Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is hard to believe that our 2013-2014 school year has so quickly come to a close. I know that students are excited about their summer holidays with family and friends.

Please note, the information in this “reminder” newsletter is for important summer and start back information.

A big thank you to the community for your support throughout the school year! Our brand new school has much to be proud of! Please have a happy and relaxing summer vacation! We’ll see students back here on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

**FIRST DAY PROCEDURES**

Due to issues of privacy and confidentiality, we are not able to post student names and classes before the first day of school. As well, classroom assignments can change right up to the Friday before school starts based on enrollment numbers.

On Tuesday, September 2nd, SK to Grade 8 students will be met outside on the playground by the teachers who will have grade signs posted. Students should line up by those grade signs and teachers will direct students to their classrooms. In the event of rain, kindergarten students will be met outside the kindergarten doors (north and west side of the building) and be brought directly into their classrooms.

Grades 1 to 6 will meet in the gym where teachers will be with grade signs posted. Grades 7 and 8 will meet in the multipurpose room outside of the gym where teachers will be with grade signs posted. We ask that parents NOT walk through the hallways of the building on the first day with your child as there will be lots of activity and we would like to ensure a safe and secure environment for all.

**FCC School Organization (2014/15)**

(This is tentative as re-organization in September can mean changes to teaching assignments)

Full Day Kindergarten – Mrs. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Seaton (DECE),
Mrs. Moreau and DECE - TBA
Ms. Caietta and Mrs. LeBlanc (DECE Teacher (TBA), DECE (TBA)

Grade One – Mr. Randrianasolo, Mrs. Battaglia
Grade Two – Mrs. Mantzel,
Grade Two/Three – Mrs. Fox
Grade Three – Mrs. Brethet, Mrs. White
Grade Four – Mrs. Ballantyne
Grade Four/Five – Ms. Rutledge
Grade Five/Six – Ms. Copfer
Grade Six – Ms. Fountain
Grade Six/Seven – Mr. McDonald
Grade Seven/Eight – Mrs. Tompkins
Grade Eight – Ms. McGuire
Social Skills – Ms. Carson
Special Education Teachers – Mrs. Stockall, Mr. McKay, .5 (TBA)
Planning Time Teachers – Mrs. Flannery, Ms. Intenberg, Mr. Stevenato, Mrs. Patzer
French – Mme Briand, Mme Flannery
Library - Mrs. Patzer
Educational Assistants – Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jones, Ms. Norton and Ms. Rodin
Custodial – Mr. Strilchuk, Mr. Bethell
School Administrative Support – Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Cole
CYW – Ms. Bouchard
Vice Principal – Mr. Stevenato
Principal – Mrs. Temmer
Fond Farwell
As with every school year, it is always difficult to bid farewell to teachers (and students) who are moving on. This year, we bid farewell to our students leaving us to attend French Immersion in grade 1 and Extended French in grade 5. We wish you all the very best at WH Day! We also have many students moving over the summer, attending other schools in Simcoe County and beyond. We’d also like to wish all of them well in their new school settings.

This year we say farewell to some extraordinary teachers and Educational Assistants who have been with us. Mrs. Hill, Ms. Crane, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Cleland and Mrs. Osburn will be leaving us at the end of this school year. We would like to thank them for their wonderful contributions while at Fred C. Cook. Each of you cares deeply about students and we were fortunate to have had the opportunity to have you as part of our team. We hope we have the chance to work with you again. Thank you for all that you have done in the interest of student learning and happiness. You will be missed.

Welcome
Next year we will be welcoming some new staff to our school. At this point, we don’t have the names of some teachers and support staff that will be joining us in September. Over the summer we will be hiring for a full day kindergarten teacher, an early childhood educator and a SERT teacher. We look forward to introducing these people in the fall.

Is your Family Moving?
If your family is moving over the summer holidays, please let Mrs. Moore, our school secretary, know right away so that she can prepare a transfer form. This courtesy also enables us to plan more effectively for September classes. To any students who may be leaving our school because their families are moving, we wish you all the best in your new school.

Progress Child Care
Register today for the Bradford Progress Child Care Before and After School Program at Fred C. Cook P.S. for elementary School-aged and Kindergarten children for September 2014.

Fees
- Before and After School: $18.50/day
- Before School Only: $9.25/day
- After-School Only: $13.50/day
- PA Days: $33.50/day

If you wish to register your child please contact: Krystal Zions (site supervisor) at 905-715-3509. For further information regarding the Before and After School Program please visit our website at: www.bradfordprogresschildcare.ca

School Office Hours (Summer Only)
School will be closed for the summer, and will re-open Monday, August 25th, 2013. We will only be open on Friday, August 29th, until 12 noon. We need time to run reports and class lists for our start-up on the first day of school. For Junior Kindergarten, school start-up will be September 4th, 2014 and Sr. Kindergarten will start September 2nd, 2014.

