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Angus Morrison Elementary School



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DRAGONS!

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March Character Trait: Integrity

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'You can't be **right** by doing wrong, and you can't be **wrong** by doing right.'

Integrity - We act justly and honourably in all we do.

Important Dates And Events For March

AMES McDonald's Night—March 8

March Break—March 13-17

Colour Spirit Day—March 31





Join US!

****Please note that yellow tickets will be sent home with students and must be presented when ordering****

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

McDonald's will generously donate 20% back to our school from each purchase. Please note this does not include mobile orders.



Proceeds will be going towards AMES classroom needs.

Thank you for your support!



mabel's labels

We're fundraising with Mabel's Labels! Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for **ANGUS MORRISON**. Shop and personalize your labels and they will be shipped directly to you. Angus Morrison will receive 20% in funds from your order! Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to subsidize and support Field Trips at Angus Morrison. Thank you for your support!



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!****

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



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](https://www.facebook.com/SCDSB)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/scdsb](https://www.instagram.com/scdsb)).

March Break

Please note that March 13 to 17 is March Break for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.



Collection And Use Of Personal Student Information

As students' progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition to secondary school. 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 are 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.*

#ITSTARTS week in the SCDSB

The County of Simcoe has once again proclaimed March as #ITSTARTS month. The Simcoe County District School Board will be championing the #ITSTARTS campaign from March 6 to 10. This campaign promotes inclusion, acceptance, and equity within the vibrant, diverse, and growing communities that make up Simcoe County. For more information, visit: www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ccs/lip/itstarts.

#ITSTARTS With

A Conversation, a Movement, a Change!

Join Us! A Learning With Pine River Institute

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) to provide several curated learning sessions focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There are five webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents, guardians and other caregivers during this school year. The remaining sessions include:

March 2, 2023

**Emotional Regulation for Kids
and Adults**

April 27, 2023

The Biology of Stress

We hope you save these dates in your calendar and join us for these learning opportunities. For more information and to register, please visit the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/3jGaC74>.

Pine River Institute is a live-in treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth aged 13 to 19 struggling with addictive behaviours and often other mental health issues. Combining therapy with a fully-accredited education program, PRI reinforces the healthy life skills required for a successful future. CFI@PRI extends PRI's knowledge, experience and evidence-informed treatment approach to families and care providers in the community to support youth mental wellness and prevent the need for more intensive interventions. Learn more about PRI by visiting their website at www.pineriverinstitute.com.



Pine River Institute

EarlyON Child and Family Centres

Is your child starting JK or SK in September? The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres are excited to offer in person and virtual programs that help prepare children and parents/guardians for Kindergarten. Parents/guardians and children will have the opportunity to interact together in a variety of school readiness activities. We will look at and discuss how does learning happen, self-regulation, social skills, and how to get ready to start school. If program registration is full, please check back regularly as there may be cancellations. To register for a program in your area visit www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/



How Is Your Infant, Toddler, Or Preschool Child Developing?

Is your child meeting their milestones? Age-appropriate speech and language skills are critical to your child's ability to read, write and be successful in school as well as to their ability to engage with their peers. Free services are available to support you with your child's development. Preschool speech and language programs are located across the County of Simcoe. Call (705) 739-5696 or 1-800-675-1979 to complete a developmental screen. The earlier we work together, the better!

Licensed March Break 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 on PA days and holidays including over the March Break (March 13 to 17). 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 www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after.

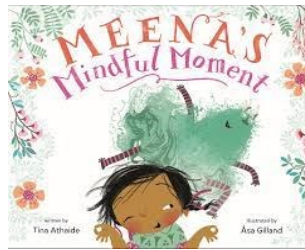
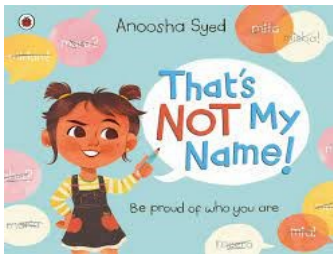
Mrs. Brown's Library Corner



Blue Spruce 2023 continues with our readers in Kindergarten to Grade 4. Two of our favourites so far:

[That's Not My Name](#) and [Meena's Mindful Moment](#).

Click on the book titles to view the read aloud! After the March Break, all of the nominated authors will be posting their own read alouds of their books to help students across Ontario decide who they will vote for. Voting will be the last week of April!



