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May Newsletter

Principal's Message

The first week of May is Mental Health Week. Supporting Children's mental health, especially post pandemic, is a priority at EDHS. At EDHS we make a conscious effort to balance mind, body in spirit in our programming and strive to create a culture that is positive and welcoming. We are fortunate in our school to have an incredible support team. Students in our school have access to our Student Success Teacher as well as a social worker and a mental health nurse. Teachers also employ best practices in the classroom to support student learning while also reducing negative anxiety stress. Every adult at EDHS is a person students can reach out to for support. While we try our best to support the whole student, we are not mental health practitioners. If you believe your child is experiencing poor mental health, please reach out to your family doctor. If the needs of your child are acute, please visit one of the following agencies or clinics:

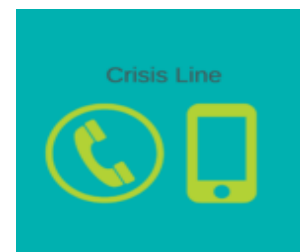
- If you are at risk of harm to yourself or others, or in crisis and looking for support please call the mental health crisis line. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
at 1-888-893-8333 or 705-728-5044

<https://cmhastarttalking.ca/adult-services/crisis-services>.

- In Just a Few Clicks you can now book **free**, professional, single-session counselling for in-person, by phone or online **appointments** through the Quick Access Child and Youth Mental Health Clinic. Appointments can be made up to two weeks ahead of time and on the same day

<https://newpath.ca/quick-access-child-and-youth-mental-health-clinic/>

Please call 705-725-7656 / 1-866-566-7656 or email us info@newpath.ca to book your appointment. If you are a current client, please call your counsellor to book your next appointment.



SCDSB Schools continue to be mask-friendly environments

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, staff and visitors are no longer required to wear masks in schools, school board offices and on student transportation. SCDSB schools continue to be mask-friendly environments. Masks remain available to students and staff who choose to continue to wear them while in schools. Please encourage your child(ren) to be respectful and understanding of everyone's choice with respect to masking so that SCDSB schools remain the safe, inclusive and welcoming teaching and learning environments they are meant to be for all.

There are still some situations where masks are to be worn. Examples include:

- When traveling outside of Canada masks are to be worn for 14 days upon return.
- After testing positive for COVID-19 masks are to be worn on days 6 through 10 following a five-day isolation period.

For more information visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website at simcoemuskokahealth.ca

Parent/guardian school climate survey

In April 2022, the SCDSB administered the school climate survey for students in Grades 4 to 12. Between May 2 and May 27, the SCDSB invites parents/guardians of elementary and secondary students to participate in the 2021-2022 SCDSB School Climate Survey for parents/guardians. The online survey is completely anonymous and confidential. Participants will not be asked to provide their name or other identifying information. Similar to previous SCDSB school climate surveys, the questions will cover a range of topics, such as the overall tone of the school, school safety, student well-being and belonging. Parents/guardians will receive a link to the climate survey via the email on file at their children's school, or can access the survey through the SCDSB website at

scdsb.on.ca/about/goals_reporting/school_climate.

Questions can be directed to schoolclimate@scdsb.on.ca



Register now for summer school in the SCDSB!

Registration is now open for the SCDSB's 2022 summer school courses. Students can take a summer school course to create flexibility in their schedule during the regular school year, complete a credit or upgrade.

Summer school credit courses are available online this July. Students can advance online learning skills, earn missed credits or fast-track preparation for college or university in just four weeks. Online learning is fully supported by certified teachers who are available electronically daily. Courses are available from Grades 9 to 12 in a variety of subject areas including English, math and science.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at <http://thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school>.



EarlyON Child and Family Centres

Did you know that EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer free programs, resources, parenting courses and developmental screening, as well as referrals to community programs? All children, prenatal through 6 years of age, can participate with their parent(s) or caregiver(s). In Simcoe County there are four agencies that deliver EarlyON Child and Family programs. Services are available in English and French and can be explored by visiting www.simcoe.ca/ChildrenandCommunityServices/Pages/EarlyON.aspx. EarlyON Child and Family Centre staff are trained in child development and facilitation of educational programs for parents/guardians and children, and are now providing a new parent/child interactive program called *Getting Ready for Kindergarten* for parents/guardians and children who are starting Kindergarten this fall!

Pre-register at www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/hubfs/GRFK.pdf.

Important Dates

https://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/equity_and_inclusion

1	Twelfth Day of Ridvan Bahá'í
1	Beltane Wicca
1	Ramadan ends Islam
2	Eid-ul-Fitr Islam
6	Wesak/Buddha Day Buddhism
18	Buddha's Birth Date Buddhism
23	Declaration of the Báb Bahá'í
23	Victoria Day Canadian Holiday
23	Zarathosht-no-diso (SC) Zoroastrianism
28	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh Bahá'í

Attendance

To report your child/ren late or absent

- Call 705-322-2201 option 1 or
- Email: elmattendance@scdsb.on.ca



Parents/Guardians please notify the office if your child(ren) is to sign out of school before the end of day. Students are not permitted to leave school early without permission. Contact the main office 705-322-2201 or email elmattendance@scdsb.on.ca

Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Day – June 27, 2022

On June 27, 2022, all secondary schools will run a Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Day for students. Students requiring an opportunity to receive feedback from an assessment, to rescue or recover a credit or to improve on an area of missed expectations can attend and meet with teachers and support staff. Teachers and support staff will communicate with students who will benefit most from attending this opportunity; however, all students will be invited to attend. There will be no new instruction that day, but it is an opportunity for students to work more closely with their teacher if they require feedback, credit recovery or an opportunity to improve on an area of missed expectations.

