



# Marshview Public School Newsletter

## The Mallard Mailer – April 2023

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### Important Dates:

April 18,25	Lunch: Sub Days
April 13, 20, 27	Lunch: Pizza Days
April 14, 21 <sup>st</sup> , 27th	Kernel's Popcorn Days
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day for Rocky Mountain Apple/Marshmallow Orders (SchoolCash On-Line)
April 20	SPIRIT DAY-Super Hero Day
April 27	Grade 5&6 Field Trip to Ste. Marie Among the Hurons
April 27	Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory Delivery Day!!
April 28	P.A. Day-No School for students

### Principal's Message

Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> was a special day for the Marshview School Community as we welcomed students into the building for the first time. It was an incredible experience to have all of our staff and students, together under the same roof! Watching students explore their new learning environment and sharing their enthusiasm for the new school, was heart-warming!

A BIG "Thank You" to our dedicated staff who worked late evenings and throughout the weekend, prior to our opening, to ensure that our building was ready for students. We would also like to thank our families who have been so supportive and patient during this transitional time. We are so grateful for the collaboration of our entire school community that has brought us to this monumental occasion.

There are more exciting days still ahead! We look forward to opening our school library in the very near future and there are school yard enhancement plans that are taking shape! Construction crews will continue to put the final touches on our beautiful school throughout the remainder of the school year and into the summer!

We would like to thank our School Council who supported the purchasing of outdoor basketball nets that are scheduled to be installed on our yard, at the end of the month. School Council also supported the purchase of the Marshview Mallards lunch bags that students received on their first day of school!

We are excited to welcome our families to our Open House on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>! It will be an opportunity to showcase our new school to families! The Open House will also include a Scholastic Book Fair, Popcorn & Ice Cream Sales! We hope that you can join us!

### **Bell Times and Daily Schedule:**

The Marshview PS daily schedule is the same at both of our current locations, and will remain the same when we move into our new building.

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Student Arrival
9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Period 1
10:20 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Period 2
11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Nutrition Break 1 (Kindergarten-Grade 1)/ Recess 1 (Grades 2-8)
11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Recess 1 (Kindergarten-Grade 1)/ Nutrition Break 2 (Grades 2-8)
11:50 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Period 3
12:40 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Period 4
1:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Nutrition Break 2 (Kindergarten-Grade 1)/ Recess 2 (Grades 2-8)
1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Recess 2 (Kindergarten -Grade 1)/ Nutrition Break 2 (Grades 2-8)
2:10 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Period 5
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Period 6 *Kindergarten students begin dismissal as early as 3:35 p.m.
3:50 p.m.	Dismissal*



### **Attendance: Safe Arrival**

#### **Safe Arrival Phone:**

1-888-885-8065

#### **Email:**

[mrvattendance@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:mrvattendance@scdsb.on.ca)



If you plan on picking up your child from school early, we would ask that you email or call the school in advance to ensure that we can facilitate this smoothly. Thank you.

### **School Cash Online:**

The School Cash Online program is used by the SCDSB for online forms and 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 a visa/debit style card. To create an online account, go to:

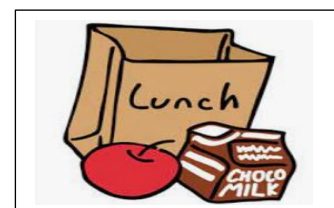
<https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com>

### **Bus Delays And Cancelations:**

For families who have students who ride the bus, please ensure that you monitor this link <https://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/>- it has live updates of bus delays and cancellations.



*When busses are cancelled in the morning, they are also cancelled in the afternoon. Bus students who attend school on bus cancelations days need alternative arrangements to be made at the end of the school day for pick-up. Pizza and Sub orders will also be cancelled on these days and reimbursed. Students who have ordered these items and attends school will need to bring a lunch.*



## **Student Accident Insurance 2022-2023:**

Student injuries at school during school events, extra-curricular activities (e.g. athletics, clubs, etc.) and out-of-province/out-of-country trips are not covered by the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen. A variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices can be found through either:

- **StudyInsured** at [www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com](http://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com) or by calling 1-833-560-0527;

or,

- **Insure my Kids** at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) or by calling 1-800-463-5437.

Participation in extra-curricular activities (e.g. athletics, clubs, etc.) and/or out-of-province/out-of-country trips require the purchase of this insurance, or other extended health and dental coverage.

