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Angus Morrison Elementary School



HOME OF THE
DRAGONS!

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June Character Trait: Responsibility

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PERSONAL
ACCOUNTABILITY
REQUIRES MINDFULNESS,
ACCEPTANCE, HONESTY,
AND COURAGE.

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

Important Dates And Events For June

PA Day—June 2

Fun Fair—June 6

AMES McDonald's Night—June 7

Grade 8 Graduation—June 26





School Council



MARK THOSE CALENDARS...

AMES FUN FAIR

JUNE 6TH

4-8PM AT ANGUS MORRISON

\$5 PER FAMILY!

BBQ & TREATS!

OBSTACLE COURSES, INFLATABLES & GAMES!!

FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE, & SCHOOL BUS ACTIVITIES!

CADETS & BASE BORDEN

FACE PAINTING & LIVE DJ

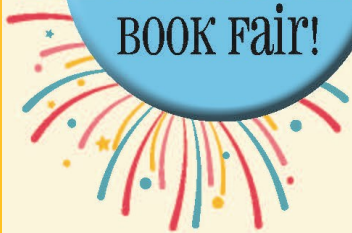
DOOR PRIZES & SILENT AUCTION!

RAIN OR SHINE!!

ESSA LIBRARY BOOTH & AMES BOOK FAIR!

ADMISSION & FOOD TICKETS AVAILABLE

THIS EVENT IS PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL!





The School Cash Online program is used by the SCDSB **for online forms** and/or to collect school funds.

Parents/guardians can select to receive email notification when a new item becomes available. Items are personalized to each student.

Payment can be made by credit card, electronic cheque or using visa/debit style cards. To create an online account, go to

<https://simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com>.

Please complete the permissions and acknowledgements form on SchoolCash Online to allow your child(ren) to participate in activities such as community walks, safe arrival, etc.

****Lunches Made Easy, Mr. Sub And Pizza Available To Order Now!****

Last week to order lunches: June 12th-June 16th

****Orders must be placed by Sunday at noon****

Keep Connected With Our School And With The SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). Here are some ways to do that:

Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://ang.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.

Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca.

Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools) , AMES on Twitter (@AngusMorrisonES) , Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb).

Online Learning Graduation Requirement And Opt Out Options

Students are required to earn two online learning credits to graduate from secondary school, beginning with every student who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year. The online learning graduation requirement also applies to adult learners that will be entering the Ontario secondary school system starting in the 2023-24 school year. The graduation requirement is intended to support students in developing familiarity and comfort with learning and working in a fully online environment, as well as developing digital literacy and other important transferable skills that they will need for success after secondary school, including in post-secondary education and the workplace.

Opting out

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their children out of the mandatory online learning credits required for graduation. To opt out, a parent/guardian must submit the [Secondary Online Learning Graduation Requirement Opt-out Form](#). Exemption from the online learning graduation requirements may be requested by:

- the parent/guardian of the secondary student
 - students who are 18 years of age or older
- students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control

Check with your local school if you have questions regarding the registration or opt-out process.

Use Of Student Information To Transition From Elementary To Secondary

As students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under the *Education Act*. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure, and protected at all times. Please contact Greg Jacobs, Superintendent of Education, if you would like more information about the transition process at Angus Morrison.

Gratitude Moment Coping Strategy

Well-being is a Strategic Priority in the Simcoe County District School Board, and our mental health and well-being department provides monthly strategies to support student and family well-being.

This month's strategy is gratitude moment. Viewing the world and relationships through a lens of gratitude can help children and youth intentionally notice the positive elements in their day and shift the balance towards optimism, even when facing a challenge. To practice gratitude moment at home, model to your child/youth how to express gratitude. Explain what it means to be grateful or thankful. Share something you are thankful /grateful for as an example and in turn, have your child share something they are thankful/grateful for. Repeat this practice as often as you would like. Practicing gratitude moment can be done at any time of the day, or at regular times such as at mealtime or before bed. Consider writing down the ideas and posting them in your home or creating a gratitude jar.

Find more easy and fun mental health activities to do at home here: <https://smho-smso.ca/online-resources/easy-and-fun-mental-health-activities-for-home/>

Follow the Mental Health and Well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB_MHWP) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools.

Mental Health
MATTERS

Before and After School Programs 2023-24 School Year

Register now for before and after school programs for the 2023-24 school year. Please contact the child care operator at your child's school directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after.

