

MUSTANG NEWS!

MINESING CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2023



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ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

September was a very busy month at Minesing! I would like to thank all of the parents and guardians who have supported us during our September Start Up. September was a month of transition as we welcomed new staff and students to Minesing. We are excited to be back at school and providing learning and other educational experiences for your children. During the month of September, our staff spent time conducting diagnostic assessments in reading, writing and mathematics to find out where students are at in their learning. Each class participated in the First Twenty Days of Learning in math, literacy and well-being/mental health to ensure that we are “back on track!” We aim to catch students up in areas where they may have gaps and keep pushing forward in the areas that they are learning in. We have moved forward with some co-curricular activities such as cross country running club, flag football, rugby, lunch helpers, office helpers, morning announcement leaders, marching club, spike ball club, leadership team and more! What an incredible staff we have here at Minesing P.S.!

Our student nurses from York University have started a journaling club to teach students how to use this technique to support their well-being. These school based activities are giving students opportunities for team work and leadership in our school. In addition, we were able to honour truth and reconciliation by participating in Orange Shirt Day, learned about concussion safety on Rowan’s Law Day and also participated in the Terry Fox Run. These events and days of awareness help our students to become aware of the broader community that we live in and how they can make a contribution.

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Speaking of our community, I was pleased to meet with parents and community members at our first school council meeting and the election. At Minesing, we have a supportive community that help us with our goals for our students. With regards to safety this month – we have conducted three fire drills with our students already this year and have had a visit from our supportive Superintendent, Charlene Scime. We continue to review our emergency procedures to keep our students and staff safe.

I believe that together we can make a difference in your child's academic career. We have an open door policy at our school and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or administration by third party app, email or phone. I encourage our families and students to become actively involved in all aspects of our school. A great place to start is to come out to our next School Council meeting on Monday, November 6th at 6:00 p.m.

I am looking forward to an exciting year, as we work together to assist each student at Minesing P.S. to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your support!

Allison Beecroft

Principal



Nursing Students from York University

Students are completing their practicum at Minesing Central P.S in "health promotion"

Welcome to our school



ICE CREAM

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GET YOUR ICE CREAM!

\$2.00



The Gr. 7 classes at Minesing Central will be selling ice cream sandwiches to fundraise for field trips.

The first ice cream day will be:

Thursday, October 19th.

You will be able to purchase your ice cream sandwich tickets on school cash online only.

Coming Soon. Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT DATES:

***Every Monday is Mustang Monday-Wear blue & yellow!**

Oct 4 - Meet the Families Night at the school
Oct 6 – Elmvale Fair
Oct 9 - Thanksgiving
Oct 10 - Photo Day
Oct 12—X Country
Oct 17—IEP's go home
Oct 18—Cross Country
Oct 19—Gr. 6's to Awenda Provincial Park
Oct 19—Ice Cream Day Gr. 7 Fundraiser
Oct 20 - PA Day
Oct 23—Science Jam presentation Gr. 4-6
Oct 24—Gr. 7 Immunizations
Oct 31—Hallowe'en
Nov 8—Gr. 8's to King's Wharf—Peter Pan
Nov 15—Vendor Market + Book Fair
Nov 16—Teacher/parent interviews

DAYS OF AWARENESS

2023/2024

Copy the link below to view the days of awareness for the current school year.

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/equity_and_inclusion

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council is off to a great start this year, with our first meeting being held on September 16th. Council welcomed many returning and new members, with Robyn Blanchet and Jennifer Smith-Shuttleworth returning this year in the role Council Co-Chairs.

The next meeting will be held on November 6th at 6:00p.m. in the school library. We remind you that all parents/guardians are welcome to attend council meetings.

