

MAY 2023

Angus Morrison Elementary School



HOME OF THE
DRAGONS!

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May Character Trait: Respect

Respect yourself and
others will respect you.

Confucius

quote fancy

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Respect - We treat ourselves, others and the environment with consideration and dignity.

Important Dates And Events For May

AMES Subway Night—May 15

Victoria Day (No School)—May 22

Retro Spirit Day —May 26





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!

save THE DATE!
AIMES FUN FAIR
june 6TH 4-8PM
at ANGUS MORRISON
\$5 PER FAMILY



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) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb).

Four Finger Affirmations 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 four finger affirmations. Parents/guardians can guide their child to think positively in the face of stress or challenges by using affirmations to promote confidence, a growth mindset, self-regulation, and resiliency. To practice four finger affirmations at home, work with your child to generate four words that make them feel calm and confident. For example, "I am loved today" or "breathe, listen, smile, love." Explain that each word will match a finger on their hand. Have them say the words (affirmation) aloud or in their head and connect each finger with their thumb. Tell your child they can repeat this as many times as they like, to themselves or out loud. Consider practicing four finger affirmations at home with your child at a time of day that will be most helpful for them. 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 along on the SCDSB's Mental Health and Well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB_MHWB) 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:

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.

Reporting Immunizations

Parents/guardians are responsible for reporting their child's immunizations to public health to keep records up-to-date per standards of the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) (ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900645) and the Child Care and Early Years Act (ontario.ca/laws/regulation/150137#BK46). Please note, health care providers in Ontario do not automatically report immunizations to their local public health unit. Reporting and viewing immunizations is easy and can be done online. To book a clinic appointment to receive a vaccine, visit: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Immunization/Clinics-and-Programs/Routine-Immunization-Clinics. For more information or questions, you can call Health Connection at 705-721-7520, or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.—
Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Reading With Sora

Sora is the SCDSB's digital ebook library which is available to all students from K-12. Each year, Sora has a collection of diverse ebooks and audiobooks (juvenile to young adult) curated into a collection called Sora Sweet Reads. From May 15 until Aug. 28, students may access these books using either the Sora app or by using the desktop version: <https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/202712>. The best part of this collection is that each title is simultaneous use, meaning that there are unlimited copies available so there are no holds on the titles! Simply use your school Google login and password to access the library. We hope that this collection will encourage students to stay engaged in reading even when the weather gets warmer. Happy reading!



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

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions Happening Soon

Kindergarten orientation sessions will be held throughout the SCDSB in the spring of 2023. These sessions provide families the opportunity to engage with their school community as their children prepare to enter school. Learn more about these sessions and find out when your child's school is holding theirs on the Kindergarten orientation page of the SCDSB website: scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten/kindergarten_orientation.

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.

Elementary Summer Learning Programs In The SCDSB

The SCDSB continues to support student achievement and well-being throughout the summer months by providing a range of elementary summer learning programs. This summer, the SCDSB is offering programs that will focus on reading (Grades 1-3), math (Grades 4-8), multilingual learners (Grades 4-8), as well as students with learning disabilities who use assistive technology at school (Grades 4-8). The programs will be delivered through both a virtual synchronous learning format and in-person, and take place from July 10 to 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. daily. In-person programs take place at Terry Fox Elementary School in Barrie. Interested families are asked to contact their children's school principal for further details and registration information. Registration is completed through the SCDSB's public website starting Monday, May 1. Deadline to register is Friday, May 19.

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!

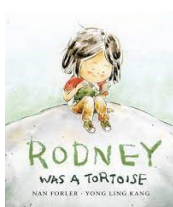
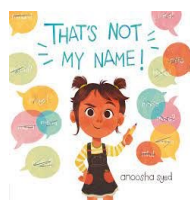
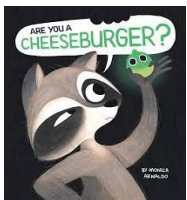
The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering summer school courses in July 2023 for current high school students or adult learners who are interested in earning a new credit or upgrading a previous mark. Students can advance online learning skills, earn missed credits, or fast-track preparation 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



Blue Spruce 2023 Results for our school are in!

