MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

Well here we are in the last month of school. Where has the time gone? Although there are only a few weeks left, our school continues to be abuzz with learning, planning and of course fun! As we wrap up the 13-14 school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff and community for a wonderful year.

May was filled with joy, excitement and sadness. Our Grand Opening event was an amazing evening of “celebrating the past, embracing the future.” The student presentations and displayed work was creative and reflective of our theme. Our delegates, the Chair of the Board, Director of Education, Mayor and Superintendent of Education, all shared wonderful congratulatory remarks and provided very positive feedback on our collective efforts. We are so appreciative to our community for sharing in this evening with us. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Klic for sharing remarks on behalf of School Council, and for preparing the delicious cupcakes and cake for our reception.

We were all saddened by the recent news of the sudden passing of one of our dear students. We were able to pay tribute to Jaslynn at our Grand Opening event by sharing a moment of silence and by sharing a collection of her work and pictures in her classroom along with a condolence card for signing. Her visitation and funeral service was a wonderful recognition of what she brought to her short life. We look forward to working with the family to decide on how we will have a more permanent dedication to her life here at school.

On Wednesday evening at our school board monthly meeting, changes to Principal and Vice-Principal placements were announced. Next school year, I will be moving into the position of School Effectiveness Lead for our Board. Sharing this news with staff, students and community has not been easy, as I am so thrilled to have been part of this community for the past two and half years where we have gone from two buildings to one and have built our vision of caring, sharing and learning together in this amazing new place we call school. I have learned so much from so many through my experience here and I will forever cherish my time with this incredible team. Ms. Madeleine Temmer will be the joining Fred C. Cook as the new Principal. I know that you will welcome her as you have me.

Last year we were in our building like 'sardines' and this year we are in with room to spare! The staff and I truly delight in the opportunity to be working with you and your child. We look forward to continuing much of what has been started into the next school year and beyond.

To our grade eight graduates - Congratulations! You have been wonderful role models for the students at this school and we sincerely hope the path you are about to embark on enables you to display the same character, and ability that you have displayed here at FCC. We look forward to your Graduation celebration at the Club at Bond Head on Thursday, June 26th.

To our parent community who work with us each day by sending us your best - it is a privilege working with you and we look forward to forging new relations and continuing to build this wonderful partnership. It truly takes "a village to raise a child." An extension of our community is our volunteers. Thank you for your ongoing support for our students and staff here at FCC. It is your efforts that help to make a difference for our students. We look forward to celebrating with our volunteers at our Volunteer Tea on Tuesday, June 25th!!

Mrs. Tina DeLaire
Pizza Hot Lunch

Pizza orders for June will be the following dates:

- Thursday, June 5th
- Friday, June 13th
- Friday, June 20th—Last day

Thank you for your support with helping make this program a great success.

Month of June's Character Trait

This month we celebrate the character trait of Responsibility. It is defined as “We are accountable for our actions and we follow through on our commitments.” Please join us for our final Character Recognition Assembly on Friday June 27th at 9:30 a.m. in our gym where we will recognize the traits of respect and responsibility. Students are still excited to receive “Gotcha” tickets for being caught in the act of showing good character. Draws are made each Friday morning for prizes to be won!

Lost and Found

Lost and Found will be on display until June 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 still in there.

Breakfast Program a Huge Success!

The breakfast program continues to be a very popular program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. We typically have between 25 and 35 students arrive at 8:35 for a nutritious breakfast that includes: fruit, milk/juice, and a variety of items such as pancakes, scrambled eggs, bagels with cream cheese, waffles, cereal, muffins, etc. Trays of food are also taken to the Kindergarten classrooms to provide them with some healthy snacks. We are planning to expand the program to five mornings a week in September. If you are interested in being a volunteer once a week with the program please contact Mr. Stevenato. Also we continue to look for sponsors to help financially support the program for a day, a week or a month. Tax receipts are available to individuals or businesses for their financial donation. We would like to thank our parent volunteers; Amber Smith, Susie Golzlin, Sheri Jones, and especially Bobby-Jo Miller who took the lead on menu preparation and food purchasing, our staff volunteers; Kate Copfer and Katie Tompkins, and the numerous student volunteers who wake up early to come and prepare breakfast for others!

