being (last month was "tense and relax") continues to support our students in preparing them to be successful in our world. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment of our students success with their dedication to teaching, learning, co-curricular opportunities, presentations and field trips. These activities go a long way in supporting our students. As we embark on new learning adventures and celebrate achievements, may we also take time to appreciate the simple joys that surround us each day. Together, let's make April a month filled with joy, discovery, and a sense of togetherness.

Wishing you all a wonderful month ahead!

Sincerely,

Allison Beecroft

Principal



SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE

We made through Winter, and Spring is finally upon us. We hope everyone enjoyed their March Break and is looking forward to the sunny days ahead. School Council has been very busy coordinating a number of upcoming events for our mustang families to enjoy. We are very excited to bring to you the Astronomy in Action evening on Tuesday April 16th! This interactive and FREE educational event is open to all students families to attend in the school gymnasium. Participants will enter a planetarium and receive a short presentation about science and astronomy which is based on the Ontario science curriculum. This is sure to be an engaging experience for our mustangs and we hope to see you all there!

We are also been active planning the Spring Vendor Market which will be held on Wednesday May 8th. For more information, or if you are interested in participating as a vendor, please contact your School Council Co-chairs, Jennifer Smith-Shuttleworth and Robyn Blanchet at Councilchairmin@scdsb.on.ca.

The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday April 9th in the school library at 6:00 p.m. These meetings are open to all Minesing parents/guardians and we hope to see you there!



IMPORTANT DATES:

March 29th – Good Friday Holiday
April 1st – Easter Monday Holiday
April 5th—Boys basketball tournament EDHS
April 5th—Gr. 5 to Springwater Park
April 8th is our PA Day (rescheduled from April 26th due to the social eclipse being on April 8th)
April 9th—Eid
April 9th – School Council Meeting 6 p.m. in school library
April 16th – Astronomy Night 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the school
April 18 and 19th – Dental Screening at school
April 19th—Gr. 8 Trip—final payment due
April 26th – Ice Cream day fundraiser
April 29th—Registration for summer learning program begins
April 30th – Gr 7 Vaccination



DAYS OF AWARENESS

Copy and paste the following link to view the days of awareness for **APRIL**

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/equity_and_inclusion

Dogs on school property

For the safety of all staff, students, and visitors, dogs (with the exception of service animals) are not permitted on school property.



[Subscribe to Kindergarten Connections!](#)

Will your child be turning four in 2024? If so, the SCDSB invites you to Kindergarten Connections! This is a monthly newsletter informing families of everything they need to know about preparing their child for school, as well as registering them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB. To learn more and subscribe, visit the Kindergarten page on the SCDSB website:

www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

[Subscribe to Community Connects!](#)

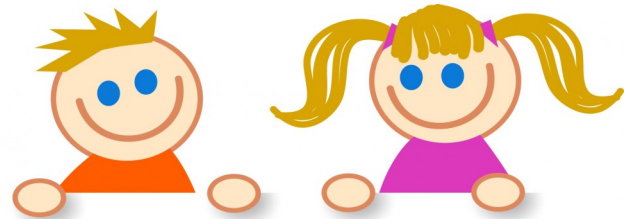
The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is excited to launch Community Connects, a new bimonthly newsletter for the SCDSB community. Our shared goal with this new tool is to keep our community partners and stakeholders informed while nurturing relationships that are built on accountability, trust, and transparency.

To learn more and subscribe, visit the Community Connects page on the SCDSB website: https://www.scdsb.on.ca/community/community_connects.



[Kindergarten Registration for September 2024 Is Open!](#)

Kindergarten is the beginning of a wonderful journey of learning, and we want your child to begin their journey in a SCDSB school! Do you have a child who is turning four in 2024? If so, we invite you to register your child for Kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.



[April PA Day](#)

Due to the solar eclipse set to occur in our region, the Simcoe County District School Board has made the decision to move the elementary school PA Day originally scheduled for April 26, 2024 to April 8, 2024.