Students and teachers from Kindergarten to Grade 4 voted for their favourite Blue Spruce book this week! Our results are in and it was a resounding first place for **Are You A Cheeseburger?**, written AND illustrated by Monica Arnaldo, followed by **That's Not My Name!** written AND illustrated by Annosha Syed. Our third favourite was the touching tale of **Rodney was a Tortoise**, written by Nan Forler and illustrated by Yong Ling Kang. **We will be finding out the official winner across ALL OF CANADA for Blue Spruce 2023 on May 16th with a Live Stream from the Forest of Reading Festival in Toronto.** Will the results be similar to our school votes? We will find out soon. Be sure to ask your children about the amazing and diverse nominated books we have read this term and which ones were their favourite and why!



Coding with Dash and Dot

Students from Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be working with our Dash and Dot robots again using their coding skills to accomplish STEAM and mathematics curriculum tasks in the Library/ Learning Commons and classrooms.

LEGO Club Travelling Cart and MORE new books from Scholastic!

Thanks to our past Scholastic Book Fair and all of the great shopping by our AMES students, families and staff, our new portable LEGO cart has arrived for LEGO club and classroom use. As well, another large shipment of picture books, novels, non-fiction books and graphic novels (new Dog Man!) will be enjoyed and shared by our students thanks to all of our great AMES Scholastic shoppers! Next book fair will be in November 2023, but if we can have another one before that – we will try!!!

Young Adult Permission for Grade 6 students waived in May

As we approach the end of the school year, we allow our Grade 6 students to start signing out Young Adult books (reserved for Grade 7 and 8 students) in our last few weeks of book exchange. Students require parental permission to sign out YA books before they are in Grade 7. If you would rather your Grade 6 child not access these books until September 2023, please let me at glbrown@scdsb.on.ca or their teacher know.

Happy Reading to all,

Mrs. G. Brown (she/her)

Teacher-Librarian

glbrown@scdsb.on.ca

“There is no friend as loyal as a book”

Making 'Cents' Of Financial Literacy

All students need the skills and knowledge to take responsibility for managing their personal financial well-being with confidence, competence, and a critical and compassionate awareness of the world around them. In the 2020 math curriculum, there is focus on financial literacy learning in Grades 1 to 8, including understanding the value and use of money over time, how to manage financial well-being and the value of budgeting.

Students build their skills and knowledge about the value and use of money, how decisions impact personal finances, as well as develop consumer and civic awareness.

Students will:

- Learn how to manage finances responsibly, such as creating a budget to help save enough money to buy something they want such as a book, toy, or video game
 - Begin to develop a greater awareness as consumers and contributors in the local and broader economic system

Wondering how you can support the development of your child's financial literacy skills at home? Check out some of these great tips and resources!

Tips:

- Find daily, real-world opportunities to talk about money in the contexts of earning, saving, spending, and giving
- Consider the financial habits you want to instill in your child, and talk about them
 - Involve your child in making decisions about purchases for household items, and compare the costs of different items (e.g., we need to save money to repave the driveway so we're going to cut down on spending, do you have any ideas?)

Resources:

Peter Pig's Money Counter, [Practicalmoneyskills.ca](https://www.practicalmoneyskills.ca)

Financial Literacy Rocks, [financialliteracy.rocks/financial-literacy-for-kids](https://www.financialliteracy.rocks/financial-literacy-for-kids)



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.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
← Smile Cookie Campaign May 1st-7 th →						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
← Grade 7 Camp Trip May 10-12 th →						
14	15 AMES Subway Night	16	17 Welcome to Kindergarten Night 5-6:30PM	18 Track and Field (Gr 4-8)	19	20
21	22 Victoria Day	23	24	25	26 Retro Day Dress Like Your Favourite Decade	27
28	29	30	31 Grade 2 Field Trip			
← Grade 8 Trip May 29-30 →						

Upcoming Dates To Remember

- AMES Fun Fair June 6
- Primary Play Date June 21
- Report Card Day June 23
- Grade 8 Graduation June 26



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