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ALGONQUIN RIDGE NEWS - SEPTEMBER 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! We know that you share our excitement as we begin another year of learning and growing together! It was great to reconnect with many children and families on the busy first day of school and we look forward to making memories with you this year during a wide variety of experiences that only your local elementary school can provide!

Once again, with your patience and support, we have managed to cope with changes to our routines necessitated by construction. We anticipate that the work on the main school building will be complete sometime next week and we will be able to open the Northwest Primary gate to student traffic. This will reduce congestion on the Southside and provide an additional space for bicycle storage. The next phase of construction will involve the stand alone shed at the rear of the parking lot. While we will lose a few parking spots during this phase we expect the disruption to school activities to be minimal.

Traditionally, the parents of Kindergarten children have been welcome to walk their children directly to their entry doors on the first week of school (they are the only caregivers we allow onto the school yard at dismissal throughout the year). You are reminded that beginning Monday, September 10th all parents will need to say their goodbyes at the gate. Multiple school staff are on duty, beginning at 8:55 am, to ensure student safety. It is the absence of numerous strange adults on the schoolyard that allows us to monitor students and ensure that we have no unwelcome visitors.

We'd like to invite you all to attend our annual Meet the Teacher (DECE, EA, Caretaker, Principal etc.) event planned for Wednesday, the 26th of September, between 4:30 and 5:30 pm. This Open House is intended to be a brief, informal opportunity for you to see your child's (children's) classroom, meet the teacher and other staff who work with and care for your child, and learn a little about the teacher's routines and program. This is not an opportunity to seek feedback on your child's progress to this point in the year. Teachers are always available for conversations about learning and we suggest you simply ask for a phone call or later meeting to discuss specific concerns. Formal evening and PA Day interviews are scheduled to take place in November (22-23).

Please consider getting involved with the ARES School Council this year. The committee is made up of dedicated parents, staff and community members who work together to keep our school great. This advisory committee shares their ideas and input with the school staff, organize and lead fund raising efforts and contribute to the decisions made around how funds are used to enhance student life. This is just a reminder that we will be having our first School Council Meeting on Monday Sept. 24 at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons. We will also hold our school council election at the meeting. Elected/voting members are expected to attend about 8 meetings per year which usually run about 2 hours. Non-elected parents are always welcome to attend meetings to learn about their school and often to volunteer with fund-raising efforts etc.

To be eligible to hold an elected position (chair or co-chair, treasurer, secretary, community representative, member at large) you will need to pick up a nomination form, complete it and return it to the school by Sept. 18th. They have been emailed to the community (see newsletter) and are available in the office (we would be happy to send one home with your child upon request).

Cory McKeown & Karen Moffitt
Principal & Vice-Principal

CALENDAR

September 18 – Deadline for School Council nominations
September 24 – School Council Elections/1st Meeting (6:30 in Learning Commons)
September 26 – Rowan's Law Day
September 26 – Meet the Teacher – 4:30-5:30
September 27 – Terry Fox Run
October 1 – Orange Shirt Day/Every Child Matters (Remembering residential school students)
October 3 - Dominoes Raise the Dough Night Fundraiser
October 8 – Thanksgiving – **school closed**
October 9 – Barrie Colts Assembly/Public Health Vaccinations
October 10 – Regional X Country
October 15 – Picture Day
October 16 – County X Country
October 17 – Regional Football Tournament
October 22 – PA Day – **no school for students**
October 27 – Barrie Colts Adopt-a- School Night at Barrie Molson Centre

MEET THE TEACHER

We will be having an open house to give families an opportunity to meet the teacher and see the classroom. It will take place on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 between 4:30-5:30. You will also have the opportunity to sign up for parent-teacher conferences which will be take place November 22nd and 23rd.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

You are invited to our first school council meeting of the year on Monday, Sept. 24th at 6:30 PM in the Learning Commons. If you are interested in being a voting member of our School Council, please complete a nomination form and submit it to the school office by **Thursday, Sept. 18th, 2018**. Elections will take place at the first meeting. Commitment is about one meeting or school event per month and help with fundraising initiatives. If you are interested in attending council, but not becoming a voting member, there is no need to complete the form. Just keep an eye out for our meeting dates and come join us!

We offer our sincere gratitude to the member of the 2017-18 School Council who worked very hard, often behind the scenes, to ensure that our students enjoyed the very best in resources, opportunities and services.

INDOOR SHOES

All students should have indoor shoes for school. Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes (not slippers) that can be kept at school and used for gym classes, fire drills and general wear while in school. If possible, please make sure the shoes have non-marking soles.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY 2018 : EVERY CHILD MATTERS

On Monday, October 1st, students and staff at the SCDSB are encouraged to participate in Orange Shirt Day by having conversations regarding residential schools and wearing an orange shirt.