[Kindergarten Orientation](#)

Kindergarten orientation sessions will be held throughout the SCDSB in the spring of 2024. These sessions provide families with the opportunity to engage with their school community as their children prepare to enter school. Learn more about the sessions and find out when your child's school is holding theirs:

www.scdsb.on.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=210982&pageId=8385299.

[Join the SCDSB on Facebook Live to learn about all things Kindergarten!](#)

Do you have a child who is turning four in 2024? Are you interested in learning about Kindergarten in the SCDSB? On Tuesday, April 16 from 7 to 7:30 p.m., members of the SCDSB's Early Years team are hosting a virtual information session via Facebook Live.

The session will highlight important information parents/guardians need to know about Kindergarten in the SCDSB, including details on transitions for students with special education needs.

To virtually attend the presentation, visit the SCDSB Facebook page at 7 p.m. on April 16. To get a head start on learning about Kindergarten in the SCDSB, watch last year's information session:

<https://fb.watch/qM3niHW7IE/>.

APRIL 8th PA DAY

Monday, April 8 is a PA Day for elementary SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2023-24 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

Below is a summary of the activities planned for the April 8 PA Day:

April 8, 2024

Length: Full-day

Topic: Curriculum content, student mental health and well-being, skilled trades and apprenticeships

Host: Simcoe County District School Board

Presenters/Facilitators: Combination of administrator-facilitated and self-directed learning modules planned by central staff

All educators will engage in professional learning with a focus on mental health promotion and literacy planning for students. Educators will learn about Wayfinder, a sequenced guide that offers a variety of mental health lessons and activities organized by grade. Included are core mental health literacy lessons, lessons linked to HPE curriculum, learning activities, and tools to support and consolidate student learning. Professional learning for grades 7 and 8 teachers will include a specific focus on the implementation of the mandatory grade 7 and 8 mental health literacy modules. All educators will also learn about strategies to support students who are dysregulated in the regular classroom.

Kindergarten educators will work collaboratively to use the data from the early reading screener to determine and plan next steps for small group reading instruction. They will also explore the new Kindergarten Math Course of Study instruction and assessment resources and create plans for an upcoming topic of study that is responsive to the needs and interests of their students.

Grade 1 to 3 educators will learn about the revised Social Studies curriculum related to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Peoples. They will review the Indigenous Education Department online resources, learn about the Human Library available for all SCDSB teachers, and plan a cross-curricular literacy lesson which embeds the new social studies content. They will also engage in self-directed learning about math content knowledge for teaching planned by the district math team. This learning will focus on strategies for teaching number and algebra.

Grade 4 to 6 educators will analyze and use their classroom reading data to determine and plan next steps for literacy instruction. They will also engage in self-directed math content knowledge for teaching learning planned by the district math team. This learning will focus on strategies for teaching number and algebra.

Grade 7 and 8 educators will learn about each of the SCDSB programs offered to students which may lead to a career in the skilled trades including: OYAP, Co-operative Education, SHSM, SWAC, and Dual Credit. Educators will also engage in case studies on the topic of skilled trades pathways and then discuss in whole group sessions. School administrators will facilitate this centrally planned learning experience. They will also engage in self-directed learning about math content knowledge for teaching planned by the district math team. This learning will focus on strategies for teaching number and algebra.

Is Your Child Starting JK or SK in September?

The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres are excited to offer in-person and virtual programs that help prepare children and parents for Kindergarten. Parents/guardians and children will have the opportunity to interact together in a variety of school readiness activities.

These programs will look at and discuss: How Does Learning Happen, Self Regulation, Social Skills, and How to Get Ready to Start School. To register for a program in your area visit: www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/GRFK.