EarlyON Child and Family Centres

The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres have locations throughout Simcoe County. These centres offer a variety of services, including programs that help prepare children and parents/guardians for kindergarten. Programming will be offered in the spring of 2023. Check with your local EarlyON provider for dates and times. <https://linktr.ee/earlyonsimcoe>



Licensed Summer School Age Child Care Programs

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 scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after.

Kindergarten registration for September 2023 is open!

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 2023? If so, we invite you to register your child for Kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

A colorful graphic with a black border. On the left is a pink heart with a floral pattern. To its right, the words "Welcome to Kindergarten" are written in a playful, bubbly font. Each letter is filled with a different vibrant color and pattern, such as stripes, polka dots, or solid colors. The background is white.

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

SCDSB's PSW Program

Complete your diploma and get a head start on your career in healthcare in the SCDSB's PSW program!

Did you know that the SCDSB's Learning Centre offers an accredited personal support worker (PSW) program? Individuals interested in a career in healthcare can earn 7.5 credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and a PSW certificate upon completion of the program! Applications are now open online for PSW programs beginning in September 2023 in Barrie, North Simcoe (Midland), and Orillia. To apply, visit thelearningcentres.com and watch the mandatory virtual information session video. This video includes important information about the PSW program and the application process. Applicants will also be required to complete an online PSW Literacy Assessment. Register for the assessment using the 'Assessment Registration Form. Registration for September 2023 closes July 7 at 12 p.m. Have questions or need more information? Contact the Learning Centres at psw@scdsb.on.ca.

Adult English as a Second Language Program

Looking to improve your English skills? Join our Adult English as a Second Language Program (ESL) classes to improve your listening and speaking skills through class discussions and presentations. Develop your English skills to advance in your current job or open the door to new employment opportunities. Learn more about your local community and explore Canadian culture and history. Adult ESL classes are offered year-round with a continuous intake. To register for the program, please contact the Barrie Learning Centre at 705-725-8360 ext. 45151, or email ganderson@scdsb.on.ca.

**Please note all students starting ESL for the first time must be assessed prior to starting the class. Fees apply for visitors to Canada and work/study permit holders.*

Registration Now Open For Summer eLearning!

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering summer school courses in July 2023 for current high school students or adult learners who are interested in earning a new credit or upgrading a previous mark. Students can advance online learning skills, earn missed credits, or fast-track preparation for graduation or post-secondary in just four weeks. eLearning is fully supported by certified teachers who are available electronically daily. Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at <http://thelearningcentres.com>.

Mrs. Brown's Library Corner

Thank you students, families and staff for a wonderful year filled with literacy, learning and laughter! Kindergarten to Grade 4 celebrated the Blue Spruce 2023 Winner "Are You a Cheesburger?", written and illustrated by Monica Arnaldo, and honour books "Friends are Friends Forever" and "That's Not My Name" with a broadcast announcing the winners plus Monica's heartfelt acceptance speech along with a week of Blue Spruce Celebrations. We completed literacy and Code & Go Mouse activities, operated our Dash robots and created with our STEAM materials. Our amazing student leaders assisted us and a great time was had by all! I think I can speak for our students and staff that we can't wait for the 2024 Blue Spruce nominated books to be announced in the late fall.

Coding using our Dash robots and STEAM obstacle course creation will continue in the month of June after the completion of Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO. We will also be recognizing Pride Month, National Indigenous Peoples History Month, Italian and Portuguese History and Heritage Month. Also we will be celebrating families and Father figures on June 18, National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27 and Eid-ul-Adha on June 28.

LAST Day for Book Exchange will be Friday, June 16th, after that, please send all library books back so that we are able to get our student accounts cleared up and ready for Sept. 2023. There will be **NO** charge for lost or damaged books, but please help us by looking for any missing books, letting me know if you think a book has been returned (glbrown@scdsb.on.ca) and if you find any library books(s) in the summer, please send back to school in September. All Grade 8 graduates need to return all books to prepare for their Grade 9 year. We appreciate all of your help in keeping our AMES library book collection in great shape for all to share!

Thank you Grade 8's for all of your help over the years with book fairs, library monitoring, Chromebook tech returns, Blue Spruce Celebrations, LEGO club, robotics, Terry Fox Run events and so many ways you have helped me and our Library/Learning Commons program. I am so proud of you and wish you all the very best wherever your next learning adventure takes you, be it at Nottawasaga Pines or a new home or a new military base. Stay in touch and please come back to visit! Once a dragon....always a dragon.

