



Lake Simcoe Public School Newsletter

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Administrators' Message

Dear Parents,

Every year during the first week of May, we recognize Mental Health Awareness Week. This year, along with fantastic community partners, we are hosting several school wide events to support our ongoing learning, and the sense of inclusion and belonging at LSPS.

On the evening of **May 1st**, from **6:30-8:00 pm**, we welcome all families to join us for our '**Family Wellness Night**'. Our evening will begin with a keynote address from Michelle Cassidy, the YRDSB Mental Health and Wellness Lead. Michelle's engaging and entertaining speaking style provides parents with great ideas for supporting their children. Following the keynote address, families can enjoy several stations with make-and-take activities (e.g. baking, crafts, technology, yoga). We hope to see everyone out for a great evening!

During the school day on **May 11th**, our grade four through eight students are spearheading '**The Ring of Peace at Lake Simcoe**'. With various partners from the YRDSB Inclusive Schools and Community Department, as well as [YouthSpeak](#) and special guest [Logan Staats](#) from the CTV series The Launch, students will work together towards the goals of learning about **Diversity, Equity** and **Inclusion**. We are very excited about this opportunity for our students to learn through their participation and experiences.

In partnership with our School Council, we will also be hosting our first ever **Family Yoga Night**. **May 23rd**, families are welcome to come out from **7-8 pm for a FREE** Yoga class lead by Citizen Yoga. (Please click here to register).

Later this month, the EQAO provincial assessment for primary and junior students will be occurring. In six one-hour sessions, students will complete a variety of assessment activities designed to allow them to demonstrate their knowledge relating to reading, writing, and mathematics as described in The Ontario Curriculum. More details regarding specific dates and resources for families will be sent home with grade 3 and 6 students throughout the month.

Integrity

is doing the right thing
even when no one
is watching

C.S. Lewis



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:

- May 1: Family Wellness Night ~ 6:30pm
- May 1-2: Dental Screening JK,SK,2,8
- May 8: Kindergarten Orientation Night ~ 6pm (For new JK students)
- May 10: Boston Pizza Celebrity Server ~ 5:30pm
Hot dog Day
- May 15: Jump Rope for Heart Day
School Council Meeting ~ 7pm
- May 17: Hot dog Day
- May 21: Victoria Day ~ No school
- May 22: EQAO begins (Gr. 3 and 6)
- May 23: Family Yoga Night ~ 7pm
- May 24: Hot dog day



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

- June 4: PA day ~ No school
- June 12: Gr. 7/8 Track & Field
- June 13: Gr 4-6 Track & Field
- June 14: Gr 7 Immunizations
- June 18: Ojibway Story Teller visit
- June 19: Regional Track & Field
School Council Meeting 7pm
- June 27: Reports go home
- June 28: Early Release for students
11:10am
- June 29: PA Day

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: Integrity

Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles, or moral uprightness.

INTEGRITY IS
choosing
COURAGE OVER COMFORT;
CHOOSING WHAT IS RIGHT
over what is
FUN, FAST, OR EASY;
AND CHOOSING TO
PRACTICE OUR VALUES
rather than simply
PROFESSING THEM.

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.

Eco Club

The ECO Club wishes to thank all students and families who participated in our **Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge**. Our school collected over 3000 plastic bags which will now be recycled rather than sitting in landfill sites. Way to go, Lake Simcoe! Due to the wet state of our fields, we will be delaying our annual, school-wide yard clean-up until May when, hopefully, the school grounds will be drier. Thanks to all for supporting Lake Simcoe's ECO Club initiatives.



Grade 8 Fundraising

Spring is in the air..... FINALLY!

Did you know.... Booster Juice is offered every Thursday at Lake Simcoe Public School!!

You may place your order for this week's delivery until Sunday (tomorrow), April 22nd at NOON.



Healthy Schools Snack Bin Program



Our healthy snack program has been a great success so far! The snack bins are delivered to each classroom daily.

If you wish to donate, here is a list of healthy foods we are looking for: brick cheese, crackers, eggs, raisins, low sugar cereal, baking supplies (flour, sugar, butter) zip lock baggies, monetary donations etc.

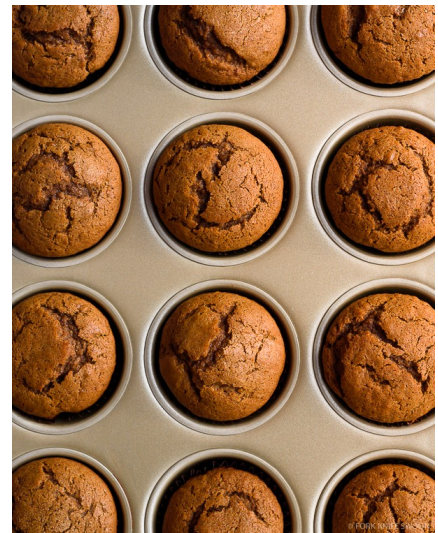
Thank you in advance for your support in keeping our students healthy!

