



# BIRCHVIEW Blazers



BIRCHVIEW DUNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Bus Cancellation Zone: West

## ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Principal: Melissa Mortimer  
Vice Principal: Lisa Saunders

Office Team:  
Gwen Maguire-Loverock  
Jennifer Dallman, Peggy Meeser

Superintendent: Michael Giffen

From Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Mortimer,

This year has taught us so much about compassion, resiliency and perseverance. Although we were ‘all in this together’, we were still very much on our own to navigate the challenges each of us faced individually. We hope that our school was a source of support and stability for your family during this time of uncertainty. It remains our goal for our school to be a haven, where everyone feels supported, safe and welcome.

Moving forward, Mrs. Mortimer will be leaving Birchview Dunes and joining the community of Nottawa Elementary School. She would like to express her gratitude for the kindness and support she received from all of the families, staff and students. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs. Jennifer Henderson who will be the new Principal. She is thrilled to be back at the school where she started her teaching career and in a community she holds very dear. Mrs. Saunders will continue to work her magic and share her joy as Vice Principal here this fall. We are so happy to continue to support this amazing community.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back this September.

## Days of awareness and recognition in June, July and August

June	Pride Month
June 20	Father's Day
June 27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day
July 15	World Youth Skills Day
July 30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
August 9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
August 12	International Youth Day

## Character Trait for June RESPONSIBILITY

We are accountable for our actions and we follow through on commitments.

*More information about character education can be found here:*

[www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education).

## Kindergarten registration for September 2021!

Kindergarten is the beginning of a wonderful journey of learning and we want your child to begin their journey in a SCDSB school! Do you have a child who is turning four in 2021? If so, we invite you to register your child for kindergarten. To register online visit: [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/kindergarten](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten).

### Register now for before and after school programs for September 2021

Register your child(ren) now for the before and after school program at our school for the 2021-22 school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2021 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2021**. Please contact Jennilee at YMCA Childcare 705-429-5999 to register your child(ren).

## SCDSB family updates and contact information

As we continue to plan for the 2021-22 school year, we encourage you to visit the SCDSB website ([www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca)) and social media channels (@SCDSB on Facebook and Instagram and @SCDSB\_schools on Twitter) for updates and information over the summer months. If you have recently changed your email address, have a new telephone number or have moved, please contact the school directly to update your information on file so that we can communicate with you effectively, efficiently and securely.

## Register now for summer child care

Child care programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party child care operators in some SCDSB schools. To support your child care needs, some operators offer child care over the summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at [https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/childcare\\_before\\_after](https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after)

## COVID-19 Vaccination for Youth 12 - 17 years of age

As of May 23, 2021, youth aged 12-17 years of age are eligible to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment through the provincial booking system ([www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/](http://www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/)), the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line (1-833-943-3900) or at select pharmacies administering the Pfizer vaccine ([www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/](http://www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/)). To book an appointment online, these individuals **must** already be 12 years old as of the date of their booking.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### Take math outdoors this summer!

Are you looking for ways to promote and extend your child's math learning in the summer? Take math outside! Many of the everyday summer activities that your child engages in provide opportunities for making math practical through meaningful math explorations!

#### Number

- Count collections of objects found in nature or on a scavenger hunt
- Calculate rates and speed during running, biking and obstacle races
- Estimate the heights and lengths of natural and manmade objects outside

#### Algebra

- Find examples of growing and shrinking patterns in nature
- Code your friend. One person is the coder and the other is the robot. The coder must instruct the robot on how to navigate a path or do a dance around the yard

#### Spatial

- Use a park map to plan a route and travel to a new location
- Go on a shape hunt and find shapes in the natural environment
- Examine leaves and other objects to find symmetry
- Estimate and determine elapsed time of road trips and adventures

#### Data

- Keep a tally of the different types of birds that come to the feeder
- Track and graph daily temperatures over time
- Track the growth of plants in a vegetable garden and examine how they change over time

#### Financial Literacy

- Determine a budget and calculate the costs to refresh a garden
- Set up a lemonade stand and determine costs and sales
- Donate gently used outdoor items that you're done with for others to enjoy

*Have fun adding some math joy to your outdoor experiences this summer!*

## Thank You!

We received a \$1000.00 grant from President's Choice Charity to help with our Eat Well program this school year. They provided an additional \$250.00 as well to help with the extra expenses that the pandemic has caused. All of these funds have been spent providing fresh fruit and snacks for students learning in school as well as assisting Birchview Dunes families in need.