Save the Date:

Be sure to mark November 15th on your calendars! We will be hosting an Autumn vendor market in the gymnasium that evening! Interested vendors please email your Council Co-Chairs at CouncilChairMin@scdsb.on.ca.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Dates:

Fall Photos:

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Retake Photos:

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Graduation Photos:

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Autumn Leaves



October PA Day

Please note that Friday, Oct. 20 is a PA Day for all 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 Oct. 20 PA Day:

Length:

Full day

Topic: Health and Safety, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Mathematics

Host: - Simcoe County District School Board

Presenter(s)/facilitator(s): School board staff and school administrators and school leads

Educators will participate in a half-day Health and Safety digital learning session focused on health and safety incident reporting and investigations with a particular emphasis on the essential aspect of workplace violence prevention. The session will equip staff with the knowledge and tools to report incidents effectively and promptly, provide insights into the investigative and risk mitigation process, fostering transparency and accountability, and highlight the critical role staff play in preventing workplace injuries.

Educators will learn about Somali, Latino, South Asian, and African Black Indigenous heritage. They will collaboratively plan within grades and divisions. Through this, they will celebrate identities and create environments that foster well-being and sense of belonging.

Educators will choose learning related to the Knowledgehook digital math tool based on their readiness. Different learning pathways have been planned for new users, those with some experience, and those who are ready to extend their use of the math tool. All participants will learn about how to invite parents/guardians to view their child's progress. Additionally, educators will engage in High Impact Instructional Practices in Mathematics learning modules that align with their school's Achievement in Mathematics goal.

Inclement Weather and Bus Cancellation Information Reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.

Our school is in the **CENTRAL** zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. School staff are expected to plan for such emergencies in order to transition students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather, to their online platforms (Google Classroom and/or SCDSBhub [Brightspace by D2L]) and continue with academic programming. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter [@SCSTC_SchoolBus](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.



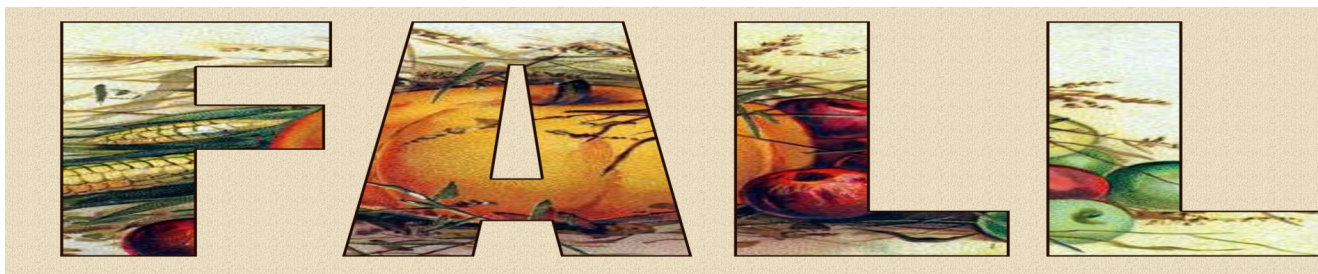
School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC

In order to receive delay and cancellation notifications, families can check the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca or download the 'BusPlanner Delays' app from the Apple or Android app stores to receive delay notifications to their devices. Users would need to select Simcoe County STC as the transportation authority. The app will need to be forced closed, but you will be able to select your student(s) routes or school to receive delays.

The app will send a general notice for any cancellation in Simcoe County. You only need to know which 'zone' you're in, so you would know which one to look out for in the app. You can find your student's zone by visiting the School Bus Status page at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and clicking the dropdown for the area you live in.

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 16 to 20, 2023. Please visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for information on school bus safety and links to school bus safety resources. Oct. 19, 2023 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely.



Get on the move

There are many benefits to walking or wheeling to school. Walking or wheeling to school reduces traffic, helps students establish healthy lifestyles, is better for the environment and enhances community safety. Wherever possible, we encourage students within walking zones to *get on the move* and walk or wheel to school. For more information please visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website here: bit.ly/3OC4CJ9

Upcoming in-person Grade 1 French Immersion information sessions

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both English and French.

Information sessions for families who are considering entry into Grade 1 FI for the 2024-25 school year will take place at Forest Hill Public School on Tues. Nov. 21st at 6 PM in the library and online applications will open in December 2023.

