

Steele Street Spiel

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In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you, from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Colonel John McCrae



REMEMBERANCE DAY CEREMONY



Friday, November 11, 2011
9:00 am

Everyone will wear a poppy on Friday, November 11th at Steele St. to remember those who fought to maintain our freedom and to honour those who continue to defend democracy around the world.

Primary students will gather in the library and Junior/Intermediate students will meet in the gym. Assemblies will begin at 9:00 a.m.
Parents are welcome.

At 11 am we will have a moment of silence.

REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS

Open communication between the home and school continues to be a vital part of student success at school. During the week of November 14-18th you will have an opportunity to sit down with your child and their teacher for a student-led conference. On November 11, you received a progress report card for your child (Grade SK - 8 only), which details your child's academic and learning skills progress to date. Please sign and return the bottom portion of page two of the Progress Report. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Progress Report, please contact your child's teacher prior to the student led conferences.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Thank you to all who have called in their child(ren)'s absences. The effectiveness of the program depends on the reliability of parents. Please call each and every time. The Safe Arrival Program is administered by a volunteer- She is wonderful! Please ensure you leave your message at 728-9292. This line is available 24 hours a day. A Big Thank You goes out to Charlotte Niepage who continues to be our friendly voice with the Safe Arrival Program.

If you would like to help out with this program, please call the office and let Monika Walker our school SASE know.

SCHOOL ENTRY

Just a reminder to all, a warning bell rings at 8:33 am and the entry bell rings at 8:35 am. The school day officially begins at 8:35 am and students arriving after 8:35 am are considered late. It is important that students arrive on time, so they have a good beginning to their day. Please make every effort to have your child arrive on time. Please remember our parking lot is closed to cars at the beginning and ending of each school day. This is for the safety of our students and to allow our buses entry and exit from our one and only driveway. Thank you for your support.

GO GREEN

Please consider purchasing from the school one of our go green water bottles. They are available from the office for \$5.50. Please drop by and purchase one.

CHARACTER

On Friday, October 28th, we celebrated our GOOD CHARACTER BEGINS WITH YOU at an assembly for all students. Our winners demonstrated the Character Trait of **Respect**. Congratulations to all our Winners. Also many thanks goes out to Mr. Herbst's gr. 8 class for organizing and running our assembly. At our next Character Award assembly, November 25th, we will be recognizing students who demonstrated the Character Trait of:

Courage— We do the right thing even when it's difficult.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are able to volunteer 1 day a week from 9 -11:15 am, then we need you. We are looking for parents who are willing to work with our primary students in the area of literacy. All we need are five volunteers willing to donate 100 minutes, one day a week to support our students.

We will train you and provide you with the resources. If you can help, please call the school and ask to speak with Mrs. Smith. 705-728-9292. You will need to have completed a criminal record check.

Thanks in advance!

WEATHER ZONES FOR SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATIONS



Winter driving conditions can be challenging in Simcoe County and severe inclement weather sometimes requires the cancellation of school bus runs. Weather conditions are not always predictable and do not always follow a specific pattern. Decisions to cancel school bus runs are based on information from a number of sources before 6:00 a.m. that morning.

To limit bus cancellations if weather conditions warrant, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) has developed "Inclement Weather

Zones". These four zone areas have been determined with consideration to weather patterns, school catchment areas, routes that cross over catchment areas and special needs transportation.

The implementation of four weather zones – North, South, Central and West – allow for partial cancellations. For example, when the weather in the Collingwood area is such that it is not safe for the buses to travel the roads, then buses in the West Weather Zone would be cancelled, while the buses in the remaining three zones would continue to run. No school belongs in more than one zone. We are zone Central Simcoe County.

This year's bus cancellation notifications will be posted first at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Please visit this new website – and "Bookmark" it – before the snow starts to fly.

We are the Central Simcoe County Weather Zone:

Notification of bus cancellations will continue to be made via the school board website and media announcements through **ROCK 95 FM, STAR 107.5 FM, 93.1FM and B101 FM**.

If weather is severe throughout the entire County of Simcoe, then the media will announce: "**All School Buses in Simcoe County are cancelled**".

Please note: Schools are open for learning when buses are cancelled, unless stated otherwise. However if the buses are cancelled in the morning they are cancelled for the day.

