



Marchmont Public School

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October 2015 Update

Important Dates

October 5 – 9 Safety Village Presentations

October 8 – Blue Jay Spirit Day (Wear Blue or White or anything Blue Jay)

Monday, October 12 – Thanksgiving Day (Holiday)

Wednesday, October 14 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 15 – Area Cross-Country Meet @ Mt. St. Louis

Thursday, October 15 – Flag Football Tournament @ Twin Lakes SS in the PM

Monday, October 19 – Federal Election (Polling Station @ Marchmont)

Tuesday, October 20 – Simcoe County Cross-Country Meet

Friday, October 23 – Professional Activity Day (No school)

September Start Up

The start-up this year has proven to be relatively smooth! Our students have been working hard in the classroom and already there are many activities going on around Marchmont P.S. Extra-curricular activities that have begun include the Violin Club, Flag Football, The Bug Trap Malaise Club, The Green Team and Cross Country Running. Classes are settling into routine and we look forward to a great year ahead!

School Council

The School Council had their first meeting on September 30. The executive positions include Anita Perrigo & Shawn Moore as Co-Chairpersons and Anne Loxton as the Secretary. Meeting minutes and information about school events can be found on the School Council Bulletin Board just outside the office. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14. All parents are welcome to attend!

We have numerous fundraising activities & events that support our school. The School Council is looking for volunteers who would like to help in this area. If you are interested, please call us here at the school, 705-326-7652.

Terry Fox

Our Terry Fox Run was held on Thursday, October 1st. It was a beautiful autumn afternoon for the students and staff to walk and run in support of cancer research. Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our 2015 Terry Fox Run. This year, our school raised \$475.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Marchmont Spirit Day

For the first time in 22 years, the Toronto Blue Jays have made the playoffs! On Thursday, October 8th will be Toronto Blue Jays Day at Marchmont! Staff and students are encouraged to wear blue and white or Blue Jays shirts to show our support as the Blue Jays play their first playoff game Thursday night! Go Jays Go!

Verification & Permission Forms

A start-up package and verification form was sent home to update personal information for each student. Thank-you to those families who have returned these forms. If you have not done so, please send the forms to school with your child as soon as possible in order to make sure that we have the most recent phone numbers and information to ensure safety for your child.

Thank You!

Thank you to our school community for their generous food donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. It will definitely be appreciated at our local foodbank. Thanks also to Mrs. Perigo & Mrs. Phillips for organizing the collection at the school.

We need your help to keep students safe at arrival and dismissal

The safety of our students is our top priority. Arrival and dismissal are busy times at our school. We need to work together with parents/guardians and childcare providers to make sure students are safe.

Here are key points to be aware of when planning pick up and/or drop off of students:

- Supervision starts fifteen (15) minutes before bell time and ends fifteen (15) minutes after bell time. School staff will contact the parent/guardian, followed by emergency contact, for any student who is not picked up within this time. If late pickup happens often, additional support services may be involved.
- If parents/guardians arrange for other people to pick up their children, like a private childcare provider, the parent/guardian is responsible to ensure the alternate person/program is picking up on time.
- Designated bus loading zones are out-of-bounds during arrival and dismissal times, with the only exception being Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium buses. Private childcare providers will be asked not to use these areas. **Parents are also not allowed to drop off or pick up in the bus zones.**

- Once buses have departed and the loading zone has been opened up by school staff, vehicle traffic may begin to flow through the area to pick students up. Traffic must be in constant flow in this area at all times, meaning no unattended parked vehicles in this area.
- Unattended vehicles must be parked in an approved parking space, outside of the kiss and ride area, with the engine turned off.

A full description of the Supervision, Arrival and Dismissal Procedures is available at www.scdsb.on.ca – Parents – Safe and Healthy Schools – Procedures.

Fire Prevention Week is October 4 to 10 - “Hear The Beep Where You Sleep”

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep? Working smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, smoke alarms can increase your chances of surviving a fire by up to 50%.

The key message of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 4-10, is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

Make sure you and your family:

- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Change the batteries once a year.
- Replace smoke alarms after 10 years.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in your household.

For more information and fun resources for kids, visit: www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week/for-kids-and-families.

A reminder from the Health Unit: Keeping your child's immunization record up-to-date

The Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) states that The Simcoe Muskoka District Health unit is required by law to keep an up-to-date immunization record on file for every student who attends elementary or secondary school. As of July 1, 2014 ISPA has been updated and includes the following vaccines:

- varicella (chickenpox) two doses for children born in or after 2010
- Meningococcal (meningitis)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, polio and pertussis (whooping cough) - at least 4 doses
- Measles, mumps and rubella - after the first birthday

The health unit does not receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices. Parents need to contact the health unit each time students receive a vaccine from their health care provider. If a student's immunization record on file with the health unit is not up to date, the health unit will mail a notice asking for immunization information or proof of a valid exemption. If the information requested is not given to the health unit, the student may be suspended from school. If your child is due for immunizations, an appointment can be made with your health care provider or at a health unit immunization clinic by contacting Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520. Up-to-date immunization information can be provided to the health unit by a secure online form, mail, fax or by dropping off a copy at a local health unit office. For more information, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Free math help for students in Grade 7 to 10

Homework Help is a free online math help resource for students in Grades 7-10. Homework Help provides FREE, live one-on-one tutoring from Ontario teachers, and is funded by the Ontario government and administered by TVO. Students can ask their math questions during chat room hours, Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. For more information and other math resources, visit: www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org.

Waste Reduction Week takes place Oct. 19 to 25

Waste Reduction Week aims to inform and engage Canadians about the environmental and social ramifications of wasteful practices. It strives to educate, engage and empower Canadians to reduce, reuse and recycle waste. Waste Reduction Week in Canada further provides information and ideas to reduce waste in all facets of daily living, creating the solutions to the many environmental challenges we face including climate change, water pollution and preservation of natural resources. For more information about Waste Reduction Week, visit: www.rco.on.ca/wrw_ontario.