PROCEDURES HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOL SAFE

The safety and well-being of students is our top priority. We have a number of procedures in place to keep our school safe. You can help your child understand and feel safe by:

- talking to them about the situations below
- reminding them that emergencies are rare
- telling them it's important to follow staff instructions in these situations

Parents should talk about the following emergency drills with their children:

- **Shelter in place** is used when there is an environmental or weather-related situation, like a chemical spill outside the building, or a major storm. Activities continue inside the school. Students and staff are not allowed to leave the building. The ventilation system may be shut off.
- A **hold and secure** is used when there is a situation in the community, not related to the school, like a bank robbery nearby. Activities continue, but all exterior doors are locked. No one is allowed to enter or exit the school.
- A **lockdown** is used when there is a major incident or a threat of violence related to the school. Students and staff move to secure areas, away from doors and windows. Interior doors are locked, lights are shut off and blinds are drawn. Students and staff remain quiet. We practice lockdown drills at least two times per year. In the unlikely event of an actual lockdown situation, police ask that parents do not go to the school. Information will be communicated through the school board social media sites (www.facebook.com/SCDSB and www.twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools) and website (www.scdsb.on.ca), through local police and local media.
- All schools have **evacuation plans** in case of gas leaks, bomb threats or fire incidents that would require everyone to leave the school. We hold drills to practice our evacuation plan. In a real evacuation, students and staff may go to the evacuation site, depending on the situation. Parents will be informed about pick-up procedures by the school, school board and local media.
- Elementary school main doors are locked during the school day. Visitors must use the **intercom system** to enter the building. **Staff may not be available to answer the door immediately, please be patient.** All visitors, including school volunteers, are required to **sign in** at the school office and wear **visitor identification**.
- Staff and volunteers must complete a **criminal record check** before having contact with students.
- We ask parents to contact us when their child will be absent from school as part of our **Safe Arrival** program. When we don't hear from a parent/guardian and a student is absent, we will call home to find out the reason for the absence.
- At least two staff members in every school are trained in **first aid and CPR**. All SCDSB schools **have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)**.

When parents are at school during a drill or emergency event, they must follow direction from school staff, police, fire and/or emergency personnel. Parents may not have immediate access to their children during drills or emergencies. They may need to wait until the situation is resolved and school staff and/or emergency personnel release students into parent care.

It's important for you to know we'll always take whatever precautions are necessary to keep our school and students safe.

NEW SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD WEBSITE LAUNCHED THIS SUMMER

Visit www.scdsb.on.ca to check out our brand new look! Our new website launched in July, providing users with an accessible experience that is mobile-friendly – it works well whether you're on a desktop computer, mobile phone or tablet. The new website also has improved search functionality and a special *SCDSBshines* section to highlight and celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our staff.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to respect the guidelines when dressing for school. Our school is a safe space. We work to be equitable and inclusive, and understand that students may choose to express themselves through their clothing choices. Student clothing cannot pose a safety concern or conceal identity. Exceptions are granted to students who wear head coverings or other garments/objects for the purposes of religious observance, medical or sensory needs, or other reasons protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The SCDSB dress code is available in the student agenda and online at www.scdsb.on.ca. If you have questions about the dress code, you can contact the principal or the SCDSB Equity and Inclusion Education Team at 705-728-7570.



**There are lots of ways
to dress for school...**



...but there are a few things that aren't okay.



Exposed underwear



Spiked or chained accessories



Offensive or inappropriate content

SCHOOL BUS 'BUS TAG' PROGRAM HELPS STUDENTS GET TO AND FROM SCHOOL SAFELY

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's Bus Tag program supports safety for JK/SK and other school-identified students. The program helps match students to their assigned afternoon school bus and identifies that they must be met by a parent or guardian at their afternoon bus stop.

The program provides a colour coded Bus Tag with the assigned p.m. route number to be attached to the student's backpack and a colour coded route card with route number in the windows of the school bus that the Bus Tag is matched to. The program can also provide tags for students who are walkers and/or who remain at an on-site child care centre to make sure they don't get on a bus in error.

For more information, visit main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the 'Safety' tab.



BIRTHDAY AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS!