School Hours
Our school will continue to follow a “Balanced Day” schedule. All students will have two 20 minute nutrition breaks and two 20 minute recesses.
- 8:45 to 9:00 – Morning Arrival (supervision provided outside)
- 9:00 to 10:40 – First Hundred Minute Instructional Block
- 10:40 to 11:00 – Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2 and Grade 7 and 8 recess; Grade 3 to 6 nutrition break
- 11:00 to 11:20 – Grade 3 to 6 recess; Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2 and Grade 7 and 8 nutrition break
- 11:20 to 1:00 – Second Hundred Minute Instructional Block
- 1:00 to 1:20 – Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2 and Grade 7 and 8 recess; Grade 3 to 6 nutrition break
1:20 to 1:40 – Grade 3 to 6 recess; Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2 and Grade 7 and 8 nutrition break
1:40 to 3:20 – Third Hundred Minute Instructional Block
3:20 – dismissal
Grade 6, 7 and 8 students are permitted to leave during the second 40 minute break for lunch, with
signed parent notes to do so.

School Council
Announcements regarding School Council elections and participation for the 2013-2014 year will appear
in our first school newsletter in the Fall. As a School Council Member, you can help your Council discover
new and exciting ways to contribute to the education of students in your school. Our first official School
Council meeting will be held on in October.

Events for your Calendar
Sept. 2nd First day of school
Sept. 26th PA Day
Sept. 30th Picture Day

Classroom Supply
Each student received a suggested supply list for their next year’s grade. We thank our families in
advance for following this list when making back to school supply purchases. We have attached each list
with this email newsletter and have posted the lists to our website. Thank you for your support.

Meet the Teacher
On Thursday, September 25th (tentative date), we will be hosting our Meet the Teacher evening. More
details will follow, but this will be our community’s opportunity to come on in and meet your child’s teacher
and see their classroom. Mark the date on your calendar.

Parent Portal
Starting next school year, parents/guardians will be invited to create a Parent Portal account, which will
give them access to their child’s attendance and, in secondary school, grade information. Elementary
school grades will be added to the tool in the near future.

In high school, parents will be able to see attendance information for each period, as long as it has been
submitted through PowerSchool (our student database). Parents can also see their child’s grades in each
course. Parents can sign up for email alerts from the Parent Portal – for example, a high school parent
might want a daily email with their child’s attendance.

In the fall, schools will provide parents with their login information to create an account. Parents need
their child’s Student Number, as well as an Access ID. The Student Number is on the Student Information
Verification Form, and the Access ID will be provided to families in a letter. If a student is 18, their
parents will not be automatically invited to create an account. The Parent Portal login page is at
http://ps.scdsb.on.ca.

Notice to students and families regarding out-of-attendance area requests
Under the Simcoe County District School Board procedures (APM A7000), students can apply for and
receive permission to attend an out-of-attendance-area school. Students will be permitted to continue in
attendance as long as there are pupil places available. They may be required to return to their home
school or transfer to another school when the capacity of the school they are attending has been reached
and pupil places are required for students residing within the attendance areas.
An approval may also be revoked by the Superintendent of Education after consultation with the receiving
school principal for reasons related to the student’s behaviour, attendance, actions or inactions at a future
date. Even with this permission, however, transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the
out-of-attendance-area student and/or parent/guardian.

How to continue your child’s learning habits over the summer months
As the school year winds down and kids look forward to summer vacation, parents wonder, “How can I
help my child stay interested in learning over the summer?” Making learning fun throughout the year is
the key to fostering your kids’ love of learning, even while away from school. There are many ways for parents to inspire learning at home, on the road and at the cottage or campsite this summer. It’s all about incorporating learning into daily life.

Here are some ideas:

- Take the time to thoroughly explore your child’s current chief interest. Take a trip to your local library or do some searching online to find out more about their favourite subject or topic that they want to learn more about.
- Taking a trip? Keep your kids occupied in the car by thinking beyond the DVD player and checking out audio books from your local library or finding child-friendly podcasts. Travelling to a new city or town is also a good opportunity to check out local museums, historical sites or science attractions.
- Try different theme nights where you can cook a meal together and teach your children about the culture the food comes from - ask them to research the culture and recipe. Or, go to the local farmers market together to learn about farming and local foods.
- If you have a garden or belong to a community garden, get children involved in planting. If you have a balcony, fill a couple of pots with soil and plant flowers or vegetables. Or fill an inexpensive window box with herbs or flowers.
- On rainy days, bring out the arts and craft projects! Special treasures can be made from things found in your household – egg cartons, glue, crayons, etc. Getting crafty stimulates the brain and develops artistic creativity.
- Keep up bedtime reading sessions. Your child craves routine (yes, even in summer), and reading together is an investment that you should keep up year-round. Seize this time to delve into longer adventures or series that might be too daunting for the school year.
- Encourage your child to extend their writing skills by keeping a nature, travel or reading journal. They can write about the places they see on family vacations, create a scrapbook with photos, record nature walks and things they see, or keep a log of good books they have read.
- Get outside and play!

Homework Help available this summer
Homework Help’s “Ask a Tutor” chat service will be open for the month of July. Every Monday to Friday, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., Ontario-certified math teachers will be available online to help grade 7 to 10 students with their math questions. This service will be available from July 2 to 31. Visit https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/.

