



Lake Simcoe Public School Newsletter

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Administrators' Message

Dear Parents,

We are making some changes to our school entry, starting the week of March 20 (after the March break). At 7:55 am, when staff supervision begins, students may enter the building and proceed in their classrooms. During this time, staff on supervision duty will be in the hallways/classrooms/portables to monitor students' safety. Additional supervisors will be located at the Kiss'n'Ride and on the pavement areas to support student entry. Please note that the majority of the supervision will be re-located inside the building as students enter.

The decision to change our entry procedures supports our commitment in maximizing instructional time. As students enter the building, they will have the opportunity to prepare for their first period of learning, ready for an 8:10 start of instruction. With reduced disruptions, the instruction and learning can be maximized to the fullest capacity of 100 minutes. We appreciate your support and assistance in encouraging your child(ren) to quickly enter the building during their morning arrival.

The month of March brings a fresh promise of growth and renewal as the spring season arrives. At Lake Simcoe, we continue to provide rich learning opportunities that will promote students' all-round development. To promote enriching experiences in the dance area of the arts, we have secured a professional Hip Hop dancer from the York Dance Academy this month and next, to work with our Grades 1-8 students. We will showcase the dances learned on our upcoming Showcase night, April 18. Please mark this event on your calendars!

On behalf of the school staff, we wish you a very safe and restful March break.

Angelie Barkey
Principal

Debra Camden
Vice-Principal



If your child will be ABSENT OR LATE:

Please **call:**

905-656-5970,
and leave a message.

The machine is available for messages 24/7

Events this month:

- Mar 12-16— March Break ~ No School
- Mar 21—Grade 8 grad Photos
- Mar 22—Boston Pizza Celebrity Server
- Mar 29—Character Assembly
- Mar 30—Good Friday ~ No School



Before and After School Child Care

Upper Canada Childcare, operating within Lake Simcoe PS.

Contact Number: 905-535-1448

Hours of Operation: 6:15am-8:15am & 2:40pm-6:00pm

Email: lakesimcoe@uppercanadachildcare.com

Website: www.uppercanadachildcare.com



Upcoming Events

- Apr 2—Easter Monday ~ No School
- Apr 10—School Council Meeting 7pm
- Apr 11—Day of Pink
- Apr 22—Earth Day
- Apr 23—Boston Pizza Celebrity Server

**School Times
Supervision Begins:**

7:55

Entry Bell:

8:10

Recess:

9:50-10:20

Lunch:

12:00-1:00

Dismissal:

2:40

As partners, we support each other's efforts on behalf of our students.



Character Trait of the Month: Honesty

Honesty can be associated with taking responsibility for one's actions.

When a mistake has been made, it is important to tell the truth, apologize to the person hurt, if necessary, and accept the consequences graciously. By doing this, it will help to keep a little problem from becoming a bigger one.



Please Call us to Report Absences!

Please call 905-656-5970 to report any absences or lates.

The answering machine is on 24/7 so you can leave a message any time. By calling, you let us know that your child is safe. It saves us from interrupting your day, or calling all the emergency contact phone numbers to ensure your child is safe.

When a child is not accounted for, we will :

- Call home to see if the child is there, then
- Call the parent/guardian at work/mobile, then
- Call the emergency phone numbers, and finally if we are unable to speak to someone to confirm the child's safety we will:
- Call the York Regional Police.



This call is a safety check; in accordance with the YRDSB Safe Arrival Policy #665.

Kiss N' Ride Reminder

When dropping off and picking up students at school, we appreciate community cooperation to keep our Kiss N' Ride running SAFELY and SMOOTHLY. The Kiss N' Ride is an officially recognized Fire Route – *as such, the driver cannot exit/park their car in this area.*

- *Please wait in line for an available spot along the sidewalk
- *Ensure your child is prepared to exit on the **sidewalk** side of your car for safety
- ***DO NOT** double park – children are in danger if they cross between parked cars
- *Our Kiss N' Ride volunteers will walk kindergarten children to the gates

If you are planning to walk your children to their gate or line-up, kindly park your car in an available parking spot.





ALL parents and visitors MUST report to the office upon their arrival to the school, to sign in, and obtain a visitors badge.

We ask that all parents wait outside for their children, and if you need to speak to your child's teacher, please send a note or call their voice-mail/office to request an appointment.

We appreciate your support in keeping our students safe!

Are you moving or changing schools?

Are you moving before next September? Is there someone in your neighbourhood with 4 year old children? If so, please let us know!

We are currently projecting our student enrolment for September 2018. These projections help us hire sufficient staff. Any information you can provide us now will help with next year's preparations.



If your plans change—not to worry—your child will always have a spot at their home school.

Extra Clothing

With the changing weather, the yard is often snowy or wet. It would be helpful for children (especially Primary grades) to have a change of clothing, including socks, available at school. *Please remember to label belongings to keep our Lost and Found collection low!*



We ask that children have outdoor boots and indoor shoes at school as well.

Lost and Found Items



There are a number of items in the lost and found bins. Surprisingly, we have several winter coats, a wonderful collection of snow pants, shoes, sweaters, mittens and a number of other personal items.