Like your children, we are very excited to share special occasions like birthdays with students but **we ask that**

you refrain from delivering edible treats to mark these occasions. The Ontario Healthy Schools Policy requires us to plan a limited number of dates that students may be eating snack foods and other treats that are not nutritious. When birthday cakes, cookies or cupcakes arrive at the office unexpectedly we are placed in a very awkward position. Many students with food allergies and specific dietary needs are left feeling badly when they cannot join in the fun and families making intentional efforts to monitor their children's diet won't know what their kids are being given at school. Tim Horton's products or other items that could potentially contain nuts are also difficult to monitor. We regret that we will **not be able to accept these items for classroom distribution. Please consider healthy snacks like fresh fruit or a non-edible item like a pencil if you wish to mark a special day.**

PARENT PORTAL GIVES PARENTS REAL-TIME ACCESS TO ATTENDANCE, GRADE INFORMATION

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID will be provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, you can visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

SAFETY REMINDER: SCHOOL BUSES ARE BACK ON THE ROADS

As students return to school, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) reminds everyone that school buses are back on our roads. The majority of school buses in Simcoe County are on the road in the morning from 7 – 9:30 a.m. and again in the afternoon from 2 – 4:30 p.m. As a reminder to drivers:

- **Take caution** – Be extra cautious in the vicinity of school buses and around school bus loading and unloading zones
- **Be alert** – Watch for school bus chrome yellow colouring, flashing red lights and stop arms. Drivers travelling in both directions on a road without a median must stop for a stopped school bus that has its upper red lights flashing
- **Know the repercussions** – Any driver that fails to stop for a school bus with its lights engaged is subject to a fine of up to \$2,000 and six demerit points for a first time offence
- **Be empowered** – Anyone who witnesses a driver failing to stop for a school bus can report the incident to police.

Visit the SCSTC web site at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca, click on the 'Home' button and then the 'Safety' tab for more information.

REGISTER NOW--FOR FREE INTERNATIONAL AND INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

The SCDSB offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enrol your children in this program to learn a new language, understand a new culture or to extend their knowledge of their first or second language, every student can benefit from this program. The Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) offers Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Ojibwe, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 15 (classes are dependent on student enrollment). There is no charge for this program. Most classes fill quickly on a first come, first served basis. Register your child by visiting www.thelearningcentres.com and clicking on 'Elementary Student.'

PAY FOR FIELD TRIPS, LUNCH DAYS, ETC. WITH SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

We have made it easy for parents to make their school purchases from the convenience of their own home. Whether it's lunch days, field trips or school wear, we have it online for you! Follow these three steps to get started:

1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or visit our school website and click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through bank transfer or credit card

It's safe, fast and convenient. Contact the office with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE HEALTH UNIT: SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE SMOKE FREE 24/7

Protect yourself and your children from the health hazards of second hand smoke. Remember, it is against the law to smoke ANYWHERE on school property at ANY TIME. This includes smoking in your vehicle while picking up or dropping off students. It is also against the law to smoke or hold lit tobacco in a vehicle carrying anyone under age 16. The fine for ignoring the law is \$250. For more information, contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

FREE DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 FROM HEALTHY SMILES ONTARIO

Free dental service is available to your child through Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's Healthy Smiles Dental Clinic in Barrie, or on the dental bus that visits many communities across Simcoe Muskoka throughout the year, as long as you qualify for the program. To find out if your child qualifies or to book an appointment, call the health unit (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) oral health team at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, extension 8818. Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government-funded program that provides free dental care for children and youth 17 years old and under from low-income households. This dental program provides free preventative, routine and emergency dental services.



Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

HOW EXERCISE CAN HELP WITH HOMEWORK

It's the start of a new school year and students need to get back into the swing of things! Many students and parents adopt a similar philosophy for success – clear your schedule, buckle down and focus. Although the intention is great, by focusing solely on the books and neglecting the body, students are not actually reaching their full potential. Here are three reasons why exercise can make students more productive:

- Better sleep – it's a fact that our brains work better with a good night's rest. Getting enough sleep contributes to the brain's capacity to store and retrieve information, complete tasks efficiently, maintain focus and manage stress – all of which will improve student success.
- Stress release – exercise is proven to release endorphins that reduce stress. We all know how hard it can be to focus with an aching back, cramped neck or jittery leg. These physical distractions are often a result of excessive time spent in sedentary activities. A quick body break can relieve tension, stress and excess energy, making it easier to focus on the tasks at hand.
- Retain more – blood pumping exercise increases the flow of oxygen to the brain making it more receptive to the flow of new information coming in. Studies prove that students who exercise three times a week or more get higher grades.