[New -Hot Off The Press! French Resource for Parents!](#)

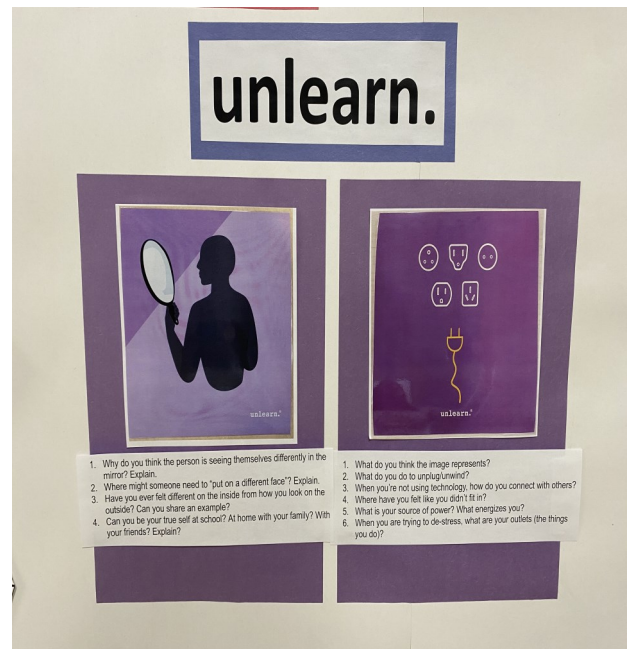
The FSL team at the SCDSB has put together a FAMILY TOOLKIT. Parents and caregivers can access the toolkit to find resources, games, review and other activities that can support children's French learning at home! You can find this resource on the SCDSB website under "FSL in the SCDSB." Scroll down to "resources for families" and you will see a link for the "FSL Family Toolkit."

<https://sites.google.com/scdsb.on.ca/fslfamilytoolkit?usp=sharing>



Have a look at our unlearn posters for the month of April!

As a whole school, we are having meaningful conversations about race, gender, culture, abilities, unique identities and stereotypes.



[Summer learning programs in the SCDSB \(elementary\)](#)

The SCDSB continues to support student achievement and well-being throughout the summer months by providing a range of elementary summer learning programs. This summer, the SCDSB is offering programs that will focus on reading (Grades 1-3), math (Grades 4-8), multilingual learners (Grades 1-8), and students with learning disabilities who use assistive technology at school (Grades 4-8). The programs will be delivered through both a virtual synchronous learning format (Google Classroom) and in-person (Terry Fox Elementary School). The programs will run from July 8-26 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. daily.

Interested families are asked to contact their children's school principal for further details and registration

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Registration now open for summer eLearning!

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering summer school courses in July 2024 (elearning) and travel for credit courses in both July and August for current high school students or adult learners who are interested in earning a new credit or upgrading a previous mark. Students can advance online learning skills, earn missed credits or fast-track preparation for graduation or post-secondary in just four weeks. eLearning is fully supported by certified teachers who are available electronically daily.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at:

https://www.thelearningcentres.com/programs/summer_school.

EDUTravel programs are offered in a variety of destinations including Canada, USA, and Europe. For more information including costs, destinations, credits, and dates of commitment, please visit:

www.edutravelforcredit.com.

Summer eLearning opportunities for students entering Grade 9!

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering summer school eLearning courses in July 2024. Current Grade 8 students wishing to reach ahead and earn a credit before high school can now register through their elementary school principal. eLearning is fully supported by certified teachers who are available electronically daily. Available courses include:

CGC1D – Grade 9 Geography

PAF10 – Grade 9 Personal Fitness

CHV20 & GLC20 – Grade 10 Civics and Careers

CHC2P – Grade 10 Applied History

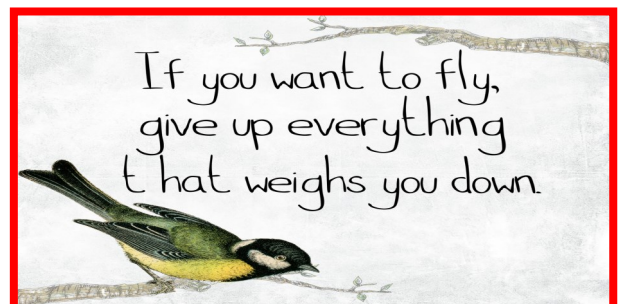
CHC2D – Grade 10 Academic History

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Math @Home parent and caregiver series

It's back! The SCDSB math team is pleased to offer three virtual sessions for parents and caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions will focus on practical and fun ways to support children with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. The first 200 registrants will receive a Math @Home kit of resources to use at home. Participants must pre-register for each of the sessions.