One Bowl Spiced Gingerbread Muffin

Author: Fork Knife Swoon

Prep Time: 20 mins Cook Time: 20 mins Total Time: 40 mins Yield: 12 Muffins

1/2 cup (1 small/medium) very ripe banana, mashed
1 large egg
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
zest of half an orange (optional)
1-1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp ground ginger
1/2 tsp ground cloves
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
1/2 tsp fine-grain sea salt
1/2 cup canola or vegetable oil
1/3 cup molasses
1/3 cup unsweetened almond milk (or sub 2% dairy milk)
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup dark brown sugar
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour



Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Line a 12-cup muffin pan with paper liners or lightly grease with butter or non-stick cooking spray. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, use the back of a fork to mash the banana together with the egg until completely combined and only small lumps remain. Use a spatula to stir in the vanilla, orange zest, spices and salt. Add the oil, molasses and milk, stirring until completely combined between each addition. Add the sugars and stir to combine. Add the baking powder and baking soda and stir to combine. Fold in the flour until just mixed. Do not overbeat. Use a cookie scoop to divide the batter evenly between the muffin cups, about 3/4 full. Bake for 10 minutes at 400 degrees F. Turn the oven temperature down to 375 degrees F., turn the muffin pan around, and bake for an additional 7-9 minutes until the muffin tops are set and a cake tester inserted into the center of the muffins comes out clean. Let cool in the muffin tins for 5 minutes, then transfer to a baking rack to cool completely. Serve warm or at room-temperature.

News from our School Council

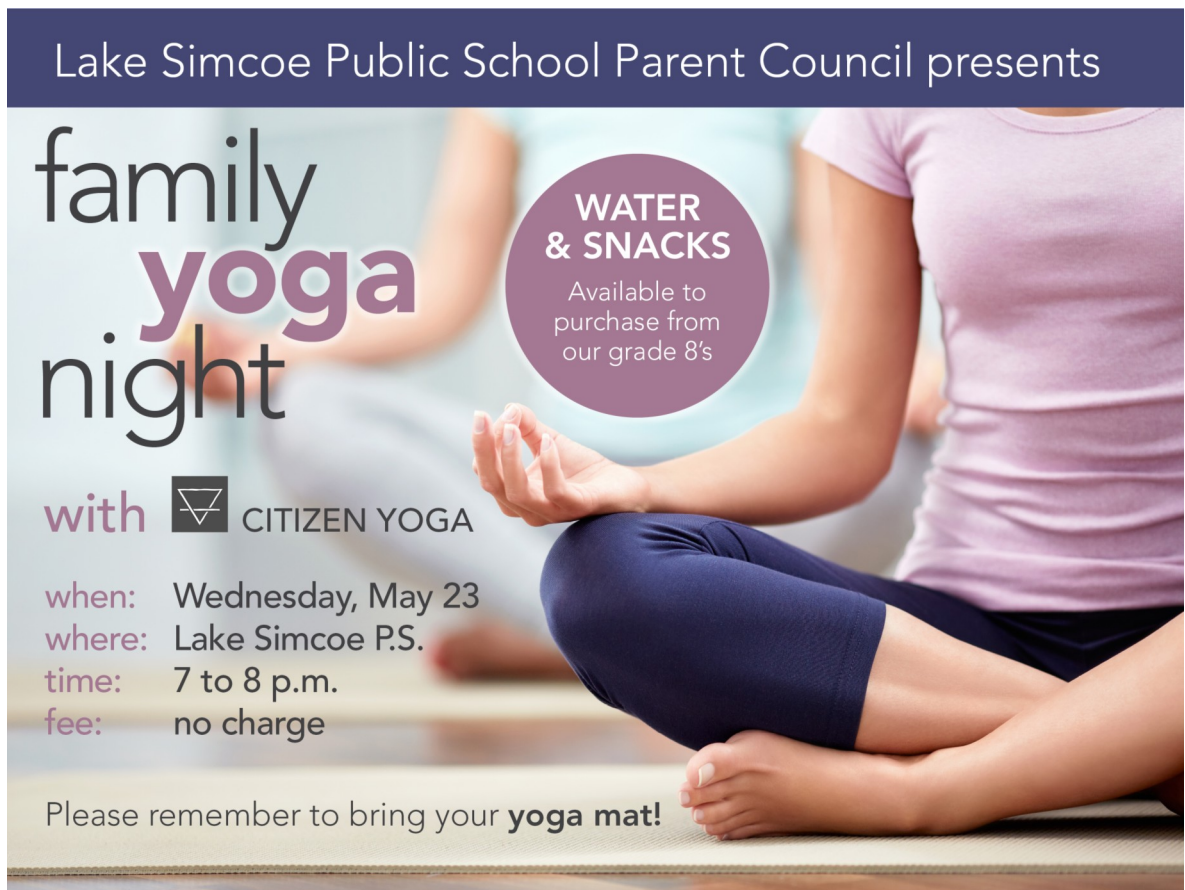
Please join us on **Thursday, May 3 @ 6:30pm at The Gem** to watch Sherlock Gnomes! Admission is \$3. Make sure to come on time as we have movie pass giveaways! Bring your family and friends for a fun night out!

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.

