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## June 29, 2023

## Administration Message

Mrs. Kenny and I would like to thank all the students, families and staff for another amazing school year at the den! It has been an amazing year with filled with fun, excitement, and learning. We would like to wish all of our students a safe and happy summer vacation and offer our best wishes to our Grade 8's as they head to high school and our Grade 4 French Immersion students as they head to Portageview and Warnica. Best wishes also go out to students that may be moving over the summer or switching schools.

#### Hello and Goodbye

At the end of this school year, we will be saying goodbye to some of our staff members. We would like wish Mrs. Edgar a Happy Retirement (March 2023) and wish our amazing Custodian Mr. Logan all the best as he heads to Marchmont Public School. Ms. Caston, Ms. Clark, and Mrs. Kell will end their LTO assignments. You will all be missed but we wish all these wonderful educators the very best and we hope our paths cross again in the future. As we like to say, "Once a tiger, always a tiger!"

This September we will be welcoming Ms. Duffett and Ms. Bellissimo, and Ms. Bristow, who will be joining us in the Kindergarten and Planning Time division. We would also like to welcome our new Head Custodian Mr. David Whitfield.

#### September Startup

We are asking that you follow the SCDSB website for updates <u>www.scdsb.on.ca</u>. The school will send out messages in the first week of September regarding startup and school day procedures. **Please ensure that the school has your most recent contact information (email & phone number).** 

#### **School Startup**

Please remember that the first day of school for the 2023-2024 school year is September 5<sup>th</sup>, and our Year 1 Kindergarten students will be starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The school office will be closed for the summer but will re-open on August 28<sup>th</sup>.



# SCDSB schools to implement new Safe Arrival system in September 2023

In September, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is implementing a new Safe Arrival system at elementary schools. This system will support us in continuing to improve our home-to-school communication process and streamline absence reporting.

To report a student absence, call **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.

When schools do not hear from a parent/guardian, and a student is absent, the school will call home to find out the reason for the absence.

If you have questions about the new system, please contact the school office.

# HAVE A SAFE & HEALTHY SUMMER!