Entry into the FI program will be determined through a digitally randomized lottery system. A link to access the Grade 1 FI online application form will be available on the SCDSB website starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 until 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15. For more information regarding French Immersion, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, then select 'elementary', and 'French as a Second Language'.



Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8 to 14

This year, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Cooking safety starts with YOU.' Pay attention to fire prevention™', works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.

Information from the National Fire Protection Association website



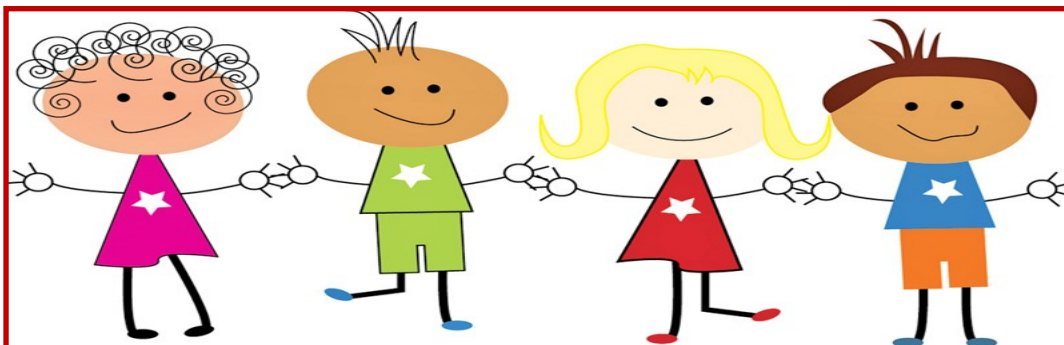
Parents' Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

Learn to navigate the world of assessment, evaluation, and reporting with this new guide for parents/guardians. Created to support parents/guardians understanding of assessment, this guide was designed to effectively empower you to actively engage in your child's educational journey. The guide has been posted to the Simcoe County District School Board's website and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2urcm2tm>.

Licensed PA day and holiday school-age child care programs

Child care programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party child care operators in some SCDSB schools. To support your child care needs, some operators offer child care on PA days and holidays including over the Winter Break, March Break, and during summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register.



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 outreach series

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/caregivers in learning more about programs, supports, and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs.

The first session, *IEPs and school-based assessments – information for parents/caregivers*, will be held on Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This virtual presentation will include an opportunity for participants to share some of their questions regarding IEPs and special education programming.

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 upcoming sessions and how to register on the SCDSB website:

www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions.

Have you met Sora?

Our digital ebook/audiobook collection contains over 4,000 titles waiting to be checked out by our SCDSB students. Students simply download the app, use their SCDSB login and start reading for free on their phone or tablet. The collection can be accessed at:

meet.soraapp.com.



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, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There are eight webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents/guardians and other caregivers during this school year.

Oct. 26, 2023	Understanding and managing screen time, part one - gaming edition
Nov. 9, 2023	Understanding and managing screen time, part two - social media edition
Nov. 30, 2023	Helping parents align
Jan. 11, 2024	Sleep hygiene
Feb. 8, 2024	Self regulation for kids
Feb. 22, 2024	Self regulation for teens
March 28, 2024	Building parents' resiliency
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

Revised 2023 Ontario Language Curriculum

Beginning this school year, all language programs for Grades 1-8 will be based on the expectations of the revised Ontario Language Curriculum. The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1 to 8: Language, 2023 outlines the knowledge and skills required for effective reading and writing, listening, and speaking so students can succeed at school and beyond. The curriculum has been revised partly in response to the recommendations outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Commission's Right to Read public inquiry report.

The 2023 curriculum now includes four strands:

1. Literacy Connections and Applications
 - Foundations of Language
 - Comprehension: Understanding and Responding to Texts
 - Composition: Expressing Ideas and Creating Texts

For more information, visit www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/key-changes-language to view a guide for parents/guardians on the Ministry of Education website.

