



## WILLOW LANDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**NOTE: our final newsletter will come home during the last week of June. Please watch for it as it will contain important information about September 2017.**

#### **From the Desk of Principal Peck**

May was a very busy month at Willow Landing. June will be just as busy if not busier. One event that started in May and finished in June was EQAO testing. EQAO testing is designed to measure how well our system is doing. It also provides information on our school and on individual students in grades 3 and 6. Our testing went well and we look forward to hearing the results in the fall. The information we receive will be used to plan for instruction and school improvement during the 2017/2018 school year. Individual student results will be available to parents later in the fall.

As we complete the last few weeks of school, teaching and learning will continue; we expect excellent behaviour and, as summer approaches, teachers hope to have some fun with their students too.

#### **Starting Kindergarten in the Fall?**

- Senior Kindergarten (Year 2) students will begin school on Tues. Sept. 5.
- Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) students will begin school on Thurs. Sept. 7.

#### **Yearbook Orders**

Yearbooks will arrive the second last week of June. There may be a few extra copies for sale on a first come first served basis. This will be determined once all pre-orders have been filled.

#### **Social Media Users**

This is a reminder to all social media users: To protect the privacy of our students, do not post names, pictures or other identifying information on social media.

#### **Boston Pizza**

If you eat at Boston Pizza, be sure to write "Willow Landing" on the receipt. This way, the school will benefit from a percentage of your total bill. (some conditions apply; ask the server)

#### **Safe Kids Week is June 5 to 11**

Did you know that a properly fitting helmet reduces the risk of head injuries like concussions by 85%? Teach your children to wear a helmet that fits properly while wheeling and riding. Help prevent injuries by teaching your children the skills they need to wheel and ride safely. For tips, visit

[www.parachutecanada.org](http://www.parachutecanada.org).

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

## **Eye See Eye Learn program offering free eye exams, glasses for JK students – deadline is June 30**

Your child may have a vision problem. Only an optometrist knows if your child sees to the best of their ability. Get them a comprehensive eye exam, covered for children under 19 years-old with their Ontario Health Card. The Eye See...Eye Learn® program offers one free pair of glasses to this year's Junior Kindergarten (JK) students with their OHIP-covered eye exam, if prescribed by a participating optometrist. Learn more at [www.EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca](http://www.EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca). The deadline for this year's JK students to receive free eye glasses is June 30.

## **There's still time to register for summer school**

Summer school credit courses are available this July through in-person classes and eLearning. New this year are full credit grade 9 and 10 courses at Bear Creek Secondary School in Barrie. The in-person courses at Bear Creek will run July 4 to 28 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Limited school bus transportation is provided from all areas of Simcoe County. Details are on the Learning Centres website: [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com). Students can also get information from the school or from any of the SCDSB's Learning Centres. Online registration for current SCDSB students is available through the student portal. eLearning registration is supported through high school Guidance Offices. Non-SCDSB students can register using the forms on the website.

## **Approved School Year Calendar for Next Year**

The Ministry of Education has approved the Simcoe County District School Board elementary and secondary school year calendars for the 2017-2018 school year. School starts on Tues. Sept. 5, 2017. The Holiday Break takes place Dec. 25, 2017 to Jan. 5, 2018, and March Break is March 12 to 16, 2018. The last day for elementary students will be Thurs. June 28, 2018 and the last day for secondary students will be Wed. June 27, 2018. To view the full calendar for next school year, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – 'Schools' – 'School Year Calendars.' The calendar is also attached to the hardcopy edition of this newsletter.

## **FNMI**

Thanks to a special grant, the work of Mrs. McCann, Mrs. LaChapelle and the artistic gift of Abby LaChapelle, our school has a new "Grandfather Teachings Mural" mounted outside the drama room. This will be used for many years to help students access various curriculum related to both FNMI issues and character education.

## **First Rider Program gives students the chance to ride a school bus**

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) welcomes students to take part in the experience of riding on the school bus for the first time through their First Rider program. This program, offered in the summer, teaches school bus safety for first-time school bus riders and includes a ride on a real school bus. This FREE program is provided by the SCSTC, in partnership with school bus operators, to educate students and their families about the rules and responsibilities

on and around the school bus. The sessions start in late August at school locations across Simcoe County. Parents/guardians and students attending school in Simcoe County may attend any of the sessions. For more information and session dates/times, visit the SCTSC website at: [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) and click on the 'Safety' link.

## **Gifted Screening Process**

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.

Parents/Guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in the next school year, who wish to nominate their child for gifted screening are asked to contact our SERT Mrs. Bertram.

Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent/guardian.

A letter describing the gifted screening process in greater detail will be sent to parents/guardians of students in Grade 3 in September. Parents/Guardians will still have the opportunity for nominating their child in September and October.

If you require further information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school.

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES IN JUNE**

7	Jump Rope for Heart
8	Planting Party, 3:30 to 5:30
9	PA DAY; no classes
13	Regional Track and Field at Innisdale (raindate, June 15)
16	Neon Dance Fundraiser, JK to grade 6
20	Regional Girls' Three Pitch Tournament
21	Regional Boys' Three Pitch Tournament
21	Character Education Assembly
21	Spirit Day - Dress in Red and White
22	Talent Show
22	Volunteer Tea
27	Grade 8 Graduation
28	Report Cards go home; please return the tear off slip
29	Last Day of Classes
30	PA DAY; no classes