

# SCS CREEK CHRONICLE

Respect Lives Here!

April 2024

## From the Office

The weather is getting warmer and the days are getting longer as we transition into spring and the season of growing. SCS students have already shown a substantial amount of growth this year! We encourage everyone to stay focused for the next three months as there is still a lot of learning left. Next month, during Education Week (May 7), the Sturgeon Creek School Council, in partnership with the staff, will host a family fun night. This will be a time to learn and grow together, so save the date!

This month we recognize International Day of Pink and Earth Day. International Day of Pink will be celebrated on April 10 with an assembly and art activity. Earth Day is April 22... and every day! This year marks the 54th anniversary of the very first Earth Day observed in 1970! The Media Campaign this year is "Earth Day is Leg Day!" It is a reminder that the best thing you can do for the planet and yourself is skip the car, not leg day. The goal is to encourage people, municipalities, and organizations to try different modes of transportation and adopt new eco-friendly habits like ride-sharing if walking is not an option. [Earth Day website](#)

Earth Day is not the only one celebrating an anniversary this month. Sturgeon Creek School is turning 50! Over the past five decades, SCS has experienced significant change. It was almost even shut down once. The school opened in 1974 with 227 from K to Grade 8. For the last few years it has held steady at approximately 100 students. While the logo, playground, internal space, staff, and students have changed, the school's commitment to nurturing the heart and mind remains!

Ms. Tolen



## Frisbee Rob - MR 20

Last month, SCS hosted Frisbee Rob. The day started with an all-school assembly in which Rob entertained the staff and students with real-life stories and world records. His message was inspiring - to encourage students to be their best selves no matter what. We are hopeful that frisbee fever will improve skills and enthusiasm for frisbee and form a frisbee club. For more information about Rob, check out his website - [Frisbee Rob](#).

## World Down Syndrome Awareness Day - MR 21

SCS rocked their socks on March 21! Why socks? Chromosomes are shaped like socks and people with Down syndrome have an extra chromosome. Students enjoyed the book [Up and Adam](#) as they learned more about Down syndrome. Way to go SCS!

## Connected North Sessions

Connected North is a learning resource that we can access through the RRDSB that delivers a variety of programs using a technology platform. Live interactive video sessions connect students with experts and venues to enhance curriculum. Some of the sessions SCS students have participated in include Ukulele Session Series, Harvesting Maple Syrup, art workshops, and more!

## EQAO Parent Webinar - AP 3

If you are the parent of a Grade 3 and/or Grade 6 student, and have questions about EQAO, think about joining the live EQAO Webinar for Parents and Guardians, on April 3 @ 11:00 AM. Participants will learn about the purpose and format of the assessments, plus have an opportunity to ask questions. Register [here!](#)

### International Day of Pink (April 10)

The International Day of Pink was started in Nova Scotia, Canada, when two straight high school students saw a gay student being bullied because he was wearing a pink shirt. The two students intervened at the moment, but they also wanted to do more to prevent homophobic and transphobic bullying in their school.

In a stroke of creative genius, these two young men decided to purchase pink shirts and wear them. Not only that, but a few days later they also got almost everyone else at their school to arrive wearing pink, standing in solidarity for anti-bullying. The result was that an entire school took a stand and began working together to prevent bullying of any type, particularly related to homophobia and transphobia.

The International Day of Pink campaign has continued to grow. It is now an international anti-bullying campaign that thrives in schools, workplaces, and communities. The International Day of Pink and the conversations, awareness, and acceptance that stem from it are making a real difference in the lives of queer and trans youth. So this is just the day to wear pink, spark some conversations, and inspire acceptance. (From [Days of the Year webpage](#))

Get ready to celebrate **International Day of Pink!**

### SCS & Colours of Kindness

SCS is going to take this opportunity to continue building inclusion and encourage kindness. Students are asked to wear as much pink as possible on **Wednesday, April 10**. If you do not have any pink clothing to wear, do not worry! Every student will receive a pink Tyvek bracelet with the message - PINK Day, Colour of Kindness.

There will be an assembly to review the difference between bullying, a mean moment, teasing and conflict. To go with the kindness messaging we started in the fall, we will read a story called **The Crayon Box that Talked**. This is a simple story that celebrates harmony through diversity. Just like crayons, every child is different and has a special way of contributing to the greater picture. When we work together, are inclusive, the results are much more “dazzling”.

To put it all together, students will use colours to create a special piece of art that will remind us that even though we are all different, we all belong. We are going to get inspired by Sandra Silberzweig, a Canadian artist with synesthesia, and use her style to create Silberzweig Selfies. Stay tuned for some great masterpieces!

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| <p><b>TEASING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Everyone is having fun</li> <li>· No one is getting hurt</li> <li>· Everyone participating</li> </ul>   | <p><b>CONFLICT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· No one is having fun</li> <li>· A possible solution exists</li> <li>· Equal balance of power</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>MEAN MOMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Purposely hurting someone</li> <li>· Reaction to strong feeling or emotion, happens once</li> </ul> | <p><b>BULLYING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Purposely hurting someone</li> <li>· Repetitive (over/over)</li> <li>· Imbalance of power</li> </ul>    |

### Upcoming & Ongoing

#### Solar Eclipse - AP 8

A total eclipse of the sun visible from Southern Ontario to Newfoundland and Labrador is set to occur on April 8, 2024. The rest of Canada, including our region, will experience only a partial eclipse. However, even a partial eclipse can be dangerous for unprotected eyes.

The solar eclipse event will occur between 1:00pm – 3:10pm (CST) on April 8th, with maximum coverage of the sun occurring at approximately 2:00pm. School will remain in session during the partial eclipse, but we will adjust breaks accordingly to ensure our students' safety.

We plan to take full advantage of the great learning opportunities this historic and rare celestial occurrence brings. Please check out the Northwestern Health Unit's resource on how to safely enjoy a solar eclipse:

[NWHU Eclipse Safety Tips](#)




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