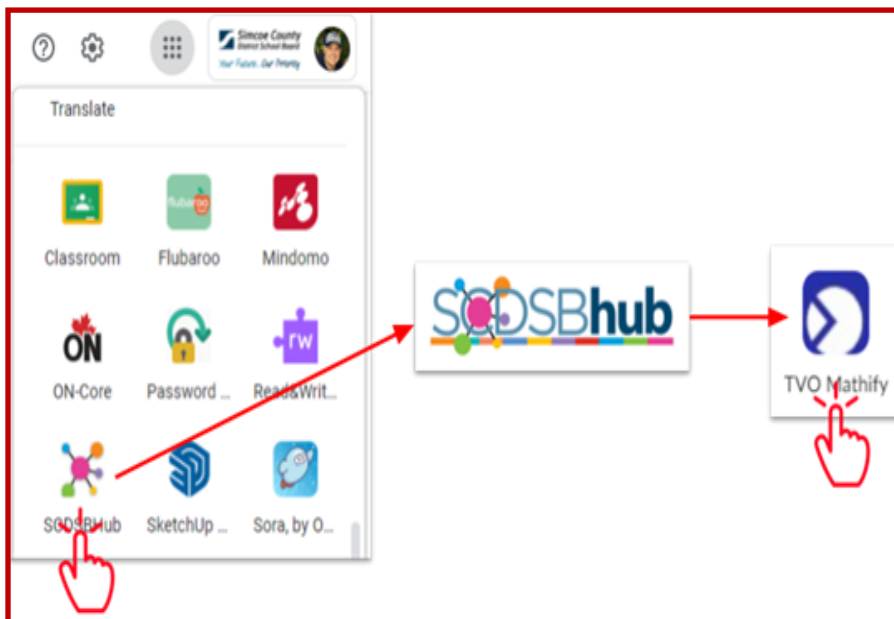
Supporting your child with math

Are you curious about how you can support your child's growth as a mathematician? Visit the Parents Guide to Mathematics at www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8, where you can find a summary of the knowledge and skills your child will be learning as they progress through the grades, information about how you can support your child's learning, and how the curriculum was developed.

TVO Mathify offers free 1:1 online Grade 4-12 math tutoring to SCDSB students. Connect with an Ontario Certified Teacher of your choice. It is anonymous and secure, and can be used from a phone, tablet, or computer. Math tutors are available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday to Friday, and 3:30 to 9 p.m. ET Sunday.

All SCDSB students from Grades 4-12 have been pre-registered for this amazing service. For quick access to TVO Mathify:

1. Find the link in your child's Google waffle to the SCDSBhub.
2. Look for the TVO Mathify icon on their dashboard.



Your child will not need to enter their OEN number or any identifying information when TVO Mathify is accessed through the SCDSBhub.



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: October
20th P.A day: Pumpkin
Person Craft kits.



Pajama Storytime

Ages 6 and under and their families are invited to join Kaitlyn at the Minesing Library for a bedtime story time. This new monthly program will be a great way to calm down and get ready for bed. Wear your pajamas, bring a blanket or your favorite stuffed toy and enjoy a quiet story time in the library.

Thursday October 19, 6pm at
Minesing Branch. Registration
Required. Please call to register.

Parent & Child Book Club

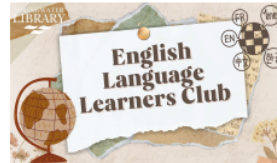
For parents and children age 8 - 11, the "On the Same Page Book Club" will be starting this fall! Read the book together and then gather as a group to talk, play games and enjoy some snacks! Our first book will be, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. Registration is required. Thursday October 26th, 6pm at Midhurst Branch.



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 Elmvale Branch. This group will start Monday September 11, 2023.



Weekly Drop-in Games

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.

Clothes Pin Bat Program

The Library will be offering a fun drop-in craft after school at both its Elmvale and Midhurst locations. Participants will make their own Clothes Pin Bat with flapping wings. This program will be available as long as supplies last. Friday October 27th at Midhurst Branch. This is a drop in program, no registration required.

Trick or Treat at the Library

Come on in after school on Tuesday October 31st and trick or treat at the library!

Minesing Branch Hours

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



Springwater Public Library

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