## **Marshview Spirit Wear!!**

We are happy to announce that Marshview Mallards' Spirit Wear is available for purchase through Big League Gear at the following link –

<https://bigleaguegear.ca/collections/marshview-mallards>





**Marshview Public School  
brings you**



**Funds are going towards school yard  
enhancements and technology**



**CHOCOLATE SPRINKLE MARSHMALLOW - \$7  
PLAIN CHOCOLATE MARSHMALLOW - \$7**



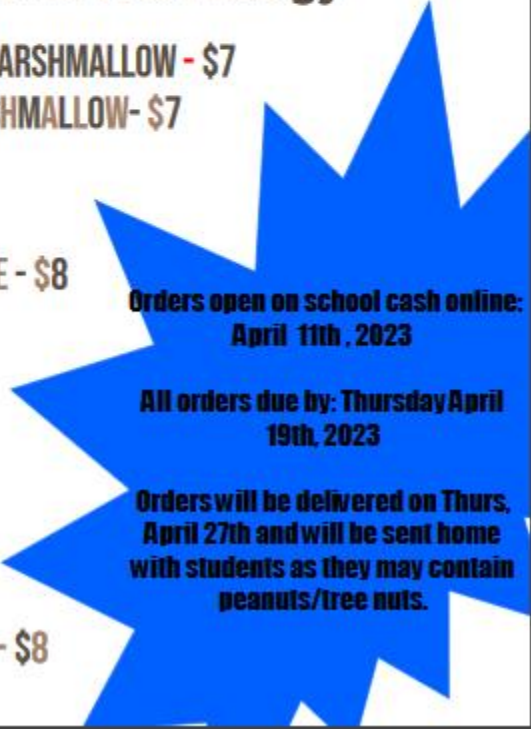
**CARAMEL CHOCOLATE APPLE - \$8**



**CARAMEL SPRINKLE - \$8**



**APPLE PIE CARAMEL APPLE - \$8**



**Orders open on school cash online:  
April 11th, 2023**

**All orders due by: Thursday April  
19th, 2023**

**Orders will be delivered on Thurs,  
April 27th and will be sent home  
with students as they may contain  
peanuts/tree nuts.**

## MESSAGES FROM THE SCDSB

### Character attribute for the month of April

Optimism - we maintain a positive attitude and have hope for the future.

More information about character education can be found here:

[scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](https://scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education)



### April PA Day

Please note that Friday, April 28 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2022-23 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information:

[scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/school\\_year\\_calendar](https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar).



### Inclement weather and bus cancellation information 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](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Our school is in the [SOUTH] 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 SCSTC 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 SCSTC on Twitter @SCSTC\_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.



### **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://mrv.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](http://www.scdsb.on.ca).
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB\_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb). [@marshview\\_ps](https://twitter.com/marshview_ps)

### **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](http://scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten).



### **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](https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after).

### **Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians 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 final session, 'The Biology of Stress', is April 27.

We hope you join us for this learning opportunity. 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](http://www.pineriverinstitute.com).

### **Join the SCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee for 'Safe connections: navigating a digital world'**

On April 25, the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is hosting a virtual learning session for parents/guardians. *Safe connections: navigating a digital world* is a virtual event focused on digital mindfulness and well-being, and Internet safety.

This virtual event will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Presenters include:

- Chris Vollum, CMV SocialMedia
- Sergeant Aaron C. Arnett, Ontario Provincial Police
- Abby Zantingh, Imani's Place

Participants are asked to register in advance: <https://bit.ly/40tEg22>. Information to access the session will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered.

The PIC is a county-wide advisory committee made up of parents/guardians and community representatives from across Simcoe County. The committee works with SCDSB staff and trustees to support student success through parent/guardian engagement. Visit [scdsb.on.ca/elementary/parent/parent\\_involvement\\_committee](https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/parent/parent_involvement_committee) for more information on the PIC.

**Interested in learning more about the ways that the SCDSB supports students with special education needs and their families? Join us for a virtual special education outreach series**

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 [scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special\\_education/special\\_education\\_outreach\\_sessions](https://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 math 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. Participants who register before March 24 will receive their math pack of resources in time for the first session on April 12. Those who register after March 24 will still receive a math pack of resources, but may not receive them in time for the first session.