Report Cards and Next School Year Information

Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, June 25th. Please sign and return page three. Specifics regarding plans for the next school year will come out in our final June Summer Newsletter.

Yearbook News

Due to the amazing response for the 2013/14 Yearbook, we have sold out. We have created a waiting list and are waiting to hear back if we can order more. There is a waiting list for people that have already sent money in. We will refund the cost if your child was unable to purchase one. The Yearbook Team appreciates your support. Many thanks to Mrs. Brethet and Mrs. Stockall, as without them, we would not have been able to purchase the yearbooks. A special thank you to Ms. Rutledge and Mrs. Moore for helping with editing. There will be a draw for one free yearbook for each classroom. We will announce the winners shortly. Congratulations to those students whose name were drawn.

Front Doors Will Be Locked During School Day Starting Monday, June 9th

Last summer, front door intercom and video technology was installed at our school. The same technology was installed at all elementary schools in our school board. The technology was funded by the Ontario Government as part of a program called Safe Welcome. The intention is for all elementary schools in Ontario to have front entrance doors locked during the school day.

We plan to start using the system June 9th. Our doors will be locked during the school day. To access the building during this time, you will need to ring the buzzer. Staff in the office will be responsible for checking the monitor and buzzing visitors in. It’s one more way we can monitor who is visiting our school. It will help us ensure all visitors sign in at the office.
Fred C. Cook's Leadership Team

We have had a great turnout to our monthly Leadership Meetings. Please mark down the following date for our last meeting:

- Wed. June 25th (3:20-4:30pm)

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

Library News

Mrs. Brethet would like to continue to thank all the families that have donated books to the library this year. Any book donations are always welcome! An area in the library that we would like to expand is our Young Adult Section. The YA section is mostly for students in Grades 7/8. We appreciate your continued support to help grow our library collection. Happy Reading!

Overdue notices are continuing to be sent home so we can get all of our books back on the shelves for June and ready for next year. If you have any concerns please write a note to Mrs. Brethet.

Track & Field

Grades four to eight will be participating in Track and Field events taking place at Bradford High School on June 10th (Rain Day: June 11th). The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Fred C. Cook where we will be taking attendance. Once all the classes are ready, we will be walking over to the High School. Our plan is to end around 2:30 and walk back to Fred C Cook for dismissal.

A schedule of approximate event times/order has been provided for your information and you are encouraged to come that day to support your child and the other student athletes. Please ensure that your child knows which events he/she is entered in and when/where the event takes place. We need everyone to be at their events.

Please ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast that morning and he/she drinks plenty of water at least 24 hours prior to the event. There will be a concession stand available at the high school but we recommend that you pack plenty of healthy snacks and drinks for the day. Also, be sure to dress appropriately for the weather that day. Shorts and T-shirts which meet dress code and good running shoes are required. (No cleats) Also, hats and sun-

First Rider Program prepares 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.

Teacher for the Day!

Congratulations to Aminah S. (grade 4) for her winning essay on why she wanted to be teacher for the day. Aminah included that she would like to be a kindergarten teacher when she grows up and did a wonderful job fulfilling her duties in Ms. Rutledge’s class on May 30th.

Kindergarten Registration

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2010? If so, it’s time to register them for Kindergarten in the Simcoe County District School Board! Beginning on January 27, 2014, Simcoe County’s public schools are registering children for Junior and Senior Kindergarten classes for the 2014-15 school year. Contact your local public school for registration information. As of the 2014-2015 school year, ALL schools will offer full-day, every day Kindergarten. For more information, visit: http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Programs/Kindergarten/Pages/Kindergarten.aspx.
Plan Ahead with the 2014-2015 School Year Calendar

You will find the approved 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.

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.

Immunizations Required for School Attendance

As of July 1, 2014, the Immunization School Pupils Act (ISPA) has added three new vaccines that students require for entry to school: meningococcal disease; pertussis (whooping cough) and varicella (chickenpox). These three vaccines are addition to existing requirements for proof of immunization against tetanus, diphtheria, polio, measles, mumps and rubella. 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. Now is a good time to contact your health care provider to discuss your child’s immunization needs in light of the new legislation. 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').