In addition to exercise, students should ensure they are eating healthy, staying hydrated and getting lots rest and fresh air.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka (www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca)

GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements. Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent. Parents/guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 this school year, who wish to nominate their child for gifted screening are asked to contact Ms. Rossignol on or before October 1, 2018. If you require further information about the gifted screening process, please contact the school

REGISTER FOR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL/CHILD CARE AT OUR SCHOOL (IF REQUIRED)

Register now for before and after school programs/childcare. The Before and After School Program is for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 who need care before and/or after the regular school day hours. The fees are as follows:

2018-19 Daily Fees

Before and After School Fee: \$20.75

Before School Only Fee: \$10.50

After School Only Fee: \$15.25

PA day, holiday Fee: \$37.75

Please contact SEEDS @ 705-726-3770 to register your child(ren).

PEANUT AND NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Our school strives to be a Nut-Safe School. At Algonquin Ridge we have a number of students who have a severe nut allergy. These students cannot be exposed to nuts in ANY form, as this may trigger an anaphylactic reaction that is life-threatening and requires immediate medical intervention. Therefore, in the best interests of these students and for any other students who may develop peanut or nut allergies in the future we have banned all peanut/nuts and food containing nuts within the school. These will include but are not limited to:

- Peanut butter sandwiches, dips or crackers
- Nutella
- Cookies or cakes with nuts
- Granola Bars with nuts
- Chocolate bars containing nuts e.g. Snickers
- Dried Fruit and nut mixes



Direct contact with the food is not always required to trigger a reaction. For example: if someone in our school eats peanuts and then touches playground equipment, the equipment may then become contaminated with enough peanut butter to trigger a severe reaction. We also ask that children who have peanut butter for breakfast on school days please wash their hands thoroughly and clean their teeth before coming to school.

As always, our paramount concern is for the safety and well-being for all children in our care. We feel this is the best way to attempt to ensure the safety of students that have severe nut allergies in our school. If your child forgets to comply with this, a reminder notice will be sent home with them and an alternative snack will be provided. Teachers will also assist students by reinforcing the policy through class discussions.

SCDSB COMMUNITY APPS PORTAL MAKES VOLUNTEERING EASY

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. This school year, we are implementing a new online Volunteer Portal. SCDSB Community Apps is a new online portal that allows you to begin the process for volunteering at a SCDSB school. The portal eliminates much of the paperwork currently associated with volunteers. Volunteer applications and approvals will occur online. The new mandate for Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) training, for volunteers, is also part of the portal. The Volunteer Portal is available for all new people requesting to volunteer at a school location: <http://communityapps.scdsb.on.ca>. Only new volunteers or those who require an updated Criminal Background Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CBC-VSS) are able to register on the portal at this time. Watch for further information coming home with students.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE INFORMATION FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen. The SCDSB has selected the Insure my Kids program through Old Republic Canada as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider. This insurance offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices. Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com. Participation in extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs) or out-of-province/out-of-country trips requires the purchase of this insurance, or other extended health and dental coverage. Student accident insurance packages will be sent home with students.

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://alr.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 Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca. The SCDSB Education Centre can be reached at 705-734-6363.
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB Schools), Facebook ([facebook.com/SCDSB](https://www.facebook.com/SCDSB)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/scdsb](https://www.instagram.com/scdsb)).

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's website at: main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.

IDEAS FOR PACKING HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCHES

A school lunch should give children the energy and nutrients they need to be ready to learn, be more alert and perform better at school. When planning lunches keep these tips in mind:

- Include one serving from at least three of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide.
- Rather than buying pre-made lunch kits, make your own healthy "lunch kit" with divided containers and small bite-sized cheese cubes, left over chicken chunks, veggie sticks or fruit slices.
- Get your kids to eat more veggies - send cucumber coins, zucchini sticks and pepper strips with dip.
- Fill whole wheat or multigrain wrap/pita/tortilla shells with your child's favourite foods such as hummus and grated carrot or sliced turkey with honey mustard.
- Don't have them drink their fruit - send water instead.

For more information to keep you and your family healthy, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

STRESSFUL MORNINGS SOUND FAMILIAR? HERE'S HOW TO GET ORGANIZED AND OUT THE DOOR ON TIME

Try these tips to help get the whole family out the door on time:

1. Plan ahead: pack lunches and pick out clothes the night before.
2. Go to bed at a reasonable hour so you wake up rested and ready for the day.
3. Wake up and get yourself ready, before your child.
4. Keep the TV and electronics off. These can be disruptive first thing in the morning.
5. Give clear instructions and be realistic about what your child can do for themselves. Praise them when they do something well to help them learn new skills.

