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Angus Morrison Elementary School



HOME OF THE
DRAGONS!

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November Character Trait: Courage

" ALL OUR DREAMS CAN COME
TRUE IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE
TO PURSUE THEM "

Walt Disney

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Courage- We do the right thing even when it's difficult.

Important Dates And Events For November

AMES McDonald's Night—November 9

Report Cards—November 10

Dental Screening—November 14-17

Scholastic Book Fair—November 16-21

PA Day—November 18

Thank you.



School Council

*Beautify your home this
Holiday Season...*

with a gorgeous fresh wreath from Drysdales Tree Farms or a poinsettia from Garden Gallery and help AMES while you're at it!!

Our Christmas fundraiser this year not only looks good but smells pretty amazing too. Choose between two wreaths and/or 2 sizes of poinsettias and get your home ready for the holidays. They also make great gifts!

**Check out School Cash Online for
all options!**

Deadline for ordering is Friday November 11th and pick up will take place at the school between 3:30-5:00pm on December 5th.

Please note that bussed students cannot bring their wreaths/poinsettias home on the bus, they must be picked up.



*Funds will be going towards AMES school presentations and
community events.*

Once again, thank you for your support!

-AMES 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 card. To create an online account, go to

<https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.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.

Please check for upcoming field trips

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

Lunches will be cancelled on days that busses are cancelled due to snow



Colibri Canada is passionate about the environment and so are we at Angus Morrison! Affordable reusable bags with many prints to choose from as well as reusable silicone straws made from 100% silicone and bpa free. Colibri products are tested and certified ensuring they meet both FDA and Health Canada standards for food safety.

All funds raised will be allocated to Gym Equipment and Presentations. Our fundraiser with Colibri ends on Monday, November 14th so please make sure to place your order before then.

A few important details...

-Please visit www.colibrifundraising.com to place your orders.

-Be sure to select Angus Morrison at checkout and complete all the required information to make sure your order comes to the school labeled and ready to enjoy.

-All orders will be shipped to the school approximately two weeks after our fundraiser ends.

-This link can be shared with family and friends so let's spread the word and help reduce the use of single use plastic while raising funds for AMES.

Thank you for supporting Angus Morrison Elementary School!

**WE'RE LOVIN'
THIS RESTAURANT
NIGHT...
AND YOU WILL TOO!**



Wednesday, November 9 from 4:00 – 8:00pm
please join us at the Angus McDonald's for our
AMES Restaurant Fundraiser.

McDonald's will generously donate 10% back to our
school from each purchase. Please note this does
not include mobile orders.

Yellow tickets will be sent home Monday with the oldest child
from each family (virtual learners can pick up at office). These
tickets must be presented when ordering.



Proceeds will be going
towards AMES classroom
needs.

Thank you for your
support!



Mrs. Brown's Library Corner



Some Important Dates To Look Forward To:



November 2 – 14th – Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Poster/Poem/ Essay Contest Begins:

-All information was distributed to classes for all interested students and classes.



BOOK FAIR

November 16th, 17th, 18th (PA Day) and 21st – Scholastic Book Fair:

- In-person for students and families as well as Virtual! Get some holiday shopping done at our Fair. Students are encouraged to dress in “jungle animal or explorer” gear for a chance to win Book Fair prizes. Flyers and more information will be coming home soon.



December – Coding Month Begins: Check out [Hour of Code.org](https://www.hourofcode.org) for more information.

Terry Fox Run 2022 Highlights:

Thank you Angus Morrison students and family members! Our 2022 Terry Fox Run event on October 13th was a huge success with many family members joining us again after a two year hiatus. **As a school community, we raised over \$4,355.00 (our goal was \$1,600.00) to support Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer!** Our fundraising total is being added to Barrie's Will Dwyer campaign to make him the “2 Million Dollar Man” for Terry Fox Fundraising. 96 year old Mr. Dwyer passed away in May after raising over \$1.2 million in Terry's honour and many Simcoe County schools, including ours, have pledged to add our fundraising totals to Mr. Dwyer's. A park in Barrie has since been re-named the Will Dwyer park, with Terry's brother, Fred, in attendance for the unveiling. Thank you again AMES Dragons – until next year! **Team Terry**

Grade 1 French Immersion Information

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

Grade 1 FI family information nights are held annually in advance of the application process for the following school year. This year, FI family information nights will be held in-person throughout the month of November at the respective FI school locations. The designated Grade 1 FI site for our school is **Ferndale Woods ES** . The information night for this school will be Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 170 Ferndale Drive South, Barrie .

The SCDSB board-wide electronic applications for the Grade 1 FI program for all sites will open Thursday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16. Entry into the FI program is determined through a digitally randomized lottery system.

High school information events for Grade 8 students

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information events will take place in-person this winter! Student leaders and staff at the school will give an overview of what's new and what to expect. Learn about courses offered, as well as information about teams and clubs. Please visit the SCDSB website at www.scdsb.on.ca/secondary/planning_for_high_school to find details on your high schools' info night, and contact the school directly for more information.