Save the date! LSPS Family Yoga Night


Please fill out the below form to book your spot and don't forget your mat!

<https://goo.gl/forms/Y1sdN67001no2PtB2>



Lake Simcoe Public School Parent Council presents

family
yoga
night

with  CITIZEN YOGA

when: Wednesday, May 23
where: Lake Simcoe P.S.
time: 7 to 8 p.m.
fee: no charge

WATER & SNACKS
Available to purchase from our grade 8's

Please remember to bring your **yoga mat!**

If you'd like to join our **Fall Carnival Committee**, our first meeting will be on Tuesday, May 15th from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the library. Our Parent Council meeting will follow afterwards from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the library. All are welcome!

The **ZONE** News

We are continuing to collect personal care items for Sandgate women's shelter through our Me to We group.

On May 14th we are hosting a "Save the Mothers" Walk, all of the proceeds will be donated to the Save the Mothers foundation to help mothers in developing countries receive proper health care.

Our goal is to raise **\$1000**.

If we reach this goal, Ms. Draper has volunteered to get a pie in the face!



Lakeside Summer Institute (Located at Fairwood Public School)

In Person Registration Evening

When: Wednesday, May 9

Where: Fairwood Public School
201 Fairwood Dr., Keswick

Time: 5:30 to 7:30

[Summer Institute](#) offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks July 3 to August 10.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) page on www.yrdsb.ca. Please note that this year registration is available online or by using a paper registration form.

Weekly Fees for YRDSB students: \$105 (Weeks A & F - 4 day week) \$120 (Weeks B, C, D & E - 5 day week)

If you have any questions please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or phone 905-884-2046, extension 276.



DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2018-2019

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for Grade 8's?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a Level 1 YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 14 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
ARABIC	LYA BD		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD			Saturday	
GERMAN	LWG BD		Saturday		
GREEK	LBG BD		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED AP	Grade 12 Course Only	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	Saturday			

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	SUBMIT REGISTRATION FIRST CLASS
MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	525 Highglen Ave. South of 14th Ave., East of McCowan Rd.	September 15, 2018 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
RICHMOND HILL H.S.	201 Yorkland St. East of Yonge, North of Elgin Mills Road	September 15, 2018 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
THORNLEA S.S.	8075 Bayview Ave. South of Highway #7	September 15, 2018 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
UNIONVILLE H.S.	201 Town Centre Blvd. Warden Ave. & Highway #7	September 18 2018 5:45 pm to 9:30 pm

Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 1st, 2018.

- See attached *Career Cruising Tip Sheet* for registration instructions
- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course schedules will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class

Community Events

The ClearWater Farm Water Walk – Saturday, June 23rd, 2018

Start: Willow Beach Park with a 1 km walk along Lake Drive to ClearWater Farm

It's a FREE, fun, family-friendly learning event for the whole community!

Led by Chippewas water keepers, participants will walk along the shores of Lake Simcoe to ClearWater Farm where they will visit interactive, hands-on learning stations themed around Water, Earth, Food and Community.

ClearWater Farm, Georgina's newest community asset is a place for experiential learning connecting nature, food, community and eco-friendly technology and has enormous potential to make a difference for kids. This event will be an exciting opportunity to extend your students' environmental sustainability classroom learning by building on both Earth Day and National Aboriginal Day.

EARTH DAY LEARNING:

The walk will include a visit to ClearWater's market gardens and greenhouses where kids can dig in the dirt to plant tomatoes, learn about how much water they will require, and discover how farms can help Lake Simcoe.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

LEARNING: After a traditional water blessing, participants will be led along the lake by a group of First Nations women, the traditional 'keepers of water'. At the farm, a FN smudging ceremony will welcome everyone as they find out more about Traditional Knowledge about water.

But there's still more... This event is also helping rebuild the ClearWater Farm barn that burned down accidentally in 2016. From tragedy can come hope -- and businesses will be sponsoring this Water Walk to help the barn raising this summer to create an amazing interactive education space for children.

[The ClearWater Farm Water Walk Event Day Details:](#)

8am Check in at Willow Beach Park. Get a map and participate in a draw to win an 'Experience at ClearWater Farm' for your classroom!

8:45 Water ceremony, prayer and blessing with Chippewas of Georgina Island Elder, Shelley Charles.

9:25 Event Chair, Suzanne Howes will lead the Walk with First Nations water keepers.

At ClearWater Farm, students will visit interactive 'education stations' around the property.

12:30pm After a lunch for all participants, they will retrace their route to Willow Beach Park.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Family Wellness Night 6:30pm Dental Screening	2 Dental Screening (JK,SK,2,8)	3	4	5
6	7	8 WTK Night 6pm	9	10 Boston Pizza Celebrity Server Night 5:30pm 	11	12
13	14	15 Jump rope for heart day School Council Meeting 7pm	16	17 	18	19
20	21 Victoria Day No School	22 EQAO begins	23 Family yoga night 7pm	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30 Grade 8 Spring Trip	31	Frozen Yogurt pre-order forms coming home soon! School Track and Field Day TBD	

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, by May 7, 2018