Finally, remember to have patience. Your child learns from watching you! In time your child will learn to plan ahead, be organized, and develop patience too. For more tips, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or www.triplep-parenting.ca

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

DON'T STRESS! BACK TO SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH TIPS

It's the start of a new school year and students need to get back into the swing of things! While a new school year can be exciting, it can also cause stress and anxiety. The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) suggests maintaining positive mental health during this seasonal shift with the following strategies:

- Take care of your body – mental and physical health are fundamentally linked. Make sure to get enough sleep, drink water, eat well and exercise.
- Build resiliency – resiliency means coping well with problems, stress, and other difficult situations. Set aside time to think about the resiliency tools available to you and your child, such as structured problem-solving skills or resources that can help out during difficult situations.
- Reach out for support – offering love, acceptance and sense of safety is important but so is providing resources outside of the home to support our youth in times of crisis. Some useful resources include New Path, YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, CMHA, Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions, and the Kids Help Phone.

To learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka community youth programs and support, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka (www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca)

CAREER CENTRE PROVIDES JOB SEARCH HELP FOR FREE

Are you looking for work? Would you like help with your job search at no cost to you? The Career Centre is available to help. Visit www.barriecarecentre.com for more information.

EYE SEE...EYE LEARN PROGRAM OFFERS FREE GLASSES FOR JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The *Eye See...Eye Learn* program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.eyeseeeyelearn.ca.

SIMCOE COMMUNITY SERVICES' GRANDPARENT SYSTEM SUPPORT GROUPS

The Grandparent System Support Program (GSSP) was established in response to the increased needs and unique challenges experienced by grandparents with the sole responsibility of raising their grandchildren. Support Groups are available now in Barrie, Bradford, Orillia and Midland with plans for support groups in local communities across Simcoe County. Support groups provide a safe and confidential environment where grandparents can create relationships with others who understand and have lived experiences in similar situations. Grandparents can build on skills, resource share and network to build a community of support. For more information about the support group, meeting dates/times or if you have questions about the GSSP, contact gssp@simcoecommunityservices.ca or 705-726-9082 x2321. Childminding and transportation assistance may be available.

MABEL'S LABELS

School Council has recently added Mabel's Labels to our school's fundraising initiatives. This website features peel and stick clothing labels, bag tags and a variety of safety and household labeling systems. This will be an ongoing, open initiative for our school which means that any time you wish to get labels for your children or household, please consider using Mabel's Labels and help out Algonquin Ridge. It couldn't be easier. Simply go to <http://mabelslabels.com> and click on "Support A Fundraiser". Then "Select your School/ Organization", find "Algonquin Ridge (Barrie)" and follow the steps to fulfill your order. Anyone is able to support our school, whether or not their children attend ARES so please pass this on to family and friends as well. The product comes directly to you and the school will receive 20% of the total sales! Thank you so much for your support.



Algonquin Ridge Public School "Raise the Dough Night"



This is an easy way for you to participate in a School fundraiser from the comfort of your own home! "Raise the Dough Night for Algonquin Ridge!" is sponsored by Domino's.

All you have to do is order the "Algonquin Ridge Special" from Domino's on Wednesday, October 3rd.

The Algonquin Ridge Special consists of Two Medium, Two Topping Pizzas, and an Order of Cheesy Bread for only \$19.99^{+tx}.

Domino's will donate \$5 from every Algonquin Ridge Special ordered on this day back to our School. Anyone can order this special; neighbors, family, friends, co-workers etc. So mark it on your calendar and spread the word: Order the "Algonquin Ridge Raise the Dough Special" from Domino's on Wednesday, October 3rd.

South East Barrie **827 Big Bay Point Rd 705) 722-5000**

*This special can be ordered for pick-up or delivery. Delivery area is limited. Delivery charge does apply. *
North Barrie - 20 Bell Farm Rd. (705) 726-0230 and South West Barrie 490 Mapleview Dr. W (705) 728-0330

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT/GUARDIAN CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM
Algonquin Ridge Elementary School 2018-2019

If interested please submit to the school office by Tues. Sept. 18, 2018
1st Meeting and Elections to be held Monday Sept. 24 in the Learning Commons, 6:30 pm

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____ (name and date of birth) who is currently registered at this school.

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council. I understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the school council as described on the reverse side of this form.

I understand that as a school council member, my contact information including email address will be shared with school council members for the sole purpose of open and transparent communication amongst council members and that it shall not be used for any other purpose.

I understand that employees of the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) cannot run as parent/guardian representatives for school councils if they are employed at the school. If they are employed elsewhere in the board, they can run providing they inform their school community of their employment.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

Received by _____ Time _____ Date _____

Nomination Form Receipt

The nomination form for parent/guardian representative on the School Council for

_____ has been received.

School

School Official

Date