Ventilation

The Ministry of Education ventilation strategy is one strategy that was implemented in schools to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and to support healthier and safer learning environments. The SCDSB has fully functioning mechanical ventilation systems at all schools. [Learn more on our website.](#)

Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov. 6 to 12

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it is Nov. 6 to 12. This annual event honours the importance of treaties and helps students and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships. By learning more about our collective treaty rights and obligations, we can create greater understanding and nurture these relationships. Take some time Nov. 6 to 12 to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties.

Nov. 29 is Eat Well to Excel Day in Simcoe County

Eat Well to Excel is a Simcoe County non-profit community partnership that supports our school's student nutrition program. The funding provided by Eat Well to Excel allows us to supply students with access to healthy snacks during the school day.

The pandemic has caused a significant financial strain on many families in our region and new data shows that 1 in 3 kids in Canada are at risk of going to school hungry. Kids that are hungry struggle to retain knowledge and keep focused throughout the day. They are also at an increased risk of experiencing poor mental health and a compromised immune system. With your support we can maintain and hopefully improve our program to provide a consistent supply of healthy food to our students.

You can make a donation by visiting eatwelltoexcel.ca. You can either support the county-wide program or direct your donation to our school. Please include our school name in the comment box to ensure the donation goes directly to our program. A tax receipt will be emailed to you.



Eat Well to Excel

Simcoe County Nutrition Program for School-Age Children

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.





Potential Student Transportation Delays

In order to receive delay and cancellation notifications, families can check the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca or download the 'BusPlanner Delays' app from the Apple or Android app stores to receive delay notifications to their devices. Users would need to select Simcoe County STC as the transportation authority. The app will need to be forced closed, but you will be able to select your student(s) routes or school to receive delays. The app will send a general notice for any cancellation in Simcoe County. You only need to know which 'zone' you're in, so you would know which one to look out for in the app. You can find your student's zone by visiting the School Bus Status page at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and clicking the dropdown for the area you live in.

Inclement Weather And Bus Cancellation Reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the Central Zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. School staff are expected to plan for such emergencies in order to transition students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather, to their online platforms (Google Classroom and/or SCDSBhub [Brightspace by D2L]) and continue with academic programming. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter [@SCSTC_SchoolBus](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.

Parents/guardians & students invited to Skilled trades virtual event on Dec. 1

Are you not fully sold on the skilled trades as a career? Not everyone is. On Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., participants in *What our School Families Need to Know About Skilled Trades Careers* will learn about apprenticeship pathways and can hear how to best explore a career in the trades while still in high school. Parents/guardians and Grade 7 to 12 students can consider what one employment researcher has discovered about contradictory perspectives on skilled trades careers. He will share findings based on interviews with hundreds of tradespeople and reveal the results of surveying 500 parents/guardians.

This interactive virtual evening, presented by the Simcoe County District School Board, will feature Dr. Jon Callegher, Executive Director at Job Talks, and will include information about apprenticeship, tech ed in our schools, cooperative education, and a question-and-answer segment. Participants can submit questions in advance here: <https://forms.gle/K1fHeartoGYnDd3u8>. More information regarding the event will be shared in the coming weeks on the SCDSB's website (scdsb.on.ca) and social media accounts.

Extra mathematics support for Grades 4 to 12

Are you looking for extra mathematics support for your Grade 4 to 12 student? TVO Mathify offers free 1:1 online Grade 4 to 12 math tutoring to students enrolled in Ontario's publicly funded English-language schools. Features include an interactive whiteboard, as well as voice and text chat to make it easy to upload a math question and figure it out with the support of a math tutor, at a time that works for you.

Connect with an Ontario Certified Teacher of your choice. It is anonymous and secure, and can be used from a phone, tablet or computer. Math tutors are available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 3:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday.



All SCDSB students from Grades 4 to 12 have been pre-registered for this amazing service. For quick access to TVO Mathify:

1. Find the link in your child's Google waffle to the SCDSBhub.
2. Look for the TVO Mathify icon on their dashboard.



Your child will not need to enter their OEN number or any identifying information when TVO Mathify is accessed through the SCDSBhub.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 School Council Meeting	8	9 AMES McDonalds Night	10 Report Card Day	11 Remembrance Day 	12 Last Day For Wreaths and Poinsettia Sales ←
13 Last Day For Colibri Fundraiser →	14 Dental Screening 14th -17th	15	16 Scholastic Book Fair	17	18 PA DAY	19
20	21 Scholastic Book Fair - last day	22	23	24 MacMillian Order Pickup	25	26
27	28	29	30	WE ARE IN THE CENTRAL ZONE FOR ALL BUS CANCELLATIONS		

Upcoming Dates To Remember

- Picture Retake Day December 7
- Winter Break Dec 26-Jan 6
- Wreaths and Poinsettia Pick Up (3:30pm-5:00pm) December 5



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