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FROM MR. PERRY

NOTTAWA ELEMENTARY'S NEW PRINCIPAL

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful welcome to Nottawa Elementary School. I am excited to be here and look forward to working closely with the Nottawa Community. I came to Nottawa from Birchview Dunes Elementary School in Wasaga Beach and my first school in Simcoe County was Warnica Public School in Barrie. I moved to this area a little over three years ago and live just a little over 10 kms. from the school, which will be good on those snow days. I have heard many wonderful things about the community at Nottawa and if my first day is any indication they certainly are true. Every student, parent and staff that I have met have welcomed me with open arms. I know that Nottawa is a school that provides excellent programming for students and has great parent engagement. I value working together to provide a safe and caring environment for students to learn and am excited to begin working with the students, staff and parents at Nottawa Elementary School. Mr. Perry

BUS LOADING ZONE TIMES

8:30-9:15 am & 3:00-3:45 pm

We have a number of buses and special needs vans (White—2 runs) that are dropping off and picking up students daily in our designated BUS ZONES. There is

no parking, picking up or dropping off by parents or guardians from the times of 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. or 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Please respect the safety of all of our students and use the designated "KISS and RIDE" in the school parking lot.

FIRST SAFE ARRIVAL CALL WILL BE AUTOMATED STARTING DECEMBER 1, 2016

Our Safe Arrival program is changing. Starting December 1st, the first Safe Arrival call will be automated. Safe Arrival calls are made when a student is absent from school and we haven't been told of the absence. This system is in place to keep students safe.

- If your child/children will be absent or late, you need to call our Safe Arrival line at 705-445-1827 #1 and leave a message before **9:00 a.m.**
- If we don't hear from you, we will make calls to find out where your child is.
- The first call will now be made by an automated phone service. Automated calls will be sent to the home phone number and cell number (if available) for the **first parent/guardian listed in your child's file.**
- The automated call will ask you to call our safe arrival line back.

- If we don't hear from you in 15 minutes, we will start to call other contacts, starting with other parents/guardians on file followed by the emergency contacts.

Inclement weather/Bus Cancellation days-Safe Arrival

On inclement weather/bus cancellation days when buses are cancelled, our system will call the home and cell number of the first parent on file for **ALL** students who are not at school. On these days, the message will ask you to call us back **only if** your child should be at school. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you are aware your child is absent and we will not proceed with any other phone calls.

Inclement weather/Bus Cancellation Opt out options -Safe Arrival

There will no longer be the option to opt out of Safe Arrival on inclement weather days. It is an "all or nothing" program. Parents/Guardians do still have the option to opt out of Safe Arrival completely. We provide the option for parents to opt out in our back-to-school materials at the start of the year. If you would like to opt out mid-year, please send a written note to the school office with your request to have your student omitted from the program.

Reporting absences-Safe Arrival

If you are emailing your child's homeroom teacher with regards to future absences please include the email address of Nottawa@scdsb.on.ca. Communication is always preferred in writing via the agenda or email. All 3 consecutive absences requires a note from home. The preferred method of safe arrival notification is always our Safe Arrival Telephone line. 705-445-1827 #1.

MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND UP TO DATE

Every September we send home a Student Information Verification Form that includes the information we have in our database about your child. We use the parent/guardian and emergency contact information from this form for the Safe Arrival Program.

It's important that you check this form carefully and mark any changes before signing it and returning it to the school. If you have not returned this form as of yet, your child will automatically be enrolled into the Safe Arrival program.

If you need to change contact information at any point throughout the year, please contact us. We'll ask you to provide a written note with the updates.

If you have any questions about the changes to our program, please contact us.

IT'S ALMOST WINTER: BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County, and with it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and possible bus and school event cancellations.

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the **West** zone. When buses are cancelled, schools are still open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions> For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, subscribe to our school website at <http://not.scdsb.on.ca/subscribe>

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: *Collingwood Collegiate Institute's info night event at 7:00-9:00 pm on January 17th, 2017.* Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.

ALL SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS ARE CLOSED FOR THE WINTER

Every winter, school playground structures are closed. Students are made aware of this during school hours through announcements and staff reminders during breaks. This may not be well known throughout the community despite signs indicating that playground structures are a winter hazard and are closed. The Canadian Standards Association Regulations make recommendations for the depth of ground cover required to minimize injuries (eg. sand, pea gravel, or wood chips). These surfaces cannot be maintained when the ground freezes. Injuries from falling would be more significant on frozen ground. We strongly recommend that

you do not allow your children to play on any structures while the ground is frozen.

REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR FRENCH IMMERSION-JANUARY INFO SESSIONS

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout the county beginning in Grade 1. This program gives students a bilingual education and the opportunity to become fluent in another language.

Information sessions will be held in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details. Information session dates will be posted at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered in the program. **Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically.**

Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application. Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

CLEARVIEW YOUTH CENTRE

The Clearview Youth Centre had its grand opening on November 23rd. The Clearview Youth Centre was created in partnership with local partners and community groups to act as a safe and welcoming community space for youth within the Township. 7458 Highway 26, Stayner.

PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2017 to June 2018). Input can be provided by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca, then clicking the link on the 'School Year Calendars' page under the 'Schools' menu. All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. **The deadline to submit input is Jan. 13, 2017.**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2013? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning on January 23, 2017, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH UNIT: STAY HEALTHY THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth. The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty, you can use alcohol-based hand sanitizer for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same! For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

NOTTAWA ES IS GOING CASHLESS!!

Nottawa ES, as with most other schools in our Board, is striving to become a "cashless" school in 2016/2017. We are encouraging everyone to please start using the SchoolCash online. If you do not have access to a computer/wifi at home please know this program can be accessed at any public computer, such as those at our local libraries. Cheque/cash will be accepted as a last resort. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance. An information form went home this past week to all our students households with instructions.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL & NUTRITION COORDINATOR

Hello Parents & Guardians!

We had another exciting school council meeting on November 7th. It is great to see the council growing with so many parents/guardians coming out to participate.

The month of November was exciting for us as we held our first fundraiser, Poinsettias! Thank you for your support to the council and the school. Poinsettias will be delivered on Dec 13th with pick up between 3:30 and 5:30.

This month we introduced a section on our agenda called "Parents Corner". Monthly we will discuss a few concerns parents/guardians have and will work hard to find solutions. If you have a concern that is school wide please send an email to councilchairnot@scdsb.on.ca.

We will break for the month of December and our next meeting is on Jan 9th, 2017 at 6:30 in the school library. We look forward to seeing you there! Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Carolyn Foss, Council Chair

POINSETTIAS

School Council's Poinsettia fundraiser is well under way and we thank you for your support as this fundraiser is helping raise funds for student's classroom needs and technology in the school!

Just a reminder that Poinsettia orders are due this Wednesday, the 30th of November.

Please make sure that you return your order form with all payments, even payments done online, so that orders can be processed and ready for pick up at the school on December 13th between 3:30 and 5:30 pm.

School Council would like to thank you for your participation and for support in this fundraising campaign.

NOTTAWA SCHOOL COUNCIL WANTS YOU TO BE HEALTHY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Holidays are coming! And that means so are colds. As we all know staying healthy allows us to keep up our festive spirit and enjoy this special time of year. So here are some tips to help your family stay healthy this holiday season.

Kids are always bringing home their friends' colds, so showing them how to stay healthy while they're at school, can mean the only things they'll be bringing home is their homework and school projects.

- **Washing your hands often will help** stop the spread of anything you don't want to catch. Kids touch everything! So make sure they touch soap and water, too. **Carrying a portable container of hand sanitizer** and teaching them how to use it - a little is all that's needed - can help a lot, too.
- **Make sure your whole family is getting enough sleep.** A tired immune system loves to invite infections in for prolonged visits.
- **Dry air can affect your health, too. Using a humidifier in your house** helps keep your mucous membranes healthy, which leads to fewer colds or other respiratory problems.

- **Drink a lot of water to stay hydrated.** We usually remember this during the hot summers, but might not think about it as much during the winter time. **Send your kids to school with their own, clearly labeled water bottle** and make sure they know not to share.

Staying healthy this season is possible with a sensible approach to washing your hands, eating right, getting enough sleep, and drinking plenty of water. By doing so you will feel better, plus be able to fully enjoy the season without suffering from illnesses. And you won't have to take out a loan to keep your family supplied with tissues either!

Happy, healthy holidays from your Nottawa Elementary School School Council.

THE GOOD FOOD BOX

Don't forget to place your order for The Georgian Good Food box this December. Orders are to be placed by the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Pick up date is the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Nottawa School and you can pick up between 2:00 and 4:00 PM.

Regrettably, The Georgian Good Food Program has reached the decision that effective January 1, 2017, will no longer offer the Medium Food Box (\$10).

They encourage you to try the Large Box (\$15) which offers the same amount of potatoes, onions, carrots and apples as the medium, while providing a greater variety of other produce with excellent value for your dollar.

TO MAKE YOUR CHILD'S DAY AT SCHOOL A SUCCESS

A friendly reminder to make sure your child is arriving to school with all the items they will need to make their day productive. As the weather is ever changing it is wise to have your child dress appropriate for the weather of the day. As well as their lunches, backpacks and any school work. Also dismissal routines must be communicated in the agenda if there is a change in the usual way they depart for home. Please refrain with calling the school to give verbal instructions. A written note is required for all bus students that will not be taking the bus home at the end of the day.

PIZZA AND SUB ORDER FORMS WILL BE COMING HOME THIS WEEK. RETURN DATE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8TH. REMEMBER TO USE SCHOOL CASH ONLINE FOR ALL SCHOOL PURCHASES.

December 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Nov 30 New pizza & sub forms go home	1 Poinsettia or- ders are due	2	3
4	5 Subs School Council Mtg-6:30 pm	6 Subs County Boys VB & Girls BB	7 Pizza	8 Pizza and sub forms due today	9 Gym Closed	10
11	12 Subs Gym Closed	13 Poinsettia pickup 3:30-5:30 pm Gym Closed	14 Pizza Holiday Concert 11:20am & 6:30pm Good food box due	15	16	17
18	19 Subs	20	21 Pizza Good food box pick up from 2-4 pm	22	23 Empathy Assem- bly Last day of school for 2016-Happy Holidays see you on Jan 9th, 2017	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31