

# Adjala Advance

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## Principal's Message

March came in like a lion... hopefully it goes out like a lamb! It has been a long, cold winter but we have been keeping warm here at Adjala Central doing all kinds of great learning and growing. Check out the calendar for all the great things happening this month.

It is hard to believe that our first set of reports is now behind us and that March Break is just days away. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Sincerely,

C. Russell

## Kindergarten Registration

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2010? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning on January 27, 2014, Simcoe County's public schools will be registering children for Junior and Senior Kindergarten classes for the 2014-15 school year. Contact your local public school for registration information. As of the 2014-2015 school year, ALL schools will offer full-day, every day Kindergarten. For more information, visit:

<http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Programs/Kindergarten/Pages/Kindergarten.aspx>.

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## NEW! Parent Portal

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool which provides parents and guardians quick access to their children's attendance, assessment information and important school announcements. Parents can set up daily, weekly or monthly email alerts for attendance information. Parents will receive registration and login information later this year.

Please use the Portal to pay for Field Trips and other activities.

New website provides math help for parents and students

The Ministry of Education has launched Mathies ([www.mathies.ca](http://www.mathies.ca)), a new website designed to help parents support their children in math. The site includes activities, learning tools and games for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12.

SCSTC is now on Twitter

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) recently announced that school vehicle cancellations are now available via Twitter. Simcoe County students and parents can follow @SCSTC\_SchoolBus for timely updates on school vehicle cancellations.

With the winter weather season in full swing, everyone is also reminded that this information can also be found on the SCSTC website at

[www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Efforts are made to post and announce school vehicle cancellations between 6 and 6:30 a.m. on the SCSTC website ([www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca)) and via Twitter @SCSTC\_SchoolBus.

Character Focus for March

***Integrity – We act justly and honorably in all that we do***

## OEYC No Longer at Adjala Central (but still in Alliston)

Are you home with little people and looking for something fun to do? Drop by the Ontario Early Years Centre in Alliston! The OEYC is a **free** service for all adults with children 0 to 6 years of age. Adults and children participate in activities together. Children have the opportunity to play with other children and participate in many different types of programs and activities, which promote early learning and school readiness, and they are **FUN** for children and adults alike.

Call 705 435-4308 for hours, directions and more information.

**Looking for some new tips on dealing with your children?** Triple P seminars are being offered again in the evening! Three different seminars: The Power of Positive Parenting, Raising Confident Competent Children and Raising Resilient Children. All for children 2 to 10 years of age.

### **Tottenham Public School**

Thursdays March 27, April 3 and 10 – 7 to 9 pm

### **Tecumseth South Central Public School**

Wednesday April 16, 23 and 30 – 7 to 9 pm

Here's what some parents have said about these seminars:

- Ø *Most of it was commonsense but it did provide different suggestions and things to try . . . which worked J*
- Ø *Worthwhile information! I definitely learned many new strategies.*
- Ø *These techniques have resonated at home! Thank you.*
- Ø *Loved it! Appreciate all the info and happy to be able to implement them early. J*

Since children don't come with a manual and parenting is a worthwhile but tough job, these seminars can give you some new tools and techniques that might help!

Please pre-register by calling the Ontario Early Years Centre Simcoe Grey – Alliston at 705-435-4308.

## Homework Help: Free Online Math Tutoring For Grades 7-10

The Simcoe County District School Board introduced Homework Help to all our elementary and secondary schools in the 2011-2012 school year. This online tutoring site for Grades 7-10 students continues to be an excellent resource for Mathematics. Students have access to free one-on-one math tutoring, an interactive whiteboard where mathematical questions can be posed, interactive learning games, videos tutorials, a scientific calculator, and an interactive glossary.

### **Homework Help Website**

ü <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>

ü Free One-to-One Mathematics Tutoring in the Evenings for Students, Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ü **Guided and independent** learning in a unique environment that combines technology and interaction.

### *Circle of Learning* conference for parents on April 5

For the sixth year, SCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee is hosting a free, one-day conference for SCDSB parents/guardians. The event takes place on Sat. April 5 at the Education Centre (1170 Hwy. 26 in Midhurst) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's keynote speakers include Dr. Peter Marshall, author, speaker and psychologist, and Jim Jordan, author and anti-bullying expert. A light lunch and refreshments are provided for parents, and childcare is available (space is limited and pre-registration is required – please bring a nut-free lunch for your child). More information and online registration is available at:

<http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Parents/Pages/Circle-of-Learning.aspx>.

