



# Marshview Public School Newsletter

## The Mallard Mailer –October 2023

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### Important Dates:

Oct. 6, 13, 27	Popcorn Cash Sales \$2-Bring your Toonies
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving-School is closed
Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31	Sub Days with Lunchbox.net
Oct. 12, 19, 26	Pizza Days with Lunchbox.net
Oct. 18-23	Scholastic Book Fair
Oct. 19	Open House (4:30pm-6pm) Formal Grand Opening by RSVP (6:30pm-7:30pm)
Oct.20	PD Day-No School

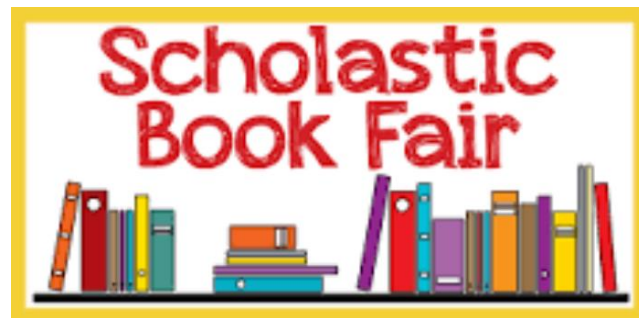
### Principal's Message

October 19<sup>th</sup> is going to be a big day for the Marshview School Community. From 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., we will be hosting our Meet the Educator Event, where families can come to the school to see their child's classroom and meet their Educators! Mrs. Leggatt will also be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in our library.

After this event, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in our gymnasium, we will be hosting the official grand opening of Marshview Public School. This will be a special ceremony celebrating the hard work of staff, students and families in creating our new school community. The ceremony will include several presentations from students, Simcoe County District School Board Staff and local politicians. We hope that you are able to join us. There is still time to RSVP us at [marshview@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:marshview@scdsb.on.ca)

We would also like to thank the family members who have joined the 2023-24 Marshview School Council. As our School Council grows, we know that through collaboration and hard work, we continue to enhance our students' experience at Marshview Public School.

We hope that families had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend! This year our staff is truly thankful for our amazing students and supportive families!



### Scholastic Book Fair

We're excited to announce our Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the library! Students will have the opportunity to preview the sale on October 18<sup>th</sup> and then make purchases from hundreds of items during the school day on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our book fair will also be open during our Meet the Teacher on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00pm. All purchases help us earn new books and resources for our school.

### Bell Times and Daily Schedule:

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 (K-3)
11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Nutrition Break 1 (4-8)
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 (K-3)
1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Nutrition Break 2 (4-8)
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 (report and absence)

Safe Arrival Phone: 1-888-885-8065



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

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has a new Safe Arrival system at elementary schools. This system will support us in continuing to improve our home-to-school communication process and streamline absence reporting. Callers will be prompted to identify the school before leaving a message. Parents should include the student's name, teachers' name, dates and reason for the absence.

When schools do not hear from a parent/guardian, and a student is absent, the school will call home to find out the reason for the absence.

### 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>

### STANDARD ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND PERMISSION FORM/STUDENT INFORMATION COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATE USE AGREEMENT 2023-24

The 2023-24 Standard Acknowledgment and Permission Form and Student Information Computing Technology Appropriate Use Agreement are required forms for all Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students. The forms have been made available electronically through SchoolCash Online until Oct. 16. SchoolCash Online is our preferred method for forms. If you are unable to submit these forms electronically, please contact the office for paper copies.

### **Bus Delays And Cancellations:**

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 cancellations 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 2023-2024:**

Student injuries at school during school events, extracurricular 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 extracurricular 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>





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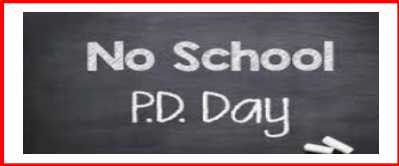


## MESSAGES FROM THE SCDSB

### October PA Day

Please note that Friday, Oct. 20 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2023-24 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information:

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



No School  
P.D. Day

Below is a summary of the activities planned for the Oct. 20 PA Day: Length: Full day Topic: Health and Safety, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Mathematics Host: Simcoe County District School Board Presenter(s)/facilitator(s): School board staff and school administrators and school leads

Educators will participate in a half-day Health and Safety digital learning session focused on health and safety incident reporting and investigations with a particular emphasis on the essential aspect of workplace violence prevention. The session will equip staff with the knowledge and tools to report incidents effectively and promptly, provide insights into the investigative and risk mitigation process, fostering transparency and accountability, and highlight the critical role staff play in preventing workplace injuries. Educators will learn about Somali, Latino, South Asian, and African Black Indigenous heritage. They will collaboratively plan within grades and divisions. Through this, they will celebrate identities and create environments that foster well-being and sense of belonging. Educators will choose learning related to the Knowledgehook digital math tool based on their readiness. Different learning pathways have been planned for new users, those with some experience, and those who are ready to extend their use of the math tool. All participants will learn about how to invite parents/guardians to view their child's progress. Additionally, educators will engage in High Impact Instructional Practices in Mathematics learning modules that align with their school's Achievement in Mathematics goal.

### 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 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>.



### **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://www.instagram.com/marshview_ps)

### **School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC**

In order to receive delay and cancellation notifications, families can check the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://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](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) and clicking the dropdown for the area you live in.

### **School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day**

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 16 to 20, 2023. Please visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) for information on school bus safety and links to school bus safety resources. Oct. 19, 2023 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely.