SORA Digital Library

Just a reminder to ALL of our AMES family members of our SORA Digital Library with over 5,100 titles to access for FREE. Upload the SORA app on your device and students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 can log in with their Simcoe County District School Board Google Account email address and password to access. Go to soraapp.com to access from a laptop or Chromebook. Click on Simcoe County District School Board (don't search for Angus Morrison School) and you can begin. Audio books, ebooks, magazines, graphic novels, Young Adult, Adult titles, biographies... the choice is yours. Get SORA today! Need more information or support, email me at gjbrown@scdsb.on.ca.

Upcoming Events:

Celebrating Black Excellence in Canada and Beyond continues, Paper Bag Princess Week, Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss, Lent, Purim, Holi, International Women's Day, Irish Heritage Day, Eid-e-Navroz, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Hindu New Year, Ramadan, Earth Hour and more! Students in Grade 6 and 5/6 will be working with Scratch coding and [Makey Makey](#) circuit boards.

Happy Reading to all,
Mrs. G. Brown (she/her)
Teacher-Librarian

Just Breathe Coping Strategy

Well-being is a Strategic Priority in the Simcoe County District School Board, and our well-being department provides monthly strategies to support student and family well-being. This month's strategy is deep breathing. Parents/guardians should practice deep breathing with their children to help them develop a deeper mind/body connection, self-regulation, awareness of emotions, and build resiliency. To practice deep breathing at home, have your child get comfortable by either standing or sitting. Encourage them to keep their back straight, and shoulders and head relaxed. If they're comfortable, ask them to close their eyes. Have your child place their hands flat on their stomach. Ask your child to breathe in deeply through their nose, filling the belly with breath. Point out how hands move out. Encourage them to hold their breath for a few seconds, then slowly breathe out through the mouth to feel the stomach contract and hands move in. Repeat 5-6 times. Parents/guardians should practice deep belly breathing at home any time their child seems stressed or upset. Watch a deep breathing video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le2TO_MNFxE&t=3s. Follow along the Mental Health and Well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB_MHWP) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools

Join Us For A Virtual Special Education Outreach Series

Interested in learning more about the ways that the SCDSB supports students with special education needs and their families? In 2023, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/caregivers in learning more about programs, supports and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs. The remaining sessions include:

Supporting students as they transition into school, from one school to another, and from school upon graduation

April 20
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma

May 9
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to register in advance. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. Learn more about each session and how to register on the SCDSB website at www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions.

Math @Home Parent Series

Fostering a strong school-home partnership is an important part of reinforcing math learning at school and extending the learning beyond the classroom. Families are a child's first educator and help build a strong foundation for future success. The virtual math series outlined below is intended to support a positive attitude towards mathematics, enhance motivation and ultimate success.

The SCDSB math department is pleased to offer three evening virtual sessions for families and caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions will focus on practical and fun ways to support students with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. The first 200 registrants will receive a path pack of resources to use at home. Participants must pre-register for each of the sessions.

Making Math Connections @Home

Wednesday, April 12

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore where we find numbers, patterns, measures, and shapes in our daily lives. Participants will learn about practical ways to help their child notice and wonder about the math in their world.

Problem Solving @Home

Tuesday, April 25

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore how to encourage children to be active thinkers and problem solvers, both in math and around the house. Participants will learn about how solving problems at home can help their children solve problems in math class.

Having Fun with Math Facts @Home

Thursday, May 11

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore practical, intentional, and fun ways to practice math facts at home. Participants will leave with ideas, games, and activities to support their child with becoming fluent with their math facts.

Participants must pre-register for the sessions they wish to attend. Registered participants will receive a pack of hands-on resources that will be sent to the school indicated on their registration form.

Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/23MathAtHome>

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 thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school.

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>.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WE ARE IN THE CENTRAL ZONE FOR ALL BUS CANCELLATIONS			1	2	3	4
5	6 School Council Meeting	7	8 AMES McDonald's Night 	9	10	11
12	13	14	MARCH BREAK			18
19	20 First Day Of Spring 	21	22	23	24 Saint Patrick's Day 	25 Earth Hour
26	27	28	29	30	31 Colour Spirit Day	

Upcoming Dates To Remember

- Easter Break April 7-10
- SK Celebration Photos April 17
and Grad Photo Retakes
- PA Day April 28



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