

SCS CREEK CHRONICLE

Respect Lives Here!

October 2023

From the Office

Time flies when you are having fun! September was busy with getting back into school routines, learning, and different activities. Thank you to all the families who supported our Terry Fox Run and Open House. If you would still like to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation, please use this [LINK](#) and donate on behalf of SCS. So far we have raised \$490 (our goal was \$1120). We closed September with Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day lessons and activities. October looks like it will go by just as fast.

It is a known fact that gratitude is strongly, and consistently, associated with greater happiness. Being grateful is important, however, expressing your gratitude will have an even larger impact on your happiness. With Thanksgiving around the corner, I encourage our families to reach out to someone who has a positive influence in their life and let them know! Not only will you be happier, but imagine how amazing that person will feel after receiving such a compliment! I am truly grateful to be the principal at SCS this year and look forward to working with you!

Ms. Tolen

NEW

Ontario Language Curriculum

Last spring Ontario revised the elementary Language Curriculum based on recommendations from the Ontario Human Rights Commission's Right to Read inquiry and report. Here is a brief introduction to some of the changes.

Language development is central to a student's intellectual, social and emotional growth, which is a key element of the new curriculum.

The strands (areas of focus) have been updated to include - Literacy Connections/Applications, Foundations of Language, Comprehension (Understanding and Responding to Texts), and Composition (Expressing Ideas and Creating Texts).

Grades 1 to 3 (explicit word work instruction and transferable skills)

- word reading, spelling, phonemic awareness, phonetics, and alphabetical knowledge to develop language foundations
- emphasis on printing (Gr 1 & 2), cursive (Gr 3)

Grades 4 to 8 (explicit word work instruction and transferable skills)

- learning/application of orthographic, morphological, vocabulary knowledge and fluency, to develop reading/spelling skills
- emphasis on cursive and word-processing skills

Fun with words - [word origins](#) (there are Indigenous ones too!)

[Parents Guide to the New Language Curriculum \(click on link\)](#)

National Train Your Brain Day October 13

If you are looking for some puzzles to do as a family check out the following links. There are new puzzles every day!

[SET](#), [QUIDDLER](#), & [SPELLIE](#)

RRDSB Code of Conduct



World Teacher Day!

World Teacher's Day is celebrated annually on October 5 to recognize the work of teachers. Thank you to our amazing SCS teaching staff for making our community an amazing one to be a part of and supporting our Sturgeons to be the best version of themselves in everything they do!

Important Dates

OC 04 Fall Harvest
OC 06 Cross Country
OC 09 Thanksgiving Holiday
OC 26 Picture Retakes
OC 27 PA Day

October's Character Trait is INITIATIVE

I will recognize what needs to be done and do it, without prompting from others.

Health & Safety

Fire Prevention Week (October 8 to 14)

This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign, "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.

Importance of Fire Prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

Check out these resources - [Fire Safety Minute Video](#) and [Fire Safety Week Site!](#)

Bus Safety Week

School Bus Safety Awareness Campaign (October 16 to 20)

This education program invites interested parties to address the importance of school bus safety. As parents, caregivers, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, school administrators and community members, we all have a role to play.

Tips for Riding Safely

Before boarding a bus

- arrive at the bus stop before the bus comes
- wait in a safe place away from the edge of the road
- wait for the bus to come to a complete stop with its overhead red lights flashing or its stop arm activated before approaching

When riding a bus

- find a seat right away, stay seated, facing forward at all times
- do not put anything in the aisle. Keep it clear.
- keep your arms and head inside the bus
- follow the bus driver's instructions and do not distract the driver

When leaving a bus

- don't push or shove — exit the bus in a single file
- always cross the road in front of the stopped bus, never behind
- look all ways and wait for the driver to signal before crossing in front of the bus
- stay out of the **danger zone** by being 10 giant steps from the bus, where you and the bus driver can see each other
- walk — don't run — across the road
- if you drop something within the danger zone, ask an adult or the bus driver for help. Do not stop to pick it up.

IEP (Individual Education Plan)

On October 12, updated IEPs will be sent home for those students with special education needs. Please review and reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Please note that Language goals will reflect the new curriculum expectations.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers help make our schools great places to learn and grow. We value and appreciate the support of our volunteers.

At this time we are looking for volunteers for the following roles:

- Hot Lunch
- School Council Executive

Save the Date
Christmas
Concert
Thursday
December 14

SCS Facilities Update

Roof Project

The SCS Roof project is almost done. The new roof is on. We are waiting for the sheet metal installation which will finish off this project.

Annual Water Reports

Find using this link [RRDSB Water Reports](#).