### **Get on the move**

There are many benefits to walking or wheeling to school. Walking or wheeling to school reduces traffic, helps students establish healthy lifestyles, is better for the environment and enhances community safety. Wherever possible, we encourage students within walking zones to *get on the move* and walk or wheel to school. For more information please visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website here: [bit.ly/3OC4CJ9](https://bit.ly/3OC4CJ9)



### **Upcoming in-person Grade 1 French Immersion information sessions**

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 English and French.

Information sessions for families who are considering entry into Grade 1 FI for the 2024-25 school year will take place at **WH DAY, November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm** and online applications will open in December 2023.

Entry into the FI program will be determined through a digitally randomized lottery system. A link to access the Grade 1 FI online application form will be available on the SCDSB website starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 until 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15. For more information regarding French Immersion, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca), then select 'elementary', and 'French as a Second Language'.

### **Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8 to 14**

This year, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™', works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit [fpw.org](http://fpw.org).



### **Parents' Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting**

Learn to navigate the world of assessment, evaluation, and reporting with this new guide for parents/guardians. Created to support parents/guardians understanding of assessment, this guide was designed to effectively empower you to actively engage in your child's educational journey. The guide has been posted to the Simcoe County District School Board's website and can be accessed via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2urcm2tm>.

### **Licensed PA day and holiday 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 Winter Break, March Break, and during summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register.

**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**

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 first session, *IEPs and school-based assessments – information for parents/caregivers*, will be held on Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This virtual presentation will include an opportunity for participants to share some of their questions regarding IEPs and special education programming.

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 upcoming sessions and how to register on the SCDSB website: [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special\\_education/special\\_education\\_outreach\\_sessions](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions).

**Have you met Sora?**

Our digital ebook/audiobook collection contains over 4,000 titles waiting to be checked out by our SCDSB students. Students simply download the app, use their SCDSB login and start reading for free on their phone or tablet. The collection can be accessed at: [meet.soraapp.com](http://meet.soraapp.com).

**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 eight webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents/guardians and other caregivers during this school year.

Oct. 26, 2023	Understanding and managing screen time, part one - gaming edition
Nov. 9, 2023	Understanding and managing screen time, part two - social media edition
Nov. 30, 2023	Helping parents align
Jan. 11, 2024	Sleep hygiene
Feb. 8, 2024	Self regulation for kids
Feb. 22, 2024	Self regulation for teens
March 28, 2024	Building parents' resiliency
April 18, 2024	Vaping, weed, and alcohol

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](http://www.pineriverinstitute.com).



## Supporting your child with math

Are you curious about how you can support your child's growth as a mathematician? Visit the Parents Guide to Mathematics at [www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8](http://www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8), where you can find a summary of the knowledge and skills your child will be learning as they progress through the grades, information about how you can support your child's learning, and how the curriculum was developed.

TVO Mathify offers free 1:1 online Grade 4-12 math tutoring to SCDSB students. 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. ET Monday to Friday, and 3:30 to 9 p.m. ET Sunday.

All SCDSB students from Grades 4-12 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.



## Revised 2023 Ontario Language Curriculum

Beginning this school year, all language programs for Grades 1-8 will be based on the expectations of the revised Ontario Language Curriculum. The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1 to 8: Language, 2023 outlines the knowledge and skills required for effective reading and writing, listening, and speaking so students can succeed at school and beyond. The curriculum has been revised partly in response to the recommendations outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Commission's Right to Read public inquiry report.

The 2023 curriculum now includes four strands:

1. Literacy Connections and Applications
2. Foundations of Language
3. Comprehension: Understanding and Responding to Texts
4. Composition: Expressing Ideas and Creating Texts

For more information, visit [www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/key-changes-language](http://www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/key-changes-language) to view a guide for parents/guardians on the Ministry of Education website.

## Significant days, holy days, holidays and heritage recognition occurring in October

Date(s)	Observance
Oct. 1-31	2SLGBTQIA+ History Month
	Autism Awareness Month Canada
	Dyslexia Awareness Month Canada
	German Heritage Month
	Islamic Heritage Month
	Latin American Heritage Month
Women's History Month	
Oct. 2	International Day of Non-Violence
	World Habitat Day
Oct. 4	International Walk to School Day
Oct. 4-10	World Space Week
Oct. 6	World Cerebral Palsy Day
Oct. 7-8	Simchat Torah (Judaism)
Oct. 8-14	National Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving
Oct. 10	World Mental Health Day
Oct. 11	International Day of the Girl Child
	National Coming Out Day
Oct. 15-23	Sharad Navratri (Hinduism)
Oct. 16	Birth of the Báb (Bahá'í)
	World Food Day
Oct. 16-17	Birth of the Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)
Oct. 16-20	National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
Oct. 18	Persons Day
Oct. 19	International Pronouns Day
	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Oct. 20	Installation of the Guru Granth as Guru (Sikhism)
	Installation of Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib (Sikhism)
Oct. 22	Durga Ashtami (Hinduism)
Oct. 23-29	Canadian Down Syndrome Week
Oct. 24	Vijayadashami, also known as Dussehra, Dasara or Dashain (Hinduism)
Oct. 26	Dress Purple Day - Association of Children's Aid Societies
Oct. 28 – Nov. 27	Kathina (Buddhism)
Oct. 29	Pavarana (Buddhism)
Oct. 31 – Nov. 1	Karva Chauth (Hinduism)
	Samhain (Wicca)

