Lockdown (formerly Code Red)

The level of preparedness to deal with violent intruders by school staff, students and police will have a major impact on the outcome of the incident. Lockdown drills are held twice during each school year.

A great deal of time, thought and effort has gone into preparing a response plan, which is user friendly, easily understood and effective. While certain portions of the plan are tailored for each school based on individual needs, the overall plan is designed to have common application for all schools and police services across Simcoe County and Muskoka. It is vital that all schools and police agencies follow the plan as printed, and do not modify or change the plan, with the exception of customizing for local situations (e.g. school layout).

Remember: although police will be there to assist with training, implementation and drills, this plan is fully the responsibility of the school. If a major incident occurs, it is highly unlikely the police will be in the school at the outset of the incident. The entire school including staff, students, administrators, and visitors must be prepared to implement this plan quickly and effectively. These types of incidents are over in a matter of minutes. The extent of the impact of such an incident will be dependent on the ability of the school to lock down as quickly as possible.

School Staff – School staff, and in particular administrators, have the overall responsibility for the safety and well being of students. Administrators during a violent incident have additional responsibilities in terms of working closely with police.

Students – Students have a responsibility to be familiar with this plan and to respond quickly to the direction of staff during a crisis situation. In addition, any student with information or knowledge prior to or during a crisis situation must come forward with that information immediately. In almost every incident of major violence at a school, it was later learned that a student(s) had prior knowledge of what was going to take place but failed to tell anyone.

Parents/Guardians please avoid calling the school office with last minute changes to your child’s end of day routine. The office and the classrooms are dealing with multiple tasks pertaining to 200 students, these requests cause stress and confusion for the child(ren) and for staff. All changes to your child’s usual end of day routines need to be communicated in writing to the teacher not to the office. Thank you.

Can You Help On Thursday, October 25th???

We need baked goods for our sale. Please bring your food donations to the school Wednesday or Thursday. We are looking for items to auction. Donations will be accepted at the school starting immediately and up to the 25th. People are needed to set up and tear down. Volunteers needed to sell baked goods and used books. Helpers needed to oversee the Silent Auction.

For this evening only volunteers do not need to be on the approved volunteer list. Please contact Shona Schors at 705-835-0562 if you are able to help out in any way. Thank you!
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: simcoeconcountyschoolbus.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.

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Library Update
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October Character Trait
Organization
The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children’s books. Did you know that for every $10 you spend at the Fair up to $6 comes directly back to our school? Your support of this vital literary event is key in helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms.

You’ll find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels. Don’t forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! The Scholastic Book Fair will be at the school Tuesday, October 23 to Monday, October 29. We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary fundraiser. Mostly, thank you for believing in books and the importance reading has on your child’s future.

Library SOS
Ms. Hodgson is looking for volunteers who are interested in processing books, cataloguing, shelving, etc. Please send a note or drop by if you are interested and have some time available. Training will be provided and most of these jobs can be done on a flexible schedule.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant
Last school year Mr. Nelsons, Mrs. Jenkins and Ms. Goodwin on behalf of the school’s EcoTeam, applied to the TD Friends of the Environment for a grant to help with our school yard greening project. In early October we received notification that Hillsdale has been granted $3,000 to assist with the purchase of trees. The trees will be used to form a windbreak along the fence at the back of the school yard. This windbreak will help to moderate temperatures in the yard, and to provide shade and a natural habitat for small animals.

We would like to acknowledge TD’s contribution to our school yard improvements. TD FEF is a national non-profit organization that funds projects dedicated to protecting the environment. Since 1990, TD FEF has provided more than $58 million to over 20,000 environmental projects across the country.

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