Games to support your child's math learning @Home

Thursday, April 4, 2024, 7 to 8 p.m.

This session is for parents, caregivers, and their children. Playing games at home is a great way to support child (ren)'s math development. In this session, several games will be explored, and participants will have the opportunity to try the games with their children during the session. The guided portion of the session will be 45 minutes in length followed by 15 additional minutes for further game play or to ask questions of our math facilitators. Bring your child(ren) and your math kit to this session!

Participants must pre-register for the sessions they wish to attend. Registered participants will receive a kit of hands-on resources that will be sent to the school indicated on the registration form. Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/24MathAtHome>.



Looking for ways to support your child in learning math? Check out the SCDSB's new Math at Home resource!

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is committed to supporting students in understanding and doing mathematics. The SCDSB has developed the Math at Home resource, a compilation of family-friendly, accessible, and engaging math resources and tools designed to engage families in supporting their children's learning.

The Math at Home page on the SCDSB website, available at www.scdsb.on.ca/MathAtHome, includes a variety of math games, number talks, problem solving opportunities, and practice tasks for students from pre-Kindergarten to Grade 10. Families will learn about how to support the development of positive math mindsets in their children and discover activities with connections to math in the world. The resource also includes a variety of print and digital resources for students and their families.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS AT MINESING CENTRAL

MABEL'S LABELS campaigns.mabelslabels.com choose Minesing

CHICKEN ON THE RUN www.chickenontherun.ca –use code **MUSTANGS24**

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR <https://simcoecountydistrictschoolboard.entripyshops.com/>

Lunch Box—hot lunch programs *Monday—Pasta *Tuesday- Pizza *Wednesday—Subs

We thank you for your continuing support in our fundraising efforts.

Current Fundraisers at Minesing

These fundraisers support a variety of items such as presentations, literacy, numeracy, athletics, field trips, our hockey team and graduation.

BBQ LUNCH: March 28th

Ice Cream Day: Start Date is April 11th. End Date is April 25th .

Popcorn: Weekly

Honey: Starting up again! Now goes until June!

MMM Donuts: begins April 2nd

Little Caesar's Pizza Kits: begins now, goes until April 21st PizzaKit.ca

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Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians with Pine River Institute

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) to provide several curated learning sessions focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families.

There are eight webinars specifically planned for parents/guardians and other caregivers during this school year. The remaining webinars are:

April 18, 2024 Vaping, weed, and alcohol



We hope you save these dates in your calendar and join us for these learning opportunities. For more information and to register, please visit the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/3jGaC74>.

Pine River Institute is a live-in treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth aged 13 to 19 struggling with addictive behaviours and often other mental health issues. Combining therapy with a fully-accredited education program, PRI reinforces the healthy life skills required for a successful future. CFI@PRI extends PRI's knowledge, experience and evidence-informed treatment approach to families and care providers in the community to support youth mental wellness and prevent the need for more intensive interventions. Learn more about PRI by visiting their website at www.pineriverinstitute.com.

Interested in learning more about the ways that the SCDSB supports students with special education needs and their families? Join us for a virtual special education information series

During the 2023-24 school year, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/guardians in learning more about programs, supports, and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs.

Supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

April 16

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Every day mental health strategies

May 14

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Participants are asked to register in advance. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. Learn more about each session and how to register on the SCDSB website: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions.

Spring Vendor Market

If you want to be a vendor at the School Council's annual vendor market, please go onto cash online to register and pay for your table. We appreciate your support!

<https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/127520/50/False/True>

Foster families needed in your community!

Children in our community need you! We have an urgent need for foster homes in Simcoe Muskoka. We are looking for diverse foster care providers who understand children's needs. Our needs are diverse and range from babies to teens. Open your home to a child/youth and receive training, support, and between \$85 and \$155 per child and per day. Do you know anyone who may be interested? Visit <https://familyconnexions.ca/fosterconnexions/> to inquire, apply, and for more information. You may also call 705-726-6587 ext. 4.