PLAYGROUNDS – DANGER OF STRANGULATION

Each year in Canada, thousands of children get hurt at playgrounds playing on slides, monkey bars or swings. Some children have died when their clothing or drawstrings got caught on playground equipment or fences. Some children have died when they became entangled in ropes or skipping ropes attached to playground equipment. Loose clothing, hoods, scarves, drawstrings, mitten cords, ropes and skipping ropes can strangle a child!

Safety Tips:

- Remove cords and drawstrings from children's hoods, hats and jackets.
- Tuck in all clothing that can get caught on playground equipment.
- Wear a neck warmer instead of a scarf.
- Take off bicycle helmets before using playground equipment. Bicycle helmets can get trapped on equipment and strangle a child.
- Make sure children do not tie ropes or skipping ropes to slides and other playground equipment.
- Teach children how to use playground equipment and play safely.

If you want to know more about playground safety please call toll free: **Safe Kids Canada at 1-888-723-3847** or visit their web site at: www.safekidscanada.ca.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 6th



Remember to change your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 6th.

KIDS OF STEELE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING TEAM

We were very proud of our cross country team (Gr. 4 – 8) this year. There were 51 runners who competed in our first annual Kids of Steele Invitational and our Regional Meet at Sunnidale Park. Eighteen Steele Street runners qualified for the Simcoe County Championships at Mount St. Louis Ski Resort on Tuesday October 18. There were 140 of the best runners in Simcoe County competing in each of the 10 races.

The following students finished in the top 20 runners in the county:

Mary J. 1st 12 yr girls

Alyssa E. 1st 13 yr girls

Treyvon D. 19th 11 yr boys

Talin 36th, Patrick 46th, Kylene 77th, Spencer 41st, Christian 101st, Angelique 83rd,

Reagan 114th, Tate 89th, Zahra 97th, Camisha 106th, Ashley 96th, Joanna 109th, Annie 34th, Gilian 54th, Hailey 105th

What a great season! Everyone gave a 110%!

Set a goal for next year and bring a friend out for cross country running.

Keep active and check out this website for the SCDSB Championship Race results:

<http://chiptimeresults.com>

A big thank you to EVERYONE who helped at the meets.

Coaches: Mr. Herbst & Ms. Sanford

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Steele St. staff and students showed how much they care by donating food to the Barrie Food Bank. Their empathy and compassion for the community is much appreciated. We'll look forward to our next food drive during the Christmas season. Thanks to all who contributed and thank you to our staff organizers, Mrs. MacPherson and Ms. Galloway.

Q.S.P. FUNDRAISER

The Q.S.P. fundraiser was a great success. In total Steele Street families and fiends had sales totaling just over \$7,000.00 Amazing! (Which means the school has raised approximately \$3500.00 in fundraising dollars!!)

A huge thanks you goes out to all participating families, their friends, and relatives. Please remember that it takes approximately 12-16 weeks for some magazine subscriptions to begin—all depending on the subscription cycle. A BIG Thanks also goes out to Mrs. Niepage who organized this fundraiser.

If you have any concerns you can call Q.S.P. directly at 1-800-667-2536 or www.qsp.ca.

Again, thank you!

TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN

Thank you for your support for a very worthwhile cause. Our Steele Street community raised just over \$8,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. You are still able to pledge funds online at www.terryfoxrun.org for Steele Street School in Barrie.

Our Terry Fox Celebration will be November 17th at 1:15 pm.

HEALTH NEWS

HEALTHY HABITS!

The new Food Guide recommends **limiting**:

- foods and beverages high in calories, fat, sugar or salt
- saturated fats from fatty meats, butter, lard, shortening and hard margarines
- trans fats in such foods as doughnuts, cookies and other baked goods
- salt (sodium)
- sugar in such items as soft drinks and desserts

Check it out: www.healthycanadians.ca

SNACK IDEA for after school: whole grain low fat fruit muffin (homemade choices allow you the greatest control of content)

HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING!

Did you know? It only takes 10,000 steps a day to be active.

The 2010 Active Healthy Kids Canada Report Card once again assigns an F for Screen Time as 90 per cent of Canadian children are still spending too much time in front of television, computer and video screens instead of being physically active. Kids are accumulating six hours of screen time on weekdays and more than seven hours on weekend days – roughly equivalent to an adult's work week

MENTAL WELLNESS

Deep Breathing – A Quick Way to Relax

Get into a comfortable position. You can close your eyes if you like. Imagine you have a balloon in your tummy. Place one hand on your belly button. Breathe in slowly and deeply through your nose to a count of four. Feel the balloon fill up with air. When the balloon is full, breathe out slowly, using a count of four, to flatten the balloon. Our hand may rise and fall as the balloon fills and empties.