Registration is now open for the SCDSB's *elementary* Virtual Learning Program for the 2022-2023 school year

Planning is underway for September 2022, including the opportunity for families to register their child(ren) for the SCDSB's elementary Virtual Learning Program. The SCDSB's elementary Virtual Learning Program will be available to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 for the 2022-2023 school year. Families who choose to have their child(ren) learn virtually will be provided with 300 minutes per day of synchronous learning, taught by a qualified SCDSB teacher and supported by education support staff, including educational assistants, as appropriate.

Register by May 6, 2022, to secure a space in the elementary Virtual Learning Program for your child(ren) in 2022-2023. Registrations received after May 6 will only be considered based on available space. For more information and to register, visit scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/virtual_learning_program.



Join the SCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee for an Unlearning Bias Parent Series

This May, the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is hosting a virtual learning series for parents/guardians. Unlearning Bias features three sessions that will support participants in exploring the benefits of diversity while gaining language and tools to challenge prejudice, stereotyping and discrimination in their communities.

Identifying and Unlearning Bias

Presented by Shafiq Aziz, Director of Programs, Harmony Movement
May 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

How to be a Good Ally

Presented by Shafiq Aziz, Director of Programs, Harmony Movement
May 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

How to Take Action

Presented by Irfan Toor, Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion,
Ontario Principals' Council
May 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Participants are asked to register in advance. Participation in all three sessions is encouraged but not required. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. To learn more about each session and to register visit scdsb.on.ca/unlearningbias.

Character attribute for the month of May is Respect

Respect - we treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity.

More information about Character Education can be found here: scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education

Elmvale District High School Timetable

Grade 7-8
8:50am - 9:40am
9:40-10:30am
10:30-11:20am
Lunch time: 11:20am - 12:30pm
12:30pm - 2:10pm
Recess: 2:10pm- 2:35pm
2:35pm - 3:25pm

Grade 9-12
Period 1: 8:50am-10:05am
Break: 10:05-10:20am
Period 2: 10:20-11:35pm
Lunch time: 11:35-12:40pm
Period 3: 12:40-1:55pm
Break: 1:55-2:10
Period 4: 2:10pm-3:25pm

Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). Here are some ways to do that:

- Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://elm.scdsb.on.ca/>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.
- Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca.
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb). Also follow <https://twitter.com/elmvaledhs>.



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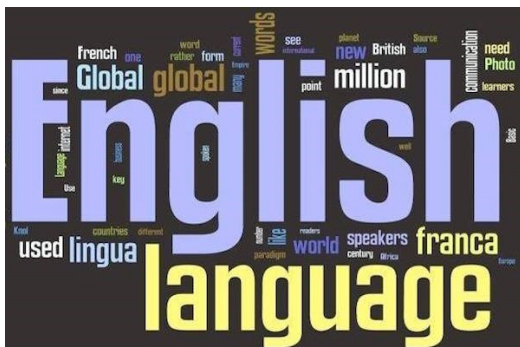
Strive for the highest!

Adult English as a Second Language Program

Looking to improve your English skills? Join our Adult English as a Second Language Program (ESL) classes to improve your listening and speaking skills through class discussions and presentations. Develop your English skills to advance in your current job or open the door to new employment opportunities. Learn more about your local community and explore Canadian culture and history. Adult ESL classes are offered year-round with a continuous intake.

To register for the program, please contact the Barrie Learning Centre at 705-725-8360 ext. 45151, or email ganderson@scdsb.on.ca.

**Please note all students starting ESL for the first time must be assessed prior to starting the class. Fees apply for visitors to Canada and work/study permit holders.*



Mental Health Week 2022

Join us May 2 to 8 for #SCDSBMentalHealth Week to help celebrate and bring awareness, prevention and promotion to mental health. This year the theme is Empathy. Throughout this week, the SCDSB will continue to focus on the importance of compassion, understanding and empathy for ourselves and others as part of our collective responsibility take care of and support the well-being of those around us. Learn more by visiting the mental health and well-being page on the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/2QdibGR>.



Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to be part of a three-year partnership with Pine River Institute (PRI). The Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) will provide several multi-part learning series focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

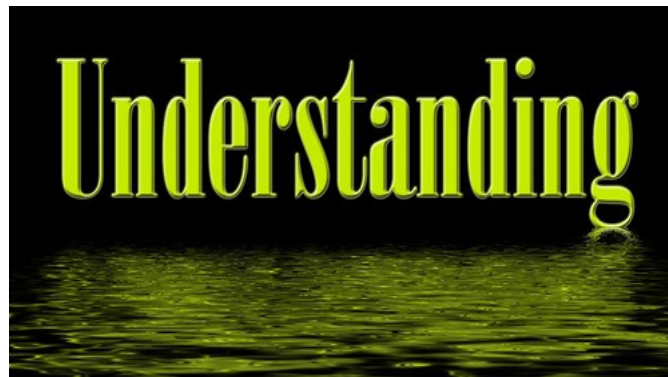
There is an upcoming webinar in the learning series specifically planned for parents and guardians during this school year.

- May 19- Understanding addiction and addictive behaviours

We hope you save this date in your calendar and join us for this learning opportunity. For more information and to register, please visit the mental health and well-being page on 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.



EDHS is NOT a NUT Free Environment.

Please be mindful when bringing nut products to school.



Visitor Information

A friendly reminder that all SCDSB School's have a no visitors in effect at this time. This is to ensure we provide a safe environment for our students and staff.

