



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

Character Trait for May ~ RESPECT

We treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity.

May Important Dates

- May 3-9 Mental Health Week
- May 4 May the 4th
(Star Wars Day)
- May 3-7 Education Week
SCDSB Celebrates
- May 9 Mother's Day
- May 15 International Day of Families
- May 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- May 30 National AccessAbility Week
June 5

Registrations



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 or for more information visit:

www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten.



Birchview Dunes Virtual Kindergarten Orientation May 26 2021!

Please make sure your child is registered in order to receive an invitation to Kindergarten Orientation!

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).

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

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK MAY 3-9

Join us for
#SCDSBMentalHealthWeek!

The first full week in May (May 3-9) is annually recognized as Children's Mental Health Week and Mental Health Week in Ontario. Throughout this week, the SCDSB would like to continue to bring awareness to the importance of student, staff and community mental health by focusing on resources and activities that promote positive mental health for all students, staff and school communities.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2QdibGR>

Get Active Outdoors!

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka

With the warmer weather fast approaching, many of us are anxious to spend more time outdoors, especially children. Research suggests that spending time outdoors has a positive effect on our mental health and well-being. A simple trip outdoors can do wonders for relieving anxiety, stress and depression. Children connected with nature tend to be healthier, happier, sleep better and display better focus and creativity.

If you're looking for some mood-boosting outdoor activities to do with your family, here are some fun ideas to get out and enjoy the great outdoors:



Organize a nature scavenger hunt

A great way to get the whole family outdoors is to organize a nature scavenger hunt. Make a list of nature items found in your yard, neighbourhood or on a trail nearby, and head out to see what you can find! Not only is this activity fun, it gets everyone up and moving.

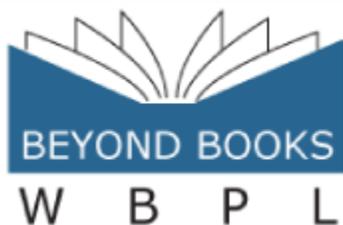
Take your family workout outdoors

When you are active with your kids, it sends them an important message about healthy living. Try leading your family in a group workout outdoors. If you are looking for ideas and inspiration for family-friendly workouts, visit www.ymcahome.ca where you can find activities for all ages and fitness levels. Once you learn the basic movements of the workout, gather your family outside and exercise together. It's always more fun to exercise with a buddy!



Create an outdoor obstacle course

Obstacle courses are a great way to engage children in physical activity and create a fun competition. Set up a course in your yard using toys, pillows, water bottles or anything you have at home. The fastest one through the obstacles wins! You could even start a relay for an added challenge!



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OPEN FOR CURBSIDE:

Tuesday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Outside book drop is available 24-hours a day.

- We continue to offer curbside pickup during pandemic closures. Reserve items online, call 705-429-5481 or [email wasagabeachpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:wasagabeachpubliclibrary@gmail.com)

- We are offering ONLINE PROGRAMS

- Follow us on social media or visit our website for updates on our services during the pandemic.

EARLY LITERACY BOOSTERS

Story Time - Online - Thursdays - 8:00 a.m.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Instruments in Story Time - Thursday, May 20 - Facebook 8:00 am

Story Time with Town Helpers - Thursday, May 13 - Facebook 8:00 am

CELEBRATE

Shine Green - Support Children's Mental Health - Monday, May 3 to Sunday, May 9

Star Wars - Tuesday, May 4

Mother's Day Celebration Ideas - Thursday, May 6 - 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

PLAY, BUILD & EXPLORE TOGETHER

Grab N Go - Tangram - Friday, May 7

Exploring More Birds of Ontario - Online - Wednesday, May 19 - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Back-Country Camping 101 - Online - Wednesday, May 26 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Animal Tracking Basics - Online - Tuesday, May 11 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

GAME ONLINE WITH FRIENDS

Minecraft Night - Online - Wednesdays - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

See website for details:

YOUTH CONNECTION ~ DIGITAL LAB ~ SESSIONS



Math is everywhere! Find it together!

Are you looking for ways to develop your child's math understanding while learning from home? Check out this parent guide for practical tips and activities that you can do together!



The Ministry of Education's, Doing Mathematics with Your Child - A Parent Guide, is a fantastic resource that provides activities and prompts in support of the major concepts explored in the mathematics curriculum. While this resource references the 2005 mathematics curriculum, the activities and tasks found within are still very relevant and meaningful to their current learning.

The activities in this resource promote and support critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and the ability to communicate mathematically. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools. Explore these skills as you engage your child in the activities suggested in the parent guide which can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/3txWxeK>.

You are an important partner in your child's mathematics education. There are so many ways to engage your child in thinking and talking about mathematics around the house and in your community! Some activities to check out:

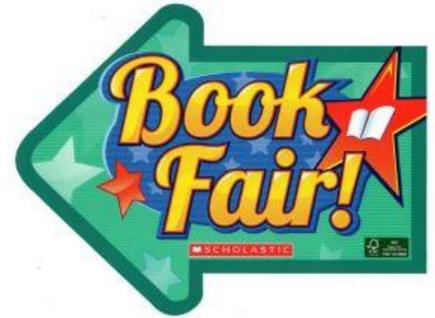
- Adding and Subtracting Made Fun - Games to play with household items to practice various adding and subtracting strategies: <https://bit.ly/2QwUOaR>

- Measurement Matters - Once your child understands how the metric system is organized and how the units relate to one another, conversions will be a snap: <https://bit.ly/3anlu3A>



- Comparing Things Around the Home - By comparing items around the home, your child can begin to understand some basic principles of measurement: <https://bit.ly/3szh01g>

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair May 10 to 23



Hello Birchview Dunes Families! Get a pen ready to mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a Virtual Book Fair to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together. By going virtual, families can share their love of reading by shopping from home while supporting Birchview Dunes Elementary School at the same time.

Even better yet, your order will be shipped directly to you. So, save the date! Our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair will take place on **May 10 to May 23**.

Also, we will have 2 Virtual Family Nights on Wednesday May 12 and May 19 from 6-8pm where **ALL** shipping on orders is **FREE!** Any orders over \$40 will qualify for free shipping as well.

When it's time to shop, visit our school's Virtual Book Fair site using this link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5159522>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

SAVE it to your browser

WATCH videos of popular new titles

PREVIEW our Featured Books

Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** on our morning announcements.

Happy reading Blazers!

Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Expo takes place virtually throughout May

The SCDSB's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and community partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition throughout the month of May. This year, the Expo has taken the form of a Local and Loud Scavenger Hunt featuring Made in Simcoe County careers and companies.

Visit <https://workinsimcoecounty.ca/virtual-skilled-trades-expo> to see how well you know our local skilled trades and apprenticeship partners around Simcoe County. For more information, please email emclachlin@scdsb.on.ca.

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