Information provided by Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions.



Mental health promotion strategy of the month - Just Notice

Well-being is a strategic priority in the Simcoe County District School Board, and our mental health and well-being department provides monthly strategies to support student and family well-being.

This month's strategy is *Just Notice*. This strategy helps children and youth develop the skills to ground themselves. Grounding is a way to focus your attention to the sensations you are experiencing in this moment. It is good to practice at any time but especially helpful when emotions or thoughts are stressful.

To practice *Just Notice* at home, together with your child, model this grounding practice by verbally sharing the following:

- Notice five things you can see.
- Notice four things you can hear.
- Notice three things you can feel/touch.
- Notice two things you can smell.
- Notice one thing you can taste.

This exercise can be done inside or outside. Consider pairing *Just Notice* with this forest visualization video to help guide and ignite their five senses: www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0PO2xo7I9g&t=9s.

See the Student Mental Health Ontario (SMHO) elementary (smho-smso.ca/online-resources/sel-posters/) and secondary (smho-smso.ca/online-resources/sel-posters-for-secondary/) social-emotional learning poster series for *Just Notice* that can be used at home.

Follow along the Mental Health and Well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB_MHWP) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools.

Celebrating poetry

April is poetry month, a chance for students to celebrate a love of language through an appreciation of poetry. Students of all ages enjoy the lyrical, rhythmic qualities of poetry making it a wonderful choice for at home reading. Poems provide an excellent opportunity for students to practice reading aloud, developing fluency and expression. For ideas and resources please visit the resources for families page on the SCDSB website:

www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/parent/resources_for_families.

April cyber awareness topic: Safe gaming and the metaverse

In today's digital landscape, safe gaming practices and understanding the metaverse are crucial for families to navigate the digital world securely. Understanding safe gaming practices protects personal information, while metaverse awareness helps prevent identity risks. Parents/guardians play a vital role in guiding their children's online experiences.

Access the cyber awareness tip sheet for April to stay informed about this month's theme and explore additional resources:

https://ecno.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/ECNO-CAM-Calendar-23-Aug3023_SafeGamingMetaverse.pdf.

Stay informed to help provide a safer online gaming environment for your children!

Your child's immunization record (elementary)

The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires the health unit to have up-to-date immunization records for all students attending school. According to ISPA (2014), students are required to be vaccinated against the following diseases:

1. Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio, and Pertussis (whooping cough)
2. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (must have two doses after first birthday)
3. Meningococcal Disease (must have one dose after first birthday and Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7)
Varicella (chickenpox, only required for those born 2010 and after)

The health unit **does not** receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices. Please contact the health unit each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider.

What you can do:

- ✦ Check your child's yellow immunization card.
- ✦ Contact your child's healthcare provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations.

Visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Immunization/Report-an-immunization to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to 705-726-3962.

For more information visit the health unit school immunization page:

www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Immunization.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Indigenous leadership and career pathways event hosted by the SCDSB

Are you a SCDSB staff member, graduating student, or member of the public who is of Indigenous ancestry? Are you looking to learn more about leadership opportunities and career pathways at the SCDSB? Join us on May 2 from 4:30 – 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre in Midhurst to:

- Learn about the various career opportunities within the SCDSB, the required education and skills, and how to apply.
- Discover the various pathways to leadership within the SCDSB.

Network with SCDSB staff from the Indigenous Education department and community partners.

To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/InspiringIndigenousLeaders>



Minesing Central P.S.



