



## WEST BAYFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Courage: We do the right thing even when it's difficult.**

### Dates to Remember

#### November

- 9 – Picture Retake/Class Pictures
- 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 am
- 13 – PD Day
- 14 – Colts Game
- 18 – Needles Gr. 7, & Gr 8 girls

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that November is already upon us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who we have in our school each day. It is so great to see volunteers working with students and helping them to read, assisting with our milk program, assisting with the many fantastic food programs that we have running as well as our Breakfast Club. We welcome any students to our Breakfast Club each day. It's so important to start your day with a healthy nutritious breakfast!

During the month of November we take time to remember all those who have fought for our Rights and Freedom. November 11<sup>th</sup> we take time to remember as this is Remembrance Day. We will be having a Service of Remembrance on this day at West Bayfield.

November is also the month that we celebrate COURAGE as our Character Trait.

Please know that if you have any questions or concerns, you are more than welcome to come into the office and set up a time to meet with either one of us. We look forward to continuing to work together during this school year.

Take care,  
A.Pino, Principal  
J. Case, Vice Principal

### QSP Contest

We had a contest this past month involving many of our students. Any students that sold QSP orders or read 10 books were eligible to enter their names into the draw. Our two winners were Kya from Mrs. McCourt's class and Lily from Mrs. Hansen's class. Congratulation's girls.

**School Spirit Wear:** Please look for this information to come home soon.

### Dog Reminder

We have had a number of parents raise concerns about dogs on school property. Many of our families have dogs and other pets. Most of them are friendly and obedient members of your families. However, in order to respect the safety and sensitivities of all our families, dogs (leashed or not) are not permitted on school property. This includes puppies and purse pooches. Please help us to keep the school property a safe and welcoming environment for all our students, parents and staff.

### Skateboards, Scooters and Other Wheels

We have many students who ride bikes, skateboards or scooters to school. Once on property, the expectation is that bikes are to be locked in the racks, skateboards or scooters are to be kept in the office. This is to ensure that no one is hurt. Please follow these guidelines as it is nice to be able to ride to school. Those who cannot follow the rules will be asked to leave their wheels at home.

### Reminder : Breakfast Club

Monday thru Friday – 8:25 to 8:40 – room 105  
All students are welcome ☺

### **Update on Progress Reports**

As you may be aware, the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) is currently engaged in provincial work-to-rule job action. As a result, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), along with most other affected school boards in the province, is postponing elementary Progress Reports and Kindergarten Conference Forms. In addition, on the November 13 PA Day, teachers will be holding interviews with parents of children whose progress they wish to discuss. Teachers will contact the parents/guardians of those students to arrange the interviews. As always, if you have questions about your child's progress, you can contact his or her teacher for information.

### **November is Financial Literacy Month**

Each November, Canadians celebrate Financial Literacy Month. Take control of your financial future, learn how you can increase your financial literacy skills and discover new ways to become more savvy with your money – and show your kids how to be financially smart as well! Learn more with ABC Life Literacy's Financial Literacy tools: [abclifeliteracy.ca/financial-literacy](http://abclifeliteracy.ca/financial-literacy).

### **A message from the Health Unit: Updating your child's immunization record**

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required by law to keep up-to-date immunization records on file for every student who attends elementary or secondary school in Simcoe County. Parents need to provide the health unit with the updated status each time students receive a vaccine from their health care provider.

The immunization requirements for attending school have recently changed and you will need to ensure that your child's immunization status is up-to-date. Children need to have proof of immunization against meningococcal disease, whooping cough, and for those children born in 2010 or later, chicken pox, to attend school. If

proof is not provided your child could be temporarily suspended from school.

Go to [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline) to update your child's record, or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).

### **Making homework time less stressful for all!**

Children need good study habits and routines in order to be successful at homework. However, for some children, homework can be a time of stress. Sometimes children have problems with homework because of poor planning, because they don't understand the work or because they would rather be doing something else. Parents can help children develop good homework routines with preparation, encouragement and by showing an interest in the work that they are doing.

To find out more, call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 and ask about the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program solutions for homework problems or visit [www.triplepontario.ca](http://www.triplepontario.ca).

### **Eye See Eye Learn program offering free eye exams, glasses for JK students**

Your child may have a vision problem. Only an optometrist knows if your child sees to the best of their ability. Get them a comprehensive eye exam, which is free for children under 19 years old with their Ontario Health Card. The Eye See...Eye Learn® program offers one free pair of glasses to this year's JK students with their OHIP-covered eye exam, if prescribed by a participating optometrist. Learn more at [www.EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca](http://www.EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca).

### **Lost-cost SnowPass for Grade 4 and 5 students**

Do you have a child in Grade 4 or 5? The Canadian Ski Council offers the Grade 4 and 5 SnowPass to children across Canada, providing low-cost access to ski and snowboard hills across the country, including many in Simcoe County! Visit [www.skicanada.org/grade-4-5-snowpass/](http://www.skicanada.org/grade-4-5-snowpass/) for further details.