National Access Awareness Week – June 1 to 7

This year, we are recognizing National Access Awareness Week during the week of June 1 to 7. At our school, we will be helping to raise awareness while sharing our belief in the importance of inclusiveness by reflecting on the ways our school community can improve opportunities for people with disabilities and assist with the identification, removal and prevention of barriers. Thank you for supporting the school in these efforts by taking the time at home to discuss changing physical and attitudinal barriers for those with special needs. We are developing the attributes of respect, caring and empathy and creating a society of inclusiveness of people with physical disabilities.
Summer School for Students entering 7, 8 & 9

Registration is open for SCDSB summer school courses. Students can register for credit courses, upgrades, and numeracy prep. Summer school programs are offered throughout July and August. All summer school program details, locations and registration information can be found at The Learning Centres website at: http://www.thelearningcentres.com/.

Water safety tips to help keep kids safe

Did you know 570 children drowned in Canada in the last 10 years? This equals the number of children in 10 full school buses (Parachute Canada, 2014). Some tips to keep children safe around water this summer:

- Supervision is key - 90% of shallow water drowning among children occurred when an adult was absent.
- Stay within sight and arms reach when a child is in or near water including: pools, bathtubs, lakes, rivers and streams.
- Put down your electronic devices; listening isn’t enough to prevent drowning. Most drowning is silent and occurs in just a few seconds.
- Swimming lessons allow children to gain confidence around water. Remember, lessons don’t provide kids with special protection; supervision is always needed.
- Young children and weak swimmers should wear life jackets in or around the water. You and your child should always wear life jackets when riding in a boat.
- Fence your pool; 7 out of 10 cases of child drowning can be prevented with four-sided pool fencing.
- Be prepared: get trained in water skills, swimming skills, CPR and first aid.

For more information, visit www.parachutecanada.org/injury-topics/topic/C3.

Tips for safe sun exposure

Sun protection is important for children and youth. It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. Here are some sun safety tips:

- Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher. Apply sunscreen 20 to 30 minutes before going out in the sun. Always follow label instructions.
- Apply sunscreen to all exposed areas of skin including the nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet etc. Reapply every 2 to 3 hours and after perspiring or swimming.
- Use sunscreen even on cloudy, hazy or foggy days; even in the winter.
- Wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large brimmed hat and sunglasses.
- Remember: harmful sun rays are most intense between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- When outdoors between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. ensure shade (either natural or artificial) is available for children.
- Indoor tanning is no safer than tanning in the sun.

For more information, visit Safe Kids Canada at www.safekidscanada.ca.

Playground safety tips

The playground is a fun place for students. But, accidents can happen. To increase safety, teach children how to use playground equipment and play safely. You can increase safety by:

- removing cords and drawstrings on hoods, hats and jackets
- tucking in all loose clothing
- teaching children to be aware of moving swings and at the bottom of slides
- teaching children not to tie ropes to slides and other playground equipment

For more information, visit Safe Kids Canada at www.safekidscanada.ca.
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.

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How to Become a School Board Trustee

A new Board of Trustees will be elected during the 2014 Municipal Elections on Oct. 27, 2014. Public school supporters who would like to become a Simcoe County District School Board Trustee can submit their nomination papers at the lead municipal office now. Information on running for Trustee, including a list of areas and lead offices, is available at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca). Click on ‘Board’ and ‘2014 Election’.

Trustees are directly accountable to the community. They:

- maintain a focus on student achievement and well-being, and participate in making decisions that benefit the entire board
- establish policy direction
- annually approve the budget to ensure that financial resources are allocated to achieve the desired results
- prepare for and participate in all committee and board meetings
- respond to the concerns of parents and others

The Simcoe County District School Board has 11 elected trustees and one First Nation Trustee appointed by the Chippewas of Rama and Beausoleil First Nations. The First Nation Trustee alternates every four years. Chippewas of Rama First Nation will appoint the next First Nation Trustee.
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