**SPRING
VENDOR MARKET
&
BOOKFAIR**

Wednesday May 8th, 2024



4:00 - 8:00 PM

**TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE EMAIL:
Councilchairmin@scdsb.on.ca**

Details:

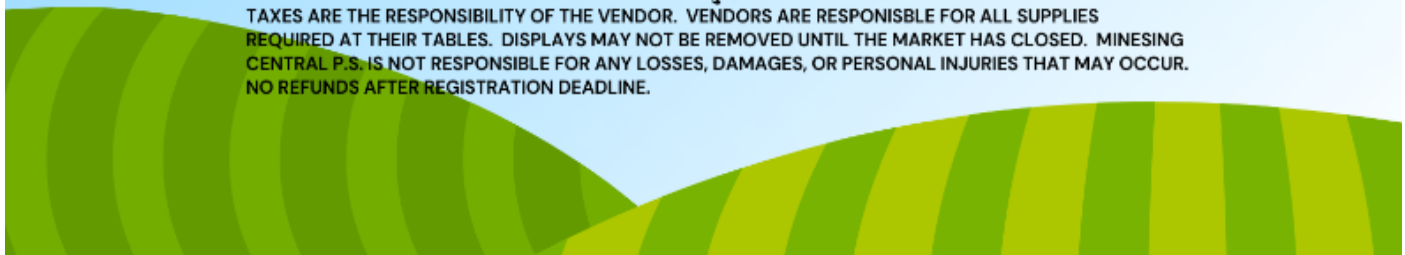
\$55 per table (bring your own table)

No duplicate commercial vendors

**Donation of an item from each vendor requested for
Minesing Central P.S. fundraising silent auction**

VENDOR REQUIREMENTS:

**TAXES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR. VENDORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SUPPLIES
REQUIRED AT THEIR TABLES. DISPLAYS MAY NOT BE REMOVED UNTIL THE MARKET HAS CLOSED. MINESING
CENTRAL P.S. IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, OR PERSONAL INJURIES THAT MAY OCCUR.
NO REFUNDS AFTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE.**



SPRINGWATER LIBRARY



Springwater Library - Minesing Branch

Miss Amanda Storytime

Elmvale Branch:
Tuesdays at 10:30am
Midhurst Branch:
Wednesdays at 10:30am

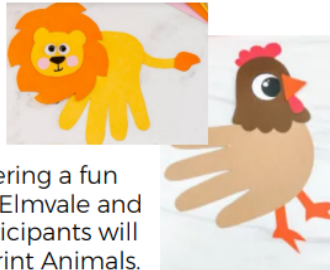


Join Miss Amanda for storytime in the library! We will be singing songs, reading stories and having fun! At the end of each storytime families will be given a craft kit to take home with them! Drop in! No Registration required! Free!

Kaitlyn's P.A Day Craft Kits

Cost: Free!

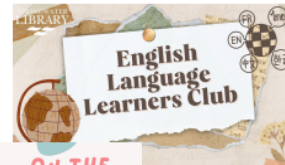
On the Thursday before a scheduled P.A day come to the Minesing Branch and pick up a cute craft kit. This month: April 8th Paper Bowl Jellyfish



Handprint Animals

Cost: Free!

The Library will be offering a fun drop-in craft at both its Elmvale and Midhurst locations. Participants will make their own Handprint Animals. Some examples include; Cow, Lion, and Duck, among others. This program will be available as long as supplies last. Starting Friday April 19th at the Midhurst Branch. This is a drop in program, no registration required.



ESL Conversation Club

Come and join us weekly for a conversation group that will be working on English language basics. All are welcome! Meet new people, increase your fluency and vocabulary. Mondays 1pm at the Elmvale Branch.

Parent & Child Book Club

For parents and children age 8 - 11, the "On the Same Page Book Club" will be starting this fall! Read the book together and then gather as a group to talk, play games and enjoy some snacks! Our first book will be, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. Registration required. Thursday April 18, 6pm at the Midhurst Branch.

Weekly Drop-in Games

Cost: Free!

Come on in after school to play some games with friends and family every Tuesday from 3pm-5pm at Minesing Branch. The library will provide the games or you can bring your own! All ages are welcome to join the fun! This is a drop in program, no registration required.



Online E-books and Audiobooks



Visit the CloudLibrary app or Website and log in with your card number and pin to get access to FREE Audiobooks and E-Books online!



Minesing Branch Hours

Tuesday - 10am - 5pm
Thursday - 1pm - 7pm



Springwater Public Library

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<http://www.springwater.library.on.ca>