



## Pine River Elementary School

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*"We believe every student can achieve."*

Principal  
Marg Moran

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**November 2012**

**Courage:** "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." Walt Disney

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Progress reports will be coming home on November 9th. Student led conferences will take place during the week of November 12-16. Please ensure you have booked a time to attend a student led conference with your child and their teacher. *This is a great opportunity to review your child's progress to date.*

#### ***Setting Goals is an Essential Life Skill***

- *Knowing how to set reasonable goals and striving for them is an important life skill.*
- *Encourage your child to think about what they want to accomplish, i.e., is it a short term and/or long term goal,*
  - ⇒ *For example: I will improve my reading fluency by reading for 30 minutes each night.*
  - ⇒ *I will bring 2 healthy snacks to school each day for nutrition breaks.*
  - ⇒ *I will participate in class by contributing ideas at least twice a day*
- *Short term: Set a deadline. Short-term goals are the most attainable and realistic when it comes to goal setting.*
- *A good "short term" deadline could range from a couple of weeks up to a month*
- *Once you have determined a goal with your child, set a plan, "how will they reach their goal?"*

***"Your goals are the road maps that guide you and show you what is possible in your life." Author unknown***

- *Parent involvement is key to a child's progress and can have a positive outcome on improving student achievement.*

### LEARNING SKILLS

#### MAGIC "15"

***Strong learning skills are essential & directly linked to student achievement.***

Students who achieve a total of 15 points in their 6 learning skills will be awarded with a Magic 15 Learning Skills Certificate each term beginning with the February 2013 report card.

***Each learning skill counts for a set amount of points.***

Excellent—3 points

Good—2 points

Satisfactory—1 point

### READY FOR LIFT OFF! VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT LITERACY

We are just about ready to begin working with our parent & community volunteers to support students in the development of their literacy skills, particularly in the area of reading and writing.

**Just an hour or two per week can make a difference for our students!**

*When you read to a child you.....*

- ◇ *Help a student build their knowledge about a range of topics*
- ◇ *Build a child's vocabulary*

*Foster a love of reading, in both fiction and non-fiction and much, much more!*

**NOTE:** All volunteers must have a current Criminal Background Check or Yearly Offence Declaration on file.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Norcard orders** have been placed and should arrive at the school in about 3 weeks.

Watch for our **“Chicken on the Run”** fundraiser coming SOON. This program offers fresh & frozen meat products.

**ORDER YOUR FRESH  
CHRISTMAS  
TURKEY!!!**

**Family Portraits with Santa &  
Pancake Supper –Dec 4th**



## New To You Book Sale

Reducing Our Carbon Footprint

Pine River Elementary will be holding a New-To-You book sale in December. We are looking for donations for K-Gr 8 age appropriate books that are no longer being used in your home. Proceeds of the sale will go towards the Pine River Playground Fund. Donations can be dropped off at the school up until the end of November.



Thank you very much for your support.

## TRINKET TO TREASURE SALE IS COMING

Do you have any small items at home in resalable condition that you would like to recycle? Pine River is looking for donations of gently used items for our Trinket to Treasure sale that will be taking place in the month of December. Items can be dropped off at the office throughout the month of November. **Sale starts December 5th.**



## COLOUR HOUSE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

### Buy Your Colour House T-shirts! Only \$5

T-SHIRTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
AT THE OFFICE. **IN LIMITED SIZES.**

BUY ONE AND SUPPORT YOUR  
HOUSE COLOUR TODAY!



## COLOUR HOUSE UPDATE

Thanks to students who supported our theme day on October 31st by either wearing a costume or dressing in orange/black.

**Red 328**

**Green 331**

**Orange 339**

**Blue 338**

**Next colour day:**

Friday Nov 23rd K-8

Join us for Barrie Colts  
Hockey Game on

December 15th @7:00 pm.

Tickets available  
soon!



## SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

### Stress Response: What is it?

Stress is not new. Thousands of years ago, humans were hunter-gatherers. Stress was a trigger for adrenalin; it made people faster, stronger, more alert. We're not hunting or running away from predators much today. But the stress response system or the "fight or flight response" still kicks in when we're rushing around. If daily life is filled with stress triggers, it can harm your health – and create tension in the family.

When parents can stop, take a breath and re-think a stressor or problem, kids will also learn to stop and think and become creative problem-solvers rather than meet a problem with a "tiger fighting" response.

For more information you can call Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 and speak with a public health nurse or click on the health unit

**Essa Library** Free After School Program 3:30 -5:30 pm Monday through Friday for grades 2 through grades 6– free – homework help and centres based on educational activities – develop social connections and academics.



# **Invitation to all First Nation, Métis and Inuit students, parents, families**

## **Community/Family Information Gathering and Feast**

**Launch of the revised Simcoe County District School Board Voluntary, Confidential Self Identification of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Students.**

**Come and learn about our many activities and programs to support students and curriculum.**

<i>Barrie and Area schools and community</i>	<i>Tuesday November 13, 2012 4:00 – 7:00 pm</i>	<i>Barrie Native Friendship Centre</i>
<i>Midland and area schools and community</i>	<i>Tuesday November 20, 2012 4:00 – 7:00 pm</i>	<i>Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre</i>
<i>Orillia and area schools and community</i>	<i>Tuesday November 27, 2012 4:00 – 7:00 pm</i>	<i>Rama Community Hall Rama First Nation</i>

### **Agenda:**

**4:00 - Registration and door prize**

**4:30 - Welcome and opening**

**5:30 - Roast beef dinner**

**6:45 - Closing**

**For more information, please contact**

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### **SCDSB offers parents a workshop on Navigating Special Education**

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites parent/guardian(s) to attend a workshop entitled "Navigating Special Education." The purpose of the workshop is to increase understanding of Special Education in the SCDSB. The workshop will cover: what is special education; understanding special education processes in SCDSB; the role of the Special Education Advisory Committee; how to access available resources; communication, assessment and data collection; Individual Education Plans (IEPs); and also provide information on why and when Strengths and Needs Committees (SNCs) and Identification Placement and Review Committees (IPRCs) occur. The workshop will take place on **November 28, 2012** from **6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in the following locations:

Huron Park Public School	425 Robert Street, Midland, ON
Orchard Park Public School	24 Calverley Street, Orillia, ON
Allandale Heights Public School	124 Bayview Drive, Barrie, ON
Connaught Public School	300 Peel Street, Collingwood ON
WH Day Elementary School	410 Maplegrove Avenue

# NOVEMBER 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Remembrance Day Ceremony November 12th @ 11:10 <i>Parents Welcome!</i>				1 Day 5	2 Day 1	3
4	5 Day 2 <i>Sub Day</i>	6 Day 3 <i>Sub Day</i>	7 Day 4 <i>Pizza day</i> Grade 8's at NPSS	8 Day 5 <i>Pizza day</i>	9 Day 1 Progress Reports go home!	10
11	12 Day 2 <i>Sub Day</i>	13 Day 3 <i>Sub Day</i>	14 Day 4 <i>Pizza day</i> Picture Re-take Day	15 Day 5 <i>Pizza day</i>	16 Day 1 P A Day	17
18	19 Day 1 <i>Sub Day</i>	20 Day 2 <i>Sub Day</i>	21 Day 3 <i>Pizza day</i>	22 Day 4 <i>Pizza day</i>	23 Day 5 House Colours! Crazy Pattern Day	24
25	26 Day 1 <i>Sub Day</i>	27 Day 2 <i>Sub Day</i>	28 Day 3 Pizza day Spirit Assembly Wear Your Jersey Meet the Barrie Colts!	29 Day 4 <i>Pizza day</i>	30 Day 5	