MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardian:

Welcome to Spring! After a cold, snowy winter, it actually appears as if Spring is here!

We have only 3 months of school left until the beginning of our Summer break. This time will go very quickly. As we head into the home stretch, we encourage that you continue to support your children in being the best that they can be, both academically and with respect to character. This will ensure that they will be successful in all of their future pursuits.

There are many exciting things happening at Fred C. Cook! On Tuesday, April 8th, we will be welcoming our students from Mexico who will be part of our junior classrooms during their school visit time over the next couple of weeks. On Tuesday, we will welcome them with a Welcome presentation about Canada. During the week of April 14th, Julie Kryk, a singer and songwriter will be joining our school to write a school song and create a music video. We will launch this song and video at our upcoming Grand Opening Event on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 6:30. More details will follow about our plans for this special celebration.

Last week we began our Breakfast Program. At 8:35 on Monday’s, Wednesday’s and Friday’s students are invited into the school for a healthy breakfast. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who are supporting this program. We have had a wonderful turnout and it is amazing to see all of those taking part, getting their day off to a healthy and happy start.

Please note our EQAO dates are approaching, beginning the week of May 27th. I would ask that parents of the Grade 3 & 6 students not book any appointments during the time their child is writing the provincial assessment. If you have any questions about the provincial assessment, please give the school a call. More information with specific dates will come out later to our Grade 3 and 6 parents.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for the great things you do to support our students, school and community. We certainly appreciate the time you give us out of your busy day.

Tina DeLaire
Principal

Spring Clean

Lost and Found will be on display the week of April 7th to April 11th. Items left on the 11th will be collected and donated to a charity. Please take a peek. There is a lot of winter apparel in there.

This Months Character Trait is Optimism

This month we are recognizing the character trait of OPTIMISM which is defined as “We maintain a positive attitude and have hope for the future.” Students caught in the act of showing good character continue to receive “Gotcha’s” and draws are made each Friday morning during announcements for prizes to be won. Our next recognition assembly will be on Wednesday April 30 at 11:30 a.m. where we will be recognizing students for both optimism and integrity.

Arrival Times

Many of our students are arriving well before 8:45 at school. Our yard is not supervised until this time and students should therefore NOT be on the yard until then. It is about the Safety of your children. We offer Before and After School Care through Progress Childcare in our building. Please ensure that alternate morning arrangements are made for your child. Your cooperation in the interest of safety is greatly appreciated.
Fred C. Cook’s Leadership Team
We have had a great turnout to our monthly Leadership Meetings. They will continue throughout the year. Please mark down the following dates for the monthly meetings:
- Thurs. April 24th (3:20-4:30pm)
- Fri. May 30th (3:20-4:30pm)
- Wed. June 25th (3:20-4:30pm)

Thank you to Ms. Rutledge for organizing these meetings and working so hard with the team.

Primary Choir (grades 1-3) and Junior Choir (grades 4-6)
Primary Choir practices are every Day 2 at 1pm and Junior Choir Practice is Day 4 at 1pm. Be ready with your singing voices!! New members are always welcome.

Mrs. Flannery

Junior Girls Basketball Team
Thank you all for your enthusiasm and efforts in trying out for our junior girls’ basketball team. It was a tough decision with the talent we have here at FCC. All players not listed are to look to future Phoenix Teams! We look forward to upcoming practices and sharpening our skills for the upcoming games.

Mrs. Patzer & Mrs. Hill

Chocolate Sales
On April 1st we launched our World’s Finest Chocolate Fundraiser. We have had a great response to it. Remember to bring your money in when you sell your case so you can be put in the early bird draw to one of two 5lb chocolate bars or Cineplex Movie Pass for four. Last day for sales is April 22nd. The more cases you sell the more ballots go in for the great prizes. Thank you for your support.

Hockey News
The FCC hockey team had a good season this year. The team worked hard, waking up bright and early for our early morning practices. Thanks to all the parents and helpers who enabled the players to have a productive time on the ice. We had a few exhibition games where all players skated hard and worked well as a team. During the tournament at the Leisure Centre, the FCC hockey team did not lose a game—we tied both of our games. Even though they played hard, the ties were just shy of what was needed in order to move on in the tournament. Good job FCC hockey players!

Mrs. Smith

Yearbook News
This year Fred C. Cook Public School has signed up with an online program ‘Y is for Yearbook’. Thank you to some parents who have emailed information regarding other yearbook companies. We signed up in the fall with this one and we are hoping it will be a successful experience. We will keep the other ones in mind for future years!

Many of our students are on the Photo Team and Yearbook Team and have taken pictures and continue to take photos of all the wonderful things happening at Fred C. Cook this school year. The nice thing about this program is that the students can participate in the Yearbook making process compared to the past when it was usually done by a committee of teachers or parents.

To help keep the cost of our yearbook at a reasonable price, some other schools have asked local businesses to sponsor a page of the yearbook. A local business decides upon a fee they would like to donate, then the business name and contact number will be printed along the bottom of a page in the yearbook. If you are interested in sponsoring our yearbook, please contact Mrs. Brethet at the school, 905-775-4821.

