



COBDEN DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

Attention Parents:

Due to possible **SNOW DAYS** or buses being delayed, please sign up for www.onthebus.ca (see info on last page) to get up-to-date info on your child's bus status.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Board personnel have begun working on preliminary enrolment projections for the 2020-2021 school year. Since the number of teachers assigned to schools is directly related to projected enrolment, it is extremely important that they are accurate. If your children are not attending Cobden next year, would you please notify the office at 613-646-2271 A.S.A.P. Similarly, if there's anyone planning to come to Cobden District Public School in the fall, we ask that they register as soon as possible.

Thank you!

It is Groundhog Day very soon and while we may have a sense of déjà-vu as we approach the one year mark of this pandemic, it is also a great reminder that we can make positive changes in how we view the world. With the days getting longer and spending more time at home, this is a great opportunity to take in the outdoors right here in Renfrew County. One of my goals this year was to get outside for longer walks at least twice a week and so far, I have been able to do it. The crisp cold air of a winter's day and the quiet solitude of a walk in the country reminds me that we have many things to be thankful for in our smaller rural communities. Our school is open to 'in person' learning. Our rate of transmission is low in our county and our hope is that the vaccine will be here shortly. While we have had to pause on some things, we have also found creative ways to engage and work together. I have seen how our students, staff and parents have adapted to the switch from 'in person' to online and back to 'in person' learning again. I know it hasn't been easy... tough times rarely are... but we continue to recognize that we are all doing the best we can in this situation and through respect, compassion and a sense of togetherness, we will work to support each other through this. As always, if there are any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher.

Mary Ann Mallen, Principal

Reminder to Families with Kindergarten Students:

We all share in the duty to ensure the safety of our students. We would like to remind parents/guardians that you are responsible for the safety and conduct of your child(ren) at the bus stop prior to boarding the bus and in the afternoon following the drop-off. In the case of a Kindergarten student afternoon drop off, a trusted responsible person (e.g. parent/guardian/babysitter) must be waiting at the bus stop to receive your child (ren). If no one meets the child (ren) at the bus stop, drivers are directed to take the child(ren) back to school. Repetitive failure to receive Kindergarten student (s) at the bus stop may result in the removal of transportation privileges.

We thank you for your commitment to student safety.



School records

Please notify the school if there are any changes in your child's information (such as your work numbers and emergency contact numbers). It is extremely important that we maintain current information in the case of an emergency. It is also helpful to have a second contact for emergency situations.

Report Cards

Term one report cards will be going home February 17th. Yes, even though our students have been learning online for part of the term, staff continue to assess their learning through information gathered from observations, conversations, and student products to share specific examples of what your child has done to demonstrate their strengths. One important change that you will see on your child's 2021 report card is in the mathematics section. In the fall, the Ministry of Education released a new Mathematics Curriculum. Your child's teacher has been using this new document to guide the mathematics lessons taking place in class. This new Math curriculum will show one overall Math mark for a more cohesive assessment. Previously, students would receive a separate grade on each of the five strands/categories covered in class on their February and June report cards.

The new policy introduces a single grade to reflect the overall learning of the student in mathematics.

Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/> French
Number Sense and Numeration	<input type="checkbox"/> ES/EELD <input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Measurement	<input type="checkbox"/> ES/EELD <input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Geometry and Spatial Sense	<input type="checkbox"/> ES/EELD <input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Patterns and Algebra	<input type="checkbox"/> ES/EELD <input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Data Management and Probability	<input type="checkbox"/> ES/EELD <input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Old version of Mathematics section on Ontario Report Cards

Mathematics	Number, Algebra, Data, Spatial Sense, Financial Literacy, and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Skills in Mathematics and the Mathematical Processes	
<input type="checkbox"/> ES/EELD		
<input type="checkbox"/> IEP		
<input type="checkbox"/> French		

New Version of Mathematics Section on Ontario Report Cards

If you would like to learn more about the new mathematics curriculum, this resource contains more details on the changes to how mathematics is being taught and assessed in your child's classroom.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8>

Renfrew County Regional Virtual Science Fair **Saturday, April 10, 2021**

Grades 5-8 students can do science fair projects at home, then send a short video (1-3 minutes) describing the project, and send the written multimedia and short description of their project (ie materials that you would normally put on your board). Judging appointments will be set up on Google Meet or Zoom on fair day. There will be fun, interactive online events in the afternoon then the awards ceremony later in the day. Cash Prizes! Great fun!