You are invited to come have a look and remind your child to have a look, as we would like to see these items returned to their owners.

Summer Institute is COMING!



Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? [Summer Institute](#) offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) page on www.yrdsb.ca.

NORTH LOCATIONS:

NEWMARKET @ Maple Leaf P.S.

STOUFFVILLE @ Oscar Peterson P.S.

KESWICK @ Fairwood P.S.

Registration opens March 7. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

Base Registration Weekly Fees:

York Region District School Board students: **\$105 (4 day weeks) \$120 (5 day weeks)**

Non- York Region District School Board students: **\$130 (4 day weeks) \$155 (5 day weeks)**

York Dance

A certified Hip-Hop dance instructor is coming to us from the York Dance Academy In March and April. Students from grades 1 to 8 will learn the basics of Hip-Hop dancing through exercise and creative movement activities in four half-hour sessions with a **celebratory concert to follow on Wednesday, April 18.**

Grades 1 to 3 will present from 6 to 6:30, grades 4 to 6 from 6:30 to 7:15 and grades 7 and 8 from 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Payment for this 'in-school field trip' (\$9.30) may be made through <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> or directly to your child's classroom teacher.



News from our School Council

A reminder that the first Thursday of every month is Family Movie Night at the Gem! Admission is \$3. Bring your family and friends for a fun night out!

Have you joined our **hot lunch program**? Head over to www.lunchboxorders.com to register your child and place your order. Options available are Booster Juice, Boston Pizza, Swiss Chalet, Pita Pit and Mr. Sub! *Remember to have your order placed by noon on Sundays for the following week.*

Our next **Parent Council meeting** is April 10th from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the library. All are welcome!



The **ZONE** News

We are continuing to accept any **board games** families may be looking to get rid of! Some of our students have begun to collect milk bags to build mats that are donated to homeless shelters in the GTA. **If you have any milk bags** please send them into the zone. Our Me to We team has begun an initiative for different classes to **collect personal care items**, and donate to our local women's shelter. Keep your eye out through individual classes for more information. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Draper at the school. Anyone interested in ordering Spirit wear please stop by the zone for an order form.

Pay with School Cash Online

All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students. Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque. You can register for School Cash Online at any time. There is also a button on our school website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.

Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is revising its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

Save the Date!

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

Spirit Week!

March 5-9, Lake Simcoe students will be celebrating the coming of spring with a Spirit Week! Each day, there will be a different theme:

Monday- Green Day: wear green for St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday- Sports day: wear your favourite sports jersey or hat!

Wednesday- Twin day: dress alike with a few friends!

Thursday- Wacky Hair Day

Friday- PJ Day



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Movie night at The Gem	2	3
4	5 Spirit Week Wear Green	6 Sports Day	7 Twin Day	8 Wacky Hair Day	9 PJ Day	10
11 	12 March Break ~ No School	13	14	15	16	17 
18	19	20	21 Grade 8 Grad Photos	22 Boston Pizza Celebrity Server Night ~ 5:30pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday ~ No School	31

Class Placement for 2017-2018

Much of the planning for a new school year begins NOW! We will be discussing organizational structures, special education delivery models, teaching assignments and timetabling very soon.

One of the most important tasks that usually begin in May is the placement of students into new classes for September. Homeroom teachers in consultation with receiving teachers, appropriate support staff and school administration devote much discussion time to the generation of classes that strive to best meet the needs of all of our students. Class placement is a complex process that takes many hours of thought and discussion. Decisions are made following careful consideration of a number of criteria: balance of student abilities, interests and talents, gender balance, class size (consistent with Board and Ministry guidelines), learning style, learning partners and social factors. While friendship issues can play a role in the comfort level of some students, at particular developmental stages, some friends learn best in separate classes.

Often parents have new and/or important information to share about their child which lends assistance to class placement decisions. Recent medical diagnoses, significant negative peer relationships that exist outside the school's awareness or significant individual/family issues that may impact learning, are items of information which are appreciated prior to the placement process.

Parent input that is received in writing by the office prior to May 7, 2018 will be considered (and shared with teachers) during placement meetings. Please avoid naming a teacher since staffing can vary due to enrolment fluctuations, teacher leave of absences, teacher requests for different assignments, teacher transfers and surplus. Input after May 7, 2018 may not be considered due to the complexity of the task. Please be advised that while such input is valued, it cannot drive class placement decisions since school-wide limitations and a variety of other factors will, at times, take precedence. Final decisions regarding student placements remain the responsibility of the principal. Class placement information will be shared on opening day in September. Thank you for partnering with us in this very important task.

Lake Simcoe Public School — Class Placement for 2017-2018 Parental Input

Name of Student: _____

Grade in 2018-2019: _____

Current Teacher: _____

Please include an explanation in the following areas:

1. Positive Social Relationships (students who work well together).

2 Learning style (independent, small group, need for teacher direction....)

3. Student interests (sports, arts, reading...)

4. Other Considerations (e.g. special education, ESL,)

Parent name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

For consideration, please send to the Lake Simcoe PS office, to the attention of Mrs. Barkey, by May 7, 2018