Looking forward to creating memories with our Yearbook team and for your support, - Mrs. Brethet

SHAVE FOR THE BRAVE
Our final total amount raised at FCC this year is $6,519!!! A great big THANK YOU to all shavers, whether you donated 10 inches of hair or went completely bald (or both)! Thank you to our tireless shave volunteers - you know who you are - our event went smoothly because of you. Kudos to Mr. McDonald’s students for winning bravest class, and also to Ms. Patzer’s class for raising an extra $100 in Ms. Summers’ challenge! We are very proud of all of you - you make a difference to the lives of young adults living with cancer!!! A special thank you to Jennifer Chown, Heather Palmer and Ms. Ballantyne and Ms. Summers for organizing this amazing event.

Numeracy Program
The After School Numeracy Support Program for selected grade 4-6 students will begin next week. This program will run on Monday and Wednesday afternoons right after school until 5:00 p.m. It will begin on Monday April 14th and run through to Monday May 26th.

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Mrs. Flannery
Thank you to everyone who supported the milk program and helped make it a great success. The third term began on March 31st and will end on June 20. A big thank you to Ms. McGuire for organizing the orders.

Our Breakfast Program started on Monday, March 31st and we have had a steady influx of students arrive to take advantage of this opportunity to start their day with a nutritious breakfast. A special thank you to those families who have brought in donations of cutlery, plates, bowls, cups, etc., and to our volunteer parents, staff, and students. We are still in need of some sharp knives for cutting fruit and cheese, small plastic reusable cups, skillets and frying pans.

Also, thank you to community members who have made financial donations to our program, including Turf Care Products who sponsored the program for one week! You or your business can sponsor a day for $50, a week for $150 or a month for $600. Tax receipts are available for donations of $20 or more. If you have any questions please contact Paul Stevenato.

Registration is now open for Simcoe County District School Board’s (SCDSB) summer school courses. Students can register for credit courses, upgrades, numeracy prep, co-op, travel opportunities and leadership camp offerings. Summer school programs are offered throughout July and August. The travel courses are offered during July only. All summer school program details, locations and registration information can be found at The Learning Centres website at: http://www.thelearningcentres.com/learning-centres-programs/summer-school. Register early, classes fill quickly.

The Children’s Treatment Network is hosting a workshop entitled ‘Working With Your Child’s School Team: Part 2’ on April 30 at The Common Roof, located at 165 Ferris Lane in Barrie. This event is a follow-up to an event held this past fall. Participants will develop a deeper understanding of the rights and responsibilities of school team members and family members in the education of their child with disabilities, learn a practical problem-solving strategy to address current issues/concerns with your child’s school team and have an opportunity to practice problem-solving strategies with hosts and other parents. There are two sessions: 1 to 3 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. RSVP by contacting Danielle at ddalziel@ctnsy.ca or 705-719-4795 ext. 2340 by Friday, April 25. For more information, visit www.ctnsy.ca and click on the ‘Events Calendar.’

SchoolCash Online program is being rolled out across the county during this school year. The program offers parents the option to pay online for field trips, lunch days and other items. You can use a secure online account to process payments, and can either make a one-time payment for each item as it occurs, or load money to carry a balance in the online account to make payments in the future. The SCDSB is now starting to test the credit card option which will be available at a later date. To create an online account, go to https://simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com.
Free Parenting Workshops - Spring Session Starting Soon

SCDSB’s Learning Centres offer ‘Parents as Partners’ programs to all parents who currently have a child in school and the spring session of courses is starting soon. These free parenting programs help parents develop understanding, knowledge, skills and specific techniques that can be used at home to support and encourage the healthy development of their child. Participants will learn useful information and strategies to help their children succeed at school and discover ways to build a positive relationship with their child’s school. For more information, dates and registration information for the above programs, visit The Learning Centre’s website at: http://www.thelearningcentres.com/home, and then click on ‘Parents.’

BRADFORD PROGRESS CHILD CARE CENTRE

The centre now has limited space here at Fred C. Cook P.S. This program is available for Kindergarten to Grade 6 children. We open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. A light snack is provided daily. For more information please contact Krystal Zions (site supervisor) at 905-715-3509.

Daily Fee Schedule:
- After Care: $13.50 per day
- Before Care: $9.25 per day
- P.A. Day: $33.50 per day
- Before and After Care: $18.50 per day

ESL Classes at the Bradford Learning Centre

Improve you speaking, listening, writing, reading grammar, pronunciation, interview and computer skills. Have fun meeting and learning with friends!

When: Every Tuesday & Thursday from 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Where: Bradford Learning Centre, 157 Holland Street E, ON
To register please call
Bradford Learning Centre (905)775-4432
For more information go to www.thelearningcentres.com

Simcoe Community Services Inclusion Excellence Awards

The Inclusion Excellence Awards were established in 2007 by Simcoe Community Services to acknowledge the efforts of educators who creatively and meaningfully sought out ways in which students who have an intellectual disability could belong and excel alongside their classmates. These awards acknowledge educators who look for opportunities in their school environment where everyone can excel. Over the past seven years, teachers, educational assistants, vice principals and principals have been acknowledged. If you know of someone who goes above and beyond as an educator, consider nominating them for this award. Contact Reet Skelton at rskelton@simcoecommunityservices.ca

Bus delay notification: Subscription service from transportation consortium

Did you know that you can subscribe to updates from the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium about your child’s bus and any delays? Parents/students can sign up for email notification of delays by student’s bus route number (no personal information required). The email subscription service is available at http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/ - click on ‘View bus delays,’ and then click on the subscription sign in the right corner.
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- Easter Monday
- No School
- Last Day to Sell Chocolates and Collect Money.
- Final Day to return all Money and unsold Chocolates.
- Pancake Day—Grade 8 Fundraiser
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- Character Assembly 11:30am