Thank you to President's Choice Charity for their generosity!

## Hot weather has arrived!

Help your child stay cool during the day by giving them plenty of water and encouraging them to drink even if they're not thirsty. Kids don't sweat or release heat from their bodies as easily as adults, so they can become dehydrated quickly. Dress them in lightweight, light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and don't forget to put sunscreen on before they head outside.



For more tips to help your family stay cool this summer, visit the health unit's website at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

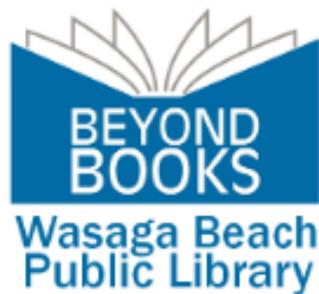
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Active play does more than help kids to achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity they need every day, it supports their development in many ways – especially when the play is outdoors, self-directed and fun. This allows kids to test boundaries and problem-solve, develop social skills and resolve conflict, and learn to control their emotions and behaviour. Encourage activities that support physical distancing and that fall within current provincial or municipal COVID-19 prevention guidelines.

Active play outdoors in the fresh air and nature also helps to improve mood and lower stress. Support your child to play outside with friends in the neighbourhood and at your local park as much as possible.

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# JUNE

## KIDS' PROGRAMS

### ONLINE - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

#### HELPERS & INSTRUMENTS IN STORY TIME - FACEBOOK THURS. 8 AM

Staff and special guests join story time this month. We have a our Deputy Mayor and professional musicians introducing percussion instruments.  
Ages 2 to 6

#### FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION IDEAS THURS. JUN. 17 5 - 6 PM ONLINE

Make dad some really special crafts and work on extraordinary ideas to celebrate. Receive templates for crafts, learn about activities and links.  
Ages 4+

#### MINECRAFT WED. 4:30 - 5:30 PM



Come explore the library's Minecraft server. What can 10 people create (or destroy) in 1 hour. Minecraft Java Edition Required. Registration required.  
Ages 10+

#### TD Summer Reading Club JUN. 8 - AUG. 25

- 1) Register
- 2) Read
- 3) Complete challenges
- 4) Win prizes

Discover program details and prizes as you move through the program. Ages 0 to 16

GRAND PRIZE Draws:

- Ninjalines
- Star Wars Droid
- Turing Tumble
- Wobble Board



#### STORYBOOK CONTEST JUN. 9 - AUG. 26



Create your own original storybook, win incredible prizes and get published!

Categories ages 4-6, 7-10, 11-16 years and family. Register to receive contest details, templates and ideas.

Grand prizes may include electronic drawing tablets, art supply kits or illustration technique books. All winners books will be published and added the to the library's collection!

#### NATURE SKETCHING 101 JUN. 15 6 - 7:30 PM



Art and nature study are combined in this interactive, online workshop. Learn and practice how to sketch wildlife through live, step-by-step demonstrations. Professional artist, Lena MacLeod leads us into sketching. Ages 7 to 10

#### GET VOLUNTEER HOURS BECOME A TEEN REVIEWER

Review books or movies, write or record reviews to earn two community service hours for each review. Email programs.wbpl@wasagabeach.com

#### COME FLY WITH ME TUES. JUN. 22 6 - 7 PM



Fly over Wasaga Beach then dive into the history of the Wasaga Beach runway, learn about the de Haviland Tiger Moth, the Fairchild Cornell and the Avro Arrow. Build paper airplanes and get an adventure activity kit.  
Ages 8+

**Wasaga Beach Public Library: 120 Glenwood Dr, Wasaga Beach**  
**Register - [www.wasagabeach.library.on.ca](http://www.wasagabeach.library.on.ca) or call 705-429-5481 Ext: 2405**

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Our Primary  
Classes!**

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### Join Our Team

Download the Flipgive App or visit [www.flipgive.com/join](http://www.flipgive.com/join) to sign up. You will be asked to enter our unique team code to join our **Blazers** group.

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