1. Slowly blow up the balloon 1...2...3...4
2. Now, slowly bow out and flatten the balloon
3. Repeat five times and then breathe normally.

Remember to breathe out as slowly as you breathe in, Breathing in deeply without relaxed slow exhalations can lead to dizziness or hyperventilation.

Check it out: www.psychologyfoundation.org/pdf/Relaxrev-TA3.pdf

THANK-YOU!!!

Thank you to the parents who drive students to games and meets and cheer, parents who helped at the Terry Fox School Run, pledged money for the Terry Fox Foundation, work in our classrooms, office and library, support our book fairs, send in Zehrs receipts, Campbell Soup labels and find lost library books.

TOASTMASTER PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

Coming to Steele Street in soon - Toastmaster Club! Sponsored and conducted by the Toastmasters Club in Barrie, Steele Street is offering a Youth Leadership program for students grade six to eight. This eight week program will help our students to improve their speaking and leadership skills. Participants will increase their self-confidence as they learn the principles of listening, thinking and speaking. This free eight week program will run after school from 3:15 to 4:15. Permissions form are available in the office.

SCHOOL FOOD AND BEVERAGE POLICY

Schools across Ontario implemented the Ministry of Education's School Food and Beverage Policy (PPM 150) on September 1, 2011. This policy applies to all food and beverages **sold** on school property, including cafeterias and vending machines, through all programs, including catered lunches (lunch programs), and at all school-sanctioned events, on school property, including bake sales and sporting events.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thursday November 3: Gwen Petreman will be presenting her environmental based story books and Aesop Fables to the Gr. 1, 2 and 3 classes. Parents are welcome. Students may purchase her books: \$8.00 and \$10.00

Monday November 7: Eva Olsson presentation in the gym for our grade seven and eight students. Johnson Street students will be here too.

Scholastic Book Fair:

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open Wednesday November 16 - Thursday November 17 during the conferences at our school.

Zehrs Receipts:

Our Zehrs Receipts program pays for the cost of the author visits above. Please send receipts to the library.

NEW! Steele Street website: <http://sst.scdsb.on.ca/>
Explore our newly designed website. Thank you Ms. Linton.

Tumblebooks

Tumblebooks is a great on-line reading programs for K – 8 students to use at home and at school. You will find it on our Steele Street Website.

Username: scdsb

Password: books

[World Book Online:](#)

Username: scdsb

Password: simcoe

Steele Street Yoga Stretch & Strength: Beginning on Wednesday November 2nd from 3:00pm to 3:45pm for grade 3 – 8 students who would like to stretch their limits in the library. It is a yoga /pilates based exercise program. No experience necessary. Please sign up for a mat in the library (25 mats) Students are responsible to arrange rides home.

Homework Club: Beginning in November

Junior and Intermediate students are welcome to work in the library on Fridays at first nutrition break. This is a time that students may study for tests, catch up on homework, work on a project or just enjoy reading a book.

Battle of the Books Reading Club: Beginning in November

Wednesdays and Fridays at first nutrition break.

Grade 4 – 8 students are welcome to join our fun reading group. We will be choosing a BOB Team to represent Steele Street at the Battle of the Books Championships at the Barrie Public Library in the spring. Please find more information at the Barrie Public Library Website:

<http://www.library.barrie.on.ca/children/programmes/bob.htm>

Help! Parent volunteers needed in the library. No experience necessary!

SNOW RULES

We love to see our students playing in the snow, building forts and snow people. However, with a population of over 300, we do not allow students to throw snow due to the risk of injury. Your support of this policy is necessary and appreciated. We wish to maintain a safe, secure environment for all our students.



STEELE STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 Pita Day	2	3	4 Pizza Day	5
6 Clocks Fall back— Day Light Saving Time Ends	7	8 Pita Day	9 Picture Retake Day	10	11 Progress Reports come home Remembrance Day Pizza Day	12
13	14 Conference Week	15 Pita Day Conference Week	16 Conference Week	17 Conference Week Terry Fox Assembly	18 P.A. DAY Morning Student Involved Conferences	19
20 National Child Day	21	22 Pita Day	23 Gr. 8's at Eastview	24	25 Steele Street Awards Assembly - 9 am Pizza Day	26
27	28	29 Pita Day	30			