**Happy Reading to all,
Mrs. G. Brown (she/her)**

Teacher-Librarian
glbrown@scdsb.on.ca

"There is no friend as loyal as a book"



Continuing Literacy Development Throughout The Summer

As the summer break approaches, it's time for children to recharge, explore, and have fun in the sun. While the break from school is a great opportunity for relaxation, it's important to continue fostering literacy skills during this time. Here are some valuable tips to keep children engaged in literacy activities throughout the summer.

Visit the local library: Libraries offer an abundance of books, resources, and summer reading programs that can captivate children's imaginations. Encourage your children to explore various genres, discover new authors, and participate in library events. It's a wonderful way to nurture their love for reading and broaden their literary horizons.

Create a reading routine: Establish a consistent reading routine that works for your family. Set aside a specific time each day dedicated to reading. Whether it's before bedtime, during a lazy afternoon, or while traveling, having a designated reading time helps create a habit and signals to your children that reading is an important part of their day.

Encourage reading beyond books: While books are a great way to foster literacy, don't limit reading to just novels or story books. Encourage your kids to read newspapers, magazines, comic books, and even online articles. Let them explore topics they find intriguing, fostering a broader range of reading experiences and exposing them to different writing styles.

Engage in meaningful conversations: After your child finishes reading a book, engage in conversations about the story. Ask questions about their favourite characters, the plot, and their interpretation of the events. Encouraging dialogue not only improves reading comprehension but also helps develop critical thinking and communication skills.

Explore digital resources: While it's important to limit screen time, there are numerous digital resources that can enhance literacy skills. Look for reputable educational websites, interactive reading apps, or audiobooks that can provide a multimedia experience and make reading more engaging for your children. The SCDSB even has a digital ebook library that can be accessed through the SORA app.

Keep a summer journal: Encourage your child to keep a summer journal where they can document their daily activities, adventures, and thoughts. This practice allows them to reflect on their experiences, recall memories, and improve their descriptive writing skills. Provide writing prompts or encourage them to illustrate their journal entries to make it even more engaging.

Start a storytelling tradition: Encourage your child to create and tell stories. You can establish a storytelling tradition where each family member takes turns sharing a story they've written, or even collaborate on a story together. This activity sparks imagination, builds narrative skills, and promotes a love for storytelling.

Remember, the goal is to make literacy enjoyable and a natural part of your child's summer routine. By implementing these tips, you can ensure that your children continue to thrive academically while having a fantastic summer vacation.

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, where one person is the coder, while the other is the robot, and 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 or other animals that come into the yard
- Track and graph daily temperatures or precipitation 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 goals

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!



Drop Off/ Pick UP Procedures



If you are picking up your child for appointments during our nutrition/recess times, please expect delays as this is a very busy time for our office staff. Students are socializing during this time and may not hear their name being called over the intercom. This is also the case if students are busy playing outside. Please reference the website for our daily schedule @ <http://ang.scdsb.on.ca/>

Parking At Angus Morrison

Many of you are aware of the congestion during pick up and drop off times. Safety is our primary concern.

Please follow these procedures during pick up and drop off times:

Consider parking on our side streets and walking from there. Remind your child to cross the street at stop signs and use the newly installed crosswalks.

Our parking lots are closed from 9:00—9:30am and again in the afternoon from 3:15 —3:45pm.

Be patient and allow our buses and school vans to pull in and out of their parking areas. DO NOT try to squeeze past or block their entry/exit.

Grades 1-8 walkers, please enter and exit the school yard on Simcoe Street. Bussed students will enter and exit on Sydenham Street as well as the Kindergarten students. Parents, please follow these procedures as it helps tremendously to keep pick up and drop off times organized and running smoothly. Thanks to all our families for your understanding and patience when using our parking lot/driveway to pick up and drop off students.



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>*Remember Bike Helmets Must Be Worn If You Ride Your Bike *</p>				1	2 	3 
4	5	6 	7 AMES McDonald's Night	8	9	10
11	12 Last Day for Lunches Made Easy	13	14 Last Day For Sub Lunches	15	16 Last Day For Pizza Lunches	17
18	19	20	21 Primary Play Day	22	23 Report Card Day Tropical Day	24
25 	26 Grade 8 Graduation	27 Kindergarten Water Day	28	29 	30 	Don't Forget Your Water Bottles

Upcoming Dates To Remember

-1st Day of School Sept 5
 -JK's 1st Day Sept 7
 -PA Day Sept 22



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