Go to www.rcrsf.ca to register your email to get more information.
Email renfrew.county@youthscience.ca with any questions

Hopefully, there will be some Cobden students in the Science Fair.





ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2021



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

15 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else

10 Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you

17 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

24 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most

4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

18 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

5 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

19 Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful

26 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

13 Send a friendly message of support to a local business

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

7 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

14 Tell your loved ones why they are special to you

21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones



"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain



"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - Ralph Waldo Emerson



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/friendly-february

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**Registration for JK/SK Children – Monday January 25 –
Friday February 5, 2021**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

September 2021

To find out which school your child will attend, visit <http://www.rcdsb.on.ca/en/parents/registration-and-transfers.asp>

Bilingual Kindergarten Program

As part of a five-year plan to grow our French Immersion programming across the District, your attendance boundary school may offer a rich and dynamic bilingual play-based learning environment for your child. Check out the RCDSB [website](#) to find out more details about our Bilingual Kindergarten Program.

If you need an after school appointment to register your child, please call the school at 613-646-2271 to make an appointment.

There are two ways to register your child for kindergarten.

Online Registration

To register your child for JK/SK for September 2021 use our online system anytime by visiting <http://www.rcdsb.on.ca/en/parents/registration-and-transfers.asp>.

If you are interested in a licensed child care program, please be sure to complete the School-Based Extended Day Program Family Survey at the end of the online registration!

In-Person

In person registration may not be available for 2021 due to COVID-19 protocols. Please contact the elementary school nearest you for specific arrangements.

Both registration methods require you to bring the following documents to your school. If you have questions about the registration process, contact the elementary school nearest you.

Required Documentation (Bring to school at a time designated by the school in accordance with COVID-19 protocols):

- Completed, signed and dated registration form (access the form online, complete it and bring it to school)
- Proof of address (home phone/cable/internet bill) or proof of tenancy/ownership (Ontario Property Assessment Notice or lease agreement or property tax bill)
- Proof of student's age (birth certificate, registration of birth card or passport)
- Student's immunization records—submit using the ICON platform (instructions on next page)
- Proof of custody where applicable (custody orders, court ordered Guardianship)
- Immigration documents where applicable

Extended Day/Before and After Program for Children between Ages of 3 - 12

In an effort to better understand parent interest and determine the viability of establishing Before and After care at sites across the District, we are asking you to declare whether you would enroll your child in a School-Based Extended Day/Before and After Program for students from Junior Kindergarten up to age 12.

School-Based Extended Day/Before and After Programs operate within the school by an Early Childhood Educator with options for before and after school care and are meant to complement regular school day programming. They are contingent on enrolment and are funded from parent fees. Subsidies may be available from the County of Renfrew <http://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca/documents/childcare/FeeSubsidyApplicationForm.pdf>.

The School-Based Extended Day Program Family Survey form can be completed from the *Online Registration portal* if you are new to RCDSB and completing the online registration form or from the Google Survey link <https://forms.gle/yYSmL5ZTuojSAC2r7> at the Board's website <http://www.rcdsb.on.ca> select the Extended Day/Before and After Program page from the Programs drop down menu.



Immunization Record Requirements For School Registration



Submit your child's immunization record online to Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) using the Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON) tool.

Note: Health Care Providers do not automatically share immunization records with RCDHU.

1.



To access ICON you will need your Ontario Health Card or Ontario Immunization ID (OIID).

2.



Go to:
 → www.rcdhu.com
 → Healthy Living
 → Immunization
 → Immunization Connect Ontario Tool

3.



Follow instructions to create an account and set your PIN. Once logged in, you can view and manage your records!

4.



If your child is missing required immunizations, please contact RCDHU to book an appointment at 613-732-3629 ext. 509.



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
 "Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"
www.rcdhu.com



Dates To Remember

Feb 1 PA Day (no school)

Feb 15 Family Day (no school)

March 12-19 MARCH BREAK
 (Please take note: There is no school on Friday, March 12th as that is the start of March Break)



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FEBRUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 PA Day	2	3	4	5 Theme Day: Twin Day 	6
7	8	9	10	11 Theme Day: 100 years old day 	12 Theme Day: Red/white/ pink day for Valentine's day 	13
14	15 Family Day	16	17	18	19 Theme Day: PJ Day 	20
21 28	22	23	24 Theme Day: Pink day for anti bullying 	25	26	27