Flash Mob led by Laura Beth Gray

Bucket fillers not bucket dippers danced energetically on Wednesday the 14th as Laura Beth Gray demonstrated The Matrix, Putting on the Coat, Superhero and Basketball, Dribble, Dribble, Shoot. At the end of the day everyone met outside to perform a flash mob dance. What fun!

Many thanks to the **TD Friend of the Environment Foundation** for their generous donation of $3,000 to our school yard greening project. With these funds we were able to purchase 11 stalwart trees; 5 coniferous and 6 deciduous. This planting is the first phase in construction of a windbreak along the back fence as we try to moderate the temperature in the yard. The greening project is ongoing as we move towards a more natural outdoor space that includes shade trees and creative play structures.

Check out our new blog!

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**SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE**

9:03 Prepare to Enter Bell
9:05 Entry Bell First Block
10:45 First Nutrition Break
11:05 Outdoor Break
11:25 Entry Bell-Second Block
1:05 Second Nutrition Break
1:25 Outdoor Break
1:45 Entry Bell-Third Block
3:20 Bus Students Dismissed
3:25 Walkers Dismissed

**EcoTeam Tidbits**

**Litterless Lunches FAQ**

Everyone is expected to use the school’s recycling bins appropriately. Each classroom and office in the school have recycling containers for you to use. There are small garbage cans throughout the school as well.

**Pizza leftovers and napkins — into the organic bins.**

Nicholyn Farm aluminum food containers can be recycled in the blue bins. The lids are paper and can be recycled with the paper.

**The goal of the litterless lunch program is to reduce waste, and there- in to help reduce our impact on the earth.**

**Health Matters...**

Dear Parents,

Please help us to stop the spread of germs and illness by following these simple guidelines. Children should go to school if they have cold symptoms without a fever and stay home if they have an infectious condition or a cold with fever. In addition, students should stay home if they have any of the following:

- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Coughs that produce phlegm
- Thick, yellow nasal discharge
- Fever of more than 100 degrees that lasts more than 24 hours
- Flu

In addition to following these guidelines when your child is sick, consider your child’s ability to interact with others and pay attention in class. Even if a child is recovering from an illness and is technically well enough to go to school, it may be in the child’s best interest to stay home and rest.

**Contact Us:**

- 705-835-2108
- Mrs. Wassmer 23901
- Mrs. Andrews 58538
- Mrs. Belcourt 58539
- Mme. Chamney 58541
- Mrs. Drury 58542
- Mr. Gardiner 58543
- Mr. Hache 58544
- Ms. Henrikson 58545
- Ms. Jones 58547
- Ms. King 56422
- Mrs. Lepage 58549
- Mrs. Macinnis 58550
- Ms. McLachlan 58557
- Mr. Nelsons 58552
- Mr. Oberman 58553
- Mrs. Patterson 58551
- Mr. Spears 58555
- Mrs. Tinley 58554
- Mrs. Tofts 59012
Safe Arrival
Press “1” for Safe Arrival and leave a message. Parents are expected to call the school when their child(ren) will be absent or late. Ultimately it is the parent’s responsibility to ensure that their child(ren) arrive at school.

Inclement Weather
Please listen to your local radio station for bus cancellations and school closures, do not call the school. For current information check online: simcoecountybusca.ca.

Busing Procedures
All bus arrangements are to be made through the office not the bus drivers. Bus changes will be authorized for care or emergency reasons only.

Morning Supervision
For the safety of all of our students, please DO NOT drop your child(ren) off before 8:50 a.m. as there is no supervision (outdoor or indoor) until that time.

Anaphylaxis
Peanut and nut contamination can be fatal. Please do not send nut products to school.

Fragrance Awareness
The use of fragrances, scents, and perfumes can trigger respiratory distress in our asthmatic students and staff. Visitors, volunteers, students, parents please do not pollute our air, leave the scents at home. Thank you!

Acoustic Opera was at the school on Thursday with their anti-bullying message for our students. Blake and Dave combine their musical and motivational talk as The Acoustic Opera. They addressed the ugly world of bullying through sound, speech, story and music and tuxedos. Their message is powerful WEIRD is AWESOME.

Parents/Guardians, on very cold winter days when it is too cold to wait outside for your children you are invited to wait in the office hallway. Please avoid the exit doors at the primary/intermediate end (near Mr. Spears and Custodial Office). Nearly one half of our students use this exit and we need to keep the hallways clear. SCDSB policy states that all visitors to the school (this includes parents picking up children) MUST check in at the front office upon arrival at the school. The number of adults waiting inside the school is becoming a safety concern for our staff.

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