Become a Roots of Empathy instructor for next school year
Are you looking for ways to contribute to the growth and well-being of students and communities in Simcoe County? The SCDSB is looking for volunteers to undertake an exciting and rewarding opportunity as a Roots of Empathy (ROE) Instructor. At the heart of the award-winning program are a neighbourhood infant and parent who visit the classroom several times over the school year. A trained ROE Instructor coaches students to observe the baby’s development and to label the baby’s feelings. Instructors deliver all aspects of the Roots of Empathy curriculum in the classroom and build respectful relationships with the participating family, classroom teacher and students.

Roots of Empathy Instructors come from diverse professional backgrounds. Many have backgrounds in education, health, social work, counselling, speech therapy and recreation. ROE also has retired principals, school board superintendents, and police officers delivering the program. Classroom experience and knowledge of infant development are major assets. Volunteers must be willing to make a two-year commitment to Roots of Empathy to deliver the program on a weekly basis throughout September to June. For more information, or to apply to become a volunteer Instructor, please contact roots@scdsb.on.ca.

Stay up-to-date this summer and check out Sharing Simcoe
This year has been the first for the SCDSB’s new blog entitled Sharing Simcoe. Employees have shared over 70 stories, including helpful tip sheets, events/activities and magical moments that have happened in our schools and educational facilities this school year – and what an amazing year it’s been! Together, we make our schools fabulous places to learn and grow.
Stories and tips will continue to be posted on Sharing Simcoe this summer - check it out at www.sharingsimcoe.com and feel free to get in touch with Marla Tomlinson, Communications Officer and Sharing Simcoe lead, at mtomlinson@scdsb.on.ca to suggest story ideas, ask questions or provide feedback.

Transition to high school – collection and use of personal student information
As Grade 8 students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student’s transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. Select student information will be shared at different times as appropriate. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII of the Education Act. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times.

Please contact (Insert Superintendent name), Superintendent of Education for this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at (Insert school name).

Plan ahead with the 2014-2015 School Year Calendar
You will find the 2014-2015 School Year Calendars under ‘Schools’ – ‘School Year Calendars’ on the Simcoe County District School Board’s website (www.scdsb.on.ca). Some of the key dates include:

- Students start school on Tuesday, September 2, 2014. The last day for elementary students will be Thursday, June 25, 2015 and for secondary students it will be Wednesday, June 24, 2015.
- March Break is March 16 to 20, 2015.

International Languages Program – register now for fall
The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers a free International Languages Program for elementary school students and credit language program for secondary school students to give students the chance to learn a new language or maintain their native language. The elementary student program runs from September 2014 to May 2015 on Saturday mornings (9 to 11:30 a.m.) at the Learning Centres in Barrie and Bradford. Languages taught include Farsi, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tamil and Urdu. The secondary school program offers German, Japanese, Mandarin and Spanish at the Barrie Learning Centre. The language courses are offered from September to December 2014 (Semester 1) and February to June 2015 (Semester 2), on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information and to register, visit www.thelearningcentres.com.

Summer school offers upgrading, credits, preparation and more – spaces still available!
Registration is still available for SCDSB’s summer school courses. Students in grades 7 to 12 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. Details, locations and registration information can be found at The Learning Centres website: http://www.thelearningcentres.com/learning-centres-programs/summer-school.

Immunizations required for school attendance – updates for next school year
All children attending school between ages 4 to 17 need to be immunized according to Ontario’s Immunization Schedule. Starting in the 2014/15 school year, children need to have proof of immunization against meningococcal disease, whooping cough and chickenpox to attend school. This is in addition to existing requirements for proof of immunization against many other diseases. The number of shots (doses) required for tetanus, diphtheria, polio and mumps has also been updated.

Check with your health care provider or local public health unit to make sure your child has all the vaccines needed to attend school. If your child has followed the immunization schedule, no further vaccines will be needed.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is required under the ISPA to collect and maintain up-to-date records of all the above immunizations for every child registered in school within Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka. Parents are required to contact the health unit to update immunization records for their children or provide a valid affidavit. Visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website for further information: http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/ (click on ‘Topics,’ then ‘Immunization’).
First Rider Program taking place in August to help first time JK/SK/Primary bus riders
The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) offers a free First Rider Program for first-time school bus riders, which includes a ride on a real school bus. This safety program is provided by the SCSTC, in partnership with our school bus operators, to educate students and their families of the rules and responsibilities on and around the school bus. Sessions will take place in August across Simcoe County. Parents/guardians and their children attending any school in Simcoe County may attend any of the sessions. For more information and First Rider session dates, see the SCSTC website at: http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/safety.

Use Health Care Connect to help you find a local family doctor or nurse practitioner
Health Care Connect helps Ontarians who are without a family health care provider (family doctor or nurse practitioner) to find one. People without a family health care provider are referred to a family doctor or a nurse practitioner who is accepting new patients in their community. Find out more about the program at www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect or register by calling 1-800-445-1822.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!!!