## Getting your news from the source

For parents, it's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and school board. Please feel free to call the school at any time if you have questions or concerns. There are also some helpful links on the SCDSB website that may be of interest:

- For information on the dates for the holiday break, P.A. Days and March Break, see the 'School Year Calendars' page here: <http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Schools/Pages/School-Year-Calendars.aspx>
- For media releases and event information, visit the 'News' section at: <http://www.scdsb.on.ca/About%20Us/Pages/News.aspx?y=2013>
- For information on Capital Planning topics such as Accommodation Reviews, Attendance Area Reviews, and Facility Partnerships, visit: <http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Board/Capital-Planning/Pages/Capital-Planning.aspx>
- Through our newly-launched blog, *Sharing Simcoe* (<http://sharingsimcoe.com/>), we share stories of some of the amazing people involved in our schools. The blog features stories and tips from our own in-house experts, and experts we work with in the community.

## Newpath at Adjala Central

We are very fortunate to have Stephanie Luschak from Newpath coming to Adjala for one day each week.

She works with individual students and entire classrooms, teaching about things like impulse control and how to manage feelings and emotions.

If you would like more information, please contact the school – [crussell@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:crussell@scdsb.on.ca).

## Inclement Weather

### **Before the school day begins:**

Parents are responsible for deciding if it is safe for their children to leave for school during severe weather conditions. The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium and their contracted school bus companies together determine during pre-dawn hours if it is unsafe for buses to travel during inclement weather. As well, school superintendents and principals together determine whether school closures are necessary, depending on local weather conditions for each cluster of schools. Cancellation of buses and school closures will be announced on local radio and TV stations. Be aware of your child's bus number and bus company name (Sinton-Landmark). Tune in early to radio broadcasts (B101FM/Rock 95.7FM) or TV stations (A News) and avoid having to phone the school. Announcements are also posted on the home page of the Board's website: [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca)

### TRANSPORTATION INQUIRIES?

Sinton-Landmark Bus Lines      705-435-2629  
Simcoe County's Officer for our district:  
Bonnie Branch      705-733-8965 ext104

## **Simcoe County Transportation Consortium Web Site**

<http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/>

### PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES:

The decision to put your child(ren) on the bus before school or at the end of the school day is ultimately **YOURS**. YOU decide what you need to do and let us know.

### PARENTS NEED TO BE CERTAIN OF:

- The name of the bus company (Sinton-Landmark)
- The bus route number
- Your child getting on and off at the stop assigned to him/her (not at a friend's stop)

**ADJALA CENTRAL IS IN THE BOARD'S SOUTH WEATHER ZONE.**

It's a good idea to have this information in your home and at your workplace.



# School Council

Next meeting: Mon. March 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

If unable to attend Council meetings, please take time to read the full minutes of the meetings, so that you are more aware of our role and how we can support our children's education. (These will be posted to our web site or email [crussell@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:crussell@scdsb.on.ca) for a copy)

## How to Participate in Council Meetings

Any and all parents are invited to come to Council Meetings. These meetings are held in the school library from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. They will be clearly advertised in the Calendar (in the newsletter and on the web page).

For those parents wishing to make a delegation to the Council please contact Mr. Russell at least 5 business days prior to the meeting for inclusion on the agenda. Parents arriving at meetings wishing to delegate who have not followed this procedure will have their item tabled as 'New Business' for inclusion in the next School Council's agenda at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

## Baby Sitting Available During School Council Meetings

For our March School Council Meeting, we will be offering daycare.

Two wonderful young people from our school community will be able to supervise your young ones while you attend our School Council Meeting.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please email [crussell@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:crussell@scdsb.on.ca) so that we can plan appropriately.

## Draft - Adjala Central Public School Council Meeting Agenda - Draft

24 March 2014 - 6:30 to 8 pm

1.	Welcome and approval of minutes	C Russell	5 min
2.	Principals Report	C.Russell	10 min
3.	Standing Items		
a.	Treasurers Report	J. McDevitt	5 min
b.	Lunch Program update	S. Harrison-McIntyre	10 min
c.	Spending motions	C. Russell	5 min
d.	Fundraising Team Update	K. Grech	5 min
4.	PRO Update	All	10 min
5.	Priority Update - Music	A.P. Stewart	10 min
6.	Priority Update - Academic	W. Hayhoe	10 min
7.	Priority Update - Athletics	A.P. Stewart	10 min
8.	New Business and Date of next meeting	All	10 min
9.	Adjournment		