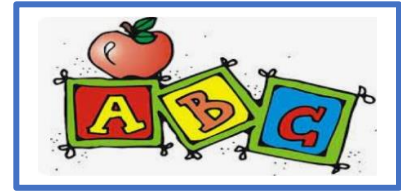
Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/23MathAtHome>





### **The science of reading and structured literacy**

The science of reading is a body of research that focuses on how students learn to read, what parts of the brain are utilized when learning to read, and what skills are ultimately required to be successful readers. Structured literacy is how educators take the knowledge gathered through research and apply it. There are five key components that make up an effective literacy program. Students need explicit instruction and repeated opportunities for practice with phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Visit the following link to support your child's reading at home: <https://bit.ly/LiteracyHomeSupport>



### **Tense and relax 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 tense and relax. Parents/guardians can guide their child/youth through a tense and relax muscle relaxation exercise to help them notice whether they feel tense or relaxed in a particular area and understand how their body feels when they are tense and relaxed. This helps children/youth to learn to sooth their body and mind, and assists with regulating emotions during times of stress.

To practice tense and relax at home, have your child/youth 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/youth intentionally tense and relax isolated body parts and be aware of how they feel when they tense their muscles and when they relax them. Children can be encouraged to: bring their shoulders up to their ears, hold for a count of 3, and relax; squeeze their hands into fists, hold for a count of 3, and relax; squeeze their stomach in as if fitting between a fence, hold for a count of 3, and relax; and, pushing their feet down to the ground, hold for a count of 3, and relax. Repeat the actions a few times and discuss how these body parts felt before, during, and after the exercise.

Parents/guardians can practice tense and relax at home any time with their child/youth to help them learn how to relieve tensions. Click on the following link to watch a guided video of tense and relax together:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4mQm0hux1Q&t=1s>.

Follow along the SCDSB's mental health and well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB\_MHWP) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools.

### **Significant need for foster caregivers in our community**

There is a significant need for foster caregivers in our local community. When a child or youth is brought into temporary foster care and placed outside of their community there is a loss of family, friends, schoolmates, teachers, and everything that is familiar to them. The increase in the number of foster homes across the communities in Simcoe Muskoka allows children and youth to remain connected to what is important to them.

Foster families are regular families wanting to give back to their community. When a family faces hardship and challenges, they need a community to support them and their children. In many situations, foster care can provide vital support that enables parents to address issues that are putting their children's safety and well-being at risk. Keeping children connected to their family, community, and extended supports is crucial. Foster caregivers provide a caring home that encourages a child or youth's growth, development, and well-being. If you're interested in becoming a foster caregiver in our community, please visit the foster recruitment website at [www.fosterconnexions.ca](http://www.fosterconnexions.ca) to learn more or call the foster recruitment line at 705-734-6777.

*Information provided by Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions*

**Significant days, holy days, holidays and heritage recognition occurring in the month of April**

April 2023		
Date	Name	Type of day
April	Sikh Heritage Month	◆
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day	●
April 4	<b>Mahavir Jayanti (Birthday)</b> Jainism	■
April 6-8	<b>Theravāda New Year</b> Buddhism	■
April 6-13	<b>Pesach (Passover)</b> Judaism	■
April 7	<b>Good Friday</b> Christianity	■
April 8	<b>Farvardegan (FC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
April 9	<b>Easter</b> Christianity	■
April 9	Vimy Ridge Day	◆
April 10	<b>Easter Monday</b> Christianity	■
April 12	International Day of Pink	●
April 13	<b>Vaisakhi</b> Sikhism	■
April 14	<b>Good Friday (J)</b> Christianity	■
April 14	<b>Vaisakhi/Baisakhi</b> Hinduism	■
April 16	<b>Easter (J)</b> Christianity	■
April 16-22	National Volunteer Week	●
April 17	<b>Easter Monday (J)</b> Christianity	■
April 17-18	Holocaust Memorial Day, Yom HaShoah	◆ ■
April 18	<b>Lailat-ul-Qadr</b> Islam	■
April 21	<b>First Day of Ridvan</b> Bahá'í	■
April 21	<b>Jumatul Widha</b> Islam	■
April 21	<b>Eid-ul-Fitr</b> Islam	■
April 22	Earth Day	●
April 23	<b>Zarathosht-no-diso (QC)</b> Zoroastrianism	■
April 26	Administrative Professionals Day	●
April 28	National Day of Mourning (World Day for Safety and Health at Work)	●
April 28	Nichiren Foundation Day Buddhism	■
April 29	<b>Ninth Day of Ridvan</b> Bahá'í	■

