



Assikinack Public School

The Blackbird Bulletin

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SCDSB to Deliver First Ever Student Census in April 2021

At the SCDSB we are committed to identifying and removing barriers within our system that impact equity, achievement and well-being of students, and to ensuring that all students are offered supportive, inclusive and respectful learning environments. To support these efforts, we must learn more about our students.

In April 2021, the SCDSB will hold its first student census. The confidential SCDSB Student Census 2020-2021 will be used to collect identity-based student data so that systemic barriers can be identified. The results will guide our focus on programs, supports and resources to address inequities within our system.

Between April 1 and 30, 2021 students in Grade 7 to 12 and parents/guardians of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be invited to participate in the SCDSB Student Census 2020-2021. To support the delivery of the SCDSB student census, the SCDSB is hosting information sessions in March. Details regarding the information sessions, including how to register, will be available on the SCDSB website.

For further information regarding the SCDSB Student Census 2020-2021, visit the SCDSB website or contact Lisa Newton, Manager of Research and Decision Support, at census@scdsb.on.ca or 705-734-6363 x11731.

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.

Fundraisers are Closing May 1st

Our two fundraisers for this school year are closing on May 1, 2021. Now is your chance to purchase labels for the kids clothing and gift cards for everything from your gas to groceries.

Check out FlipGive and Mabel's Labels!

Thanks to everyone who has supported these fundraisers this year.

Family Fun with Multiplication Facts!

Has your child been asked to practice their math facts at home? Math facts are best learned in a purposeful way that helps students make connections between the facts, as opposed to memorizing them individually.

Tips for supporting fact fluency at home:

1. Practice the facts in a meaningful order:

- Start with foundational facts like 2s, 10s, 5s, 1s, and 0s

Move on to more challenging facts that can be found using combinations of foundational facts, like 3s, 4s, 6s, 8s, 9s and 7s

The Mastering Math Facts resource provides strategies to support each group of facts:

<https://bit.ly/39cNzLE>

2. Help your child see that the order of the factors does not change the product:

- Example, $2 \times 5 = 10$ and $5 \times 2 = 10$
- Help your child practice by decomposing more challenging facts into known facts:
- Example 1: 7×8 can be thought of as $(7 \times 4) + (7 \times 4)$
- Example 2: 5×7 can be thought of as $(5 \times 5) + (5 \times 2)$

Help your child visualize the facts by building arrays and drawing pictures to represent them: <https://mathvisuals.wordpress.com/multiplication-division/>.

- Play games such as:

Blockout! - <https://mathforlove.com/lesson/blockout/>

Math Flips - <https://mathvisuals.wordpress.com/math-flips/>

Stick and Split - <https://www.stickandsplit.com/>

Games to play with a deck of cards - https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B_wlnPzXZBUZRk0yNXFBd3dqTDg/edit

Allow your child as much time as they need to find an answer for a fact. This will lower stress, support them with using the strategies they are learning, and they will soon become automatic with practice.

Get Outside and Play!

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, resolve conflict and learn to control their emotions and behaviour.

Active play outdoors in the fresh air and nature also helps to improve mood and lower stress. Support your child to play outside in the neighbourhood and at your local park as much as possible, while staying safe by maintaining COVID-19 prevention protocols for physical distancing and mask use.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

April 2021-Optimism

SCHOOL BUS WEATHER ZONE: **CENTRAL** — www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19	20	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>	29	30	MAY 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 - 6:15 pm <i>School Council Meeting Email for Zoom Link</i>	11	12	13	14	15

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School Schedule

- Student entry begins at 8:40 am
- Learning Block - 8:55 am until 10:35 am
- Nutrition Break - 10:35 am until 10:55 am
- Chill Time - 10:55 am until 11:15 am
- Learning Block - 11:15 am until 12:55 pm
- Nutrition Break - 12:55 pm until 1:15 pm
- Chill Time - 1:15 pm until 1:35 pm
- Learning Block - 1:35 pm until 3:15 pm