



Administrative Team

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Looking back on February...

February may be the shortest month of the year but in schools it may be one of the busiest! For families and educators this month marks the celebration of Black excellence and achievement, 100th day of learning, report cards, transition planning for our grade 8s moving on to high school and the start of term 2. More than anything, February is the halfway point in the year, when reflect and plan forward setting goals for a successful end to the school year.

We were excited this month to invite Barrie Public Library and the SPCA in to support learning and make important connections to community opportunities and organizations.

Staff took on many professional learning tasks and assessments to support student growth. Those included training and the administration of the Acadience Reading screener, LEXIA training, Reading for the Love of it Conference and our own in-house Math learning with a focus on Teaching Problem Solving. We have also completed our high school transition meetings, strengths and needs meetings and goal setting for next terms individual learning plans.

Students too were busy, as we saw great turn-outs for drop in gym, club of clubs, battle of the books, grad photos, PALS, Share the Love (cards for Seniors), kinder visits to IOOF, Girls Intermediate Volleyball and Boys Intermediate Basketball. A very special shout-out to our in-house exercise challenge that led to a collective achievement of travelling to the moon and halfway back to earth. This was based on a Km being awarded for each push-up, squat or jumping jack completed by a student. Mr. Jewson's grade 8s led the pack with and grand total for the whole school.

We are never sure how far the grape vine spreads but you may have heard that we celebrated family day in very special way at the castle. Our grade 2 teacher Ms. Apter invited our newest knight into the fold. We are pleased to announce the arrival of baby Kate. We are grateful to Ms. Martincek who has joined the team at Allandale. We also have Ms. Johnston joining the team, who is in for Ms. Sedore in Grade 3 and Ms. Danignani in for Ms. Pigott in Kindergarten. We have also had the pleasure of the support of Ms. Hewitt and Ms. Makwana supporting our Educational Assistant Team.

Thank goodness they through an extra day in this year!

Looking forward to March that will include both the March and Easter breaks, the start of junior sports, partnering with the Thinking Consortium (staff PD), Grade 7 and 8 after school tutoring, Swim to Survive (Gr 3/7), character assemblies and so much more!

SCDSB Parent and Community Resources and Links







<u>School Climate Surveys</u>	<u>Kindergarten Registration is OPEN</u>	<u>Starting Kindergarten Resources</u>	<u>PA day and Holiday Child Care</u>
<u>Barrie Public library March Break Resources</u>	<u>Pine River Institute Parenting Course</u>	<u>Special Education Learning Series for Parents</u>	<u>Youth Reach Funding for Sports outside of school</u>
<u>Fostering Opportunities</u>	<u>SMDHU Guides to Sleep</u>	<u>Summer Learning e-courses</u>	<u>Edu Travel Opportunities</u>
<u>Family Math Learning supports</u>	<u>SCDSB Collection and use of student information</u>	<u>Free virtual math tutoring Gr. 4-10</u>	<u>Mental Health Supports Gr 7-8</u>

Lost and Found

March Calendar

SCDSB Days of Awareness

SCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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4 Gr 8 Transition meetings	<i>Osmow's</i>	5 Open Gym Gr. 5-8 	6 Character Assembly 	7 Wellness Walk 	8	
11	12	13	14	15	March Break- No School	
18	<i>Osmow's</i>	19 Gr 3 Swim Open Gym Gr. 5-8 	20 	21 	22 Wellness Walk	
25	<i>Osmow's</i>	26 Gr 3 Swim Open Gym Gr. 5-8 	27 	28 	29 Good Friday No School	



Safe Arrival

If your child(ren) will be late or away, please call Safe Arrival:

(Note: if your child(ren) will be away for multiple days, you can report them all in one call or email).

- ☐ Call the NEW Safe Arrival Line at **1-888-885-8065**

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.

(Parent Instruction Guide: [Safe Arrival Line Reference Guide - Parent Version.pdf](#))

IF YOU HAVE NOT CALLED SAFE ARRIVAL AND RECEIVE THE SAFE ARRIVAL CALL, PLEASE CALL THE SAFE ARRIVAL NUMBER AND NOT THE SCHOOL.

- ☐ Email allattendance@scdsb.on.ca



Emails & Communication

At Allandale Public School we rely on email communication to reach our community quickly and efficiently. It is important to have updated email addresses on file and to check school correspondence on a regular basis. Please ensure "School Messenger" is not a blocked email recipient and that you read each email entirely as it likely contains important information for your child(ren).



Phone Calls

Administration, staff, or students may call home for a variety of reasons. Please be sure voicemail is setup on your phone and to **check all messages** before returning calls to the school. This will help expedite your call and connect you with the person you were contacted by.



After School Pick Up Changes

We understand that last minute changes may occur; unfortunately, the end of the day is very busy in the office, and classrooms may be in various locations (including outdoors). Therefore, unless it's an emergency, **please refrain from making changes after 2:30 pm** for the safety of our students.



Parking Lot Safety

Please enter from the East entrance. Please do not enter the parking lot or pass school vehicles (buses/vans) when they are on school property. Please patiently wait behind them until they exit.



Cashless School

Allandale Heights Public School aims to be a cashless school. Please remember to sign up for School CashOnline; it is a convenient and efficient way to purchase various school items such as lunches, fieldtrip, sporting events, activity fees, and complete annual Permissions and Acknowledgements.

KEV Parent Help Hotline: 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com



LUNCHBOX by SchoolCashOnline

With every meal delivered funds generated are put toward our school. If you haven't already, be sure to create your School Cash Online (SCO) account to have access to this opportunity!

Parent Support: 1-877-426-6860 or info@lunchboxorders.com

Orders Due: Sundays by 12:00 noon (or order multiple weeks in advance!)

Did you know: If you know your child(ren) will be away you can cancel your order up to two days in advance, and SCO will credit your account.



Office Reminders

We kindly ask that you be mindful of the following as the office is a very busy place:

- If you miss a call from the school, please check your voicemail for details before calling back to help expedite your call and connect you with the right person.
- Please make any medical or other appointments ahead of time outside of school hours the best you can, as things are very busy during nutrition/recess breaks. Please make sure you let your child's teacher know ahead of time via [email](#)
- If you need to make changes to your child(ren)'s dismissal, please try to do so well ahead of time and no later than 2:30pm the day of and communicate this with the classroom teacher via email as classrooms may be in various locations in the school or on the school yard.

In acknowledging the safety of our walking students, it's essential to emphasize that we cannot assume a walking child is safely at home on a bus cancellation day. Our responsibility includes following up and ensuring the well-being of any absent child. Even on bus cancellation days, it remains a requirement to promptly call the safe arrival line before 8:30AM and report your child as absent. Your cooperation is crucial in maintaining the safety and security of all our students.

Extras!

- We are looking for donations of computer mice, yarn and crochet needles! Please contact the office.
- April 8th will be a PA Day moved from April 26th. For details on the PA day for staff, please refer to the following [link](#).

Special Thanks to the Barrie Marshall's Team for their food donation!

