



# Clearview Meadows Elementary School

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Lisa Saunders  
Principal

**Character Trait: Optimism**

Kelly Cox  
Vice-Principal

### 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: [www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education)

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

<b>March 10</b>	Nowruz (Persian New Year)
<b>March 18</b>	Holi (Hindu Festival)
<b>April 1</b>	Ramadan (Eid)
<b>April 2</b>	World Autism Awareness Day
<b>April 13</b>	International Day of Pink
<b>April 14</b>	Vaisakhi (Hindu and Sikh Solar New Year)
<b>April 14</b>	Lent (March 2 – April 14)
<b>April 15</b>	Good Friday
<b>April 17-18</b>	Easter
<b>April 22</b>	Earth Day
<b>April 27</b>	Administrative Professionals Day
<b>April 28</b>	National Day of Mourning (World Day for Safety and Health at Work)

### SCDSB Schools continue to be mask-friendly environments

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, staff and visitors are no longer required to wear masks in schools, school board offices and on student transportation. SCDSB schools continue to be mask-friendly environments. Masks remain available to students and staff who choose to continue to wear them while in schools. Please encourage your child(ren) to be respectful and understanding of everyone's choice with respect to masking so that SCDSB schools remain the safe, inclusive and welcoming teaching and learning environments they are meant to be for all.

### Dress for the Weather



Please remind your child that they need to remember to dress according to the weather conditions in order to enjoy being outside during nutritional breaks. With the temperatures changing from week to week students need to be prepared for those unexpected cold/wet days.

### 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://cle.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).

### **Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Day – June 27, 2022**

On June 27, 2022, all secondary schools will run a Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Day for students. Students requiring an opportunity to receive feedback from an assessment, to rescue or recover a credit or to improve on an area of missed expectations can attend and meet with teachers and support staff. Teachers and support staff will communicate with students who will benefit most from attending this opportunity; however, all students will be invited to attend. There will be no new instruction that day, but it is an opportunity for students to work more closely with their teacher if they require feedback, credit recovery or an opportunity to improve on an area of missed expectations.

### **School climate survey**

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) aims to provide a safe, supportive learning environment that supports all students in being successful. During the month of April, all students in Grades 4 to 12 will be asked to complete an anonymous and confidential online SCDSB School Climate Survey about how they feel about their school. Any participant of a SCDSB School Climate Survey will not be asked to provide their name or other identifying information because all surveys are anonymous.

The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff related to the [SCDSB Strategic Priorities](#) and will help schools to develop and refine their School Action Plans.

Similar to prior SCDSB school climate surveys, the questions cover a range of topics, such as:

- excellence in teaching and learning;
- mental health and well-being;
- equity, diversity and inclusion;
- community; and,
- experiences of school safety and bullying.

### **Student Survey**

A sample version of the student survey will be available on the [SCDSB website](#). Please call your child(ren)'s school if you have questions about how the student survey will be administered.

### **Questions?**

School staff will be available to answer any questions or concerns a student may have. Questions about the 2021-2022 SCDSB School Climate Survey can also be directed to [schoolclimate@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:schoolclimate@scdsb.on.ca).

The information that is collected will be used to help guide our schools in creating and maintaining safe and supportive learning environments for all students. Thank you for your support!



### **Kindergarten registration for September 2022 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 2022? If so, we invite you to register your child for kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: [www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten).

### **EarlyON Child and Family Centres**

Did you know that EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer free programs, resources, parenting courses and developmental screening, as well as referrals to community programs? All children, prenatal through 6 years of age, can participate with their parent(s) or caregiver(s). In Simcoe County there are four agencies that deliver EarlyON Child and Family programs. Services are available in English and French and can be explored by visiting [www.simcoe.ca/ChildrenandCommunityServices/Pages/EarlyON.aspx](http://www.simcoe.ca/ChildrenandCommunityServices/Pages/EarlyON.aspx). EarlyON Child and Family Centre staff are trained in child development and facilitation of educational programs for parents/guardians and children, and are now providing a new parent/child interactive program called *Getting Ready for Kindergarten* for parents/guardians and children who are starting Kindergarten this fall! Pre-register at [www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/hubfs/GRFK.pdf](http://www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/hubfs/GRFK.pdf).

**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 2022, 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.

**Supporting students as they transition into school, from one school to another, and from school upon graduation – information for parents/caregivers**

April 12

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma – information for parents/caregivers**

May 10

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 <https://bit.ly/3s8OBm8>.

**School council members invited to learn more about skilled trades in the SCDSB at virtual event**

School council members from Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) schools are invited to attend Connections 2.0 on April 19. This virtual event, hosted by the SCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), will feature conversations about skilled trades and apprenticeship opportunities and engage participants in discussions and idea-sharing sessions.

Join guest speaker Elaine McLachlin, the SCDSB's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) Coordinator, for a skilled trades and apprenticeship presentation followed by virtual school tours, a panel discussion on redefining school councils and a breakout session with your PIC representative.

To learn more and register visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/connections](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/connections). Registration closes on April 15.

**Students with ASD invited to participate in virtual after-school programs this spring**

Social and recreational programs will be offered from April to June for Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The programs will be offered virtually, and will focus on using recreation, problem solving, coding and play skills to support social skills development.

**Children's Friendship Training**

A nine week, evidence-based social skills intervention for motivated children diagnosed with ASD, who are interested in learning ways to help them make and keep friends.

**Play Ball Kidz Recreation Program**

A nine week, multi-component recreation program designed to improve the gross motor skills and social skills of children diagnosed with ASD.

**Escape Room Social Skills Program**

A nine week, escape room themed program designed to improve problem solving skills of children diagnosed with ASD by focusing on cooperation and teamwork to support social skills development.

**Music Social Skills Program**

A nine week, music based program designed to improve emotional regulation and social skills of children diagnosed with ASD by focusing on singing, dancing, and playing instruments in a virtual group setting.

Parents/guardians are an important part of the programs and will receive resources and support to help children develop and practice new skills at home and at school. Limited spaces are available. For more information about the sessions and to complete the initial application form, visit the SCDSB website at [scdsb.on.ca/inclusiverecreationprograms](http://scdsb.on.ca/inclusiverecreationprograms) by April 8, 2022.

**Making 'cents' of money matters**

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 like a book, toy or a 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](http://practicalmoneyskills.ca), practicalmoneyskills.ca
- [Help Your Kids Understand Money: A Parent's Guide](http://themint.org), themint.org

**April School Council Corner Updates**

**Upcoming parent learning**

Simcoe District School Board presents Pine Rivers Institute Center for Family Initiatives webinar series

Understanding Addiction and Addictive Behaviours

[Register here](#)

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 7pm

Looking at why kids can get stuck and how addictive behaviours may develop. Seeing the "function" behind the addiction, and how parents/guardians can support recovery without shame and guilt.

[Register here](#)

**What's coming next**

Clearview Meadows has partnered with Big Box of Cards featuring a box of 33 all occasion cards or 33 all birthday cards for our next fundraiser. More details to come the following week.



Are you doing a spring clean out? We are looking for gently used sports equipment to hand out to each of the classrooms to be used at recess. Looking for things like soft nerf balls, frisbees, basketballs, soccer balls, hula hoops, bubbles etc. More details to come.



Next meeting is April 4 at 5:30pm-7:00pm via zoom, please contact [councilchaircle@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:councilchaircle@scdsb.on.ca) to be added to the invite.