



Weekly E-Newsletter
Stay Connected @ BCSS
Friday, June 16, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Week 18, semester 2 ended the last full week of classes for the 2016-2017 school year. Where has this year gone? So much has happened. It also ends on one of the hottest days of the year with classes winding down, projects, ISU’s, staff/students getting ready for final evaluations and commencement. Athletic Banquet was on Wednesday night. It is one of the busiest times of the year. And it’s Father’s Day on Sunday. I hope you enjoy the Parents Corner article at the end of the e-newsletter. Heed the messages at the side!



This will be the last e-newsletter for the school year 2016-2017. Thank-you for reading the e-newsletter this year, and for the words of appreciation and support you’ve e-mailed me over the school year. They were/are very appreciated! I hope you have enjoyed it and found it informative.

If you wish to have your e-mail address removed (i.e. your teen has graduated or you’re moving), please send me an e-mail with your request. If you still would like to receive this, do nothing and your name will stay on when I start this up again in September.



Previous e-newsletters are available on the Bear Creek website:
<http://bss.scdsb.on.ca/>

I am always open to suggestions and comments, so please contact me at twilkinson@scdsb.on.ca if you have something on your mind.

Please follow me on Twitter: @VPWilkinson

If you see a topic you want to learn more about, you go to the item and press the “Ctrl” button while you click your cursor and you will be “magically” transported to the topic you chose. To “magically” transport back to the table of contents, go to the “Back to the Table of Contents” words at the end of each article, and press the “Ctrl” button while you click your cursor and you will be “magically” transported back to the table of contents.

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What's Happening at BCSS?

Perennials for the Front Gardens

I am hoping you will help me beautify the gardens at the front of the school. If you have perennials you are looking to split, could you please bring them in for me to plant? That would be greatly appreciated! Donations of soil, mulch, or anything else garden oriented, would be greatly appreciated as well.

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Dress Code

As warm weather approaches, please ensure your clothing meets the student dress code. All shorts should reach mid-thigh, and pants are to be worn correctly so undergarments are not visible. Likewise, muscle shirts that fully expose the sides are not to be worn, and the midriff needs to be fully covered. Undergarments, like boxers or bra-straps should be covered.

Remember, all shirt logos should be school-appropriate: any messages regarding profanity or hate, weapons, drug or alcohol use are prohibited.

Students will be asked to change their clothing if it does not meet the dress code. Check the student handbook or ask your teacher if you uncertain. Thanks for your cooperation.

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Approved School Year Calendar for Next Year

The Ministry of Education has approved the Simcoe County District School Board elementary and secondary school year calendars for the 2017-2018 school year. School starts on Tues. Sept. 5, 2017. The Holiday Break takes place Dec. 25, 2017 to Jan. 5, 2018, and March Break is March 12 to 16, 2018. The last day for elementary students will be Thurs. June 28, 2018 and the last day for secondary students will be Wed. June 27, 2018. To view the full calendar for next school year, visit www.scdsb.on.ca – ‘Schools’ – ‘School Year Calendars.’

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There’s Still Time to Register for Summer School

Summer school credit courses are available this July through in-person classes and eLearning. New this year are full credit grade 9 and 10 courses at Bear Creek Secondary School in Barrie. The in-person courses at Bear Creek will run July 4 to 28 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Limited school bus transportation is provided from all areas of Simcoe County. Details are on the Learning Centres website: www.thelearningcentres.com. Students can also get information from the school or from any of the SCDSB’s Learning Centres. Online registration for current SCDSB students is available through the student portal. eLearning registration is supported through high school Guidance Offices. Non-SCDSB students can register using the forms on the website.

From Liz McLelland, Program Coordinator – Night School and Summer School:

Summer School is fast approaching and we just wanted to send a reminder that online registration through the student portal will close on June 23rd for face to face classes at Bear Creek. We ask that you do this in a timely manner so that we have an accurate idea of class sizes for hiring purposes. If spaces remain in classes after June 23rd, students can register using the paper registration form which is available on our website (<http://www.thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school>) which can then be dropped off in person at their local learning centre or faxed to us at 705-725-8359.

We still have space in our new grade 9 and 10. Current grade 8 students who are moving into grade 9 in the fall who wish to reach ahead for a credit are eligible to take the grade 9 and 10 credits offered this summer: this is a great way to get a taste of high school and courses before they get there this September. Cosmotology is a technology credit; personal fitness counts toward the compulsory credit for graduation; guitar is an art credit, also can count as compulsory. Grade 8 students who register through the portal for these courses will need to be approved by their principal.

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Green Team

Great news Bear Creek; we are a SILVER level Ontario EcoSchool! Congratulations for your green efforts this year. But, with all the environmental news these days like the urgent need for climate action, it’s obvious everyone needs to keep raising their game. We must not forget that remembering to care for the Earth is a DAILY requirement to make a BETTER future a reality. Earth Day, every day!

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44 SCDSB Schools Receive Environmental Certification

Schools across the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) are making environmental learning and responsibility a priority, and many were recognized for their initiatives this year by [Ontario EcoSchools](#). Forty-four elementary and secondary schools achieved varying levels of certification, double the amount certified last

year.

Ontario EcoSchools status is obtained by implementing environmental initiatives within schools, including recycling programs, waste-free lunches, energy conservation programs and school ground greening projects.

“This is a record number of certified EcoSchools across the SCDSB, which shows a growing commitment to going green and positively impacting our environment,” says Jessica Kukac, SCDSB Environmental Systems Coordinator. “We all have a hand in ensuring that our planet is cared for, and I’m so proud of the Green Teams at our schools for their dedication to making this happen in our school communities.”

Twenty-five SCDSB schools achieved gold level certification in 2017. Thirteen schools reached silver status, and six were recognized as bronze-level schools. The SCDSB Ontario EcoSchools are: Ardagh Bluffs Public School, Admiral Collingwood ES, Algonquin Ridge ES, Bear Creek SS, Birchview Dunes ES, Brechin PS, Chris Hadfield PS, Clearview Meadows ES, Connaught PS, Cookstown Central PS, Couchiching Heights PS, East Oro PS, Eastview SS, Elmvale District HS, Forest Hill PS, Georgian Bay District SS, Goodfellow PS, Guthrie PS, Harriett Todd PS, Hillsdale ES, Hyde Park PS, Innisdale SS, Innisfil Central PS, Johnson Street PS, Lions Oval PS, Maple Grove PS, Minesing Central PS, Nantyr Shores SS, Oakley Park PS, Orchard Park ES, Pine River ES, Portage View PS, Regent Park PS, Simcoe Alternative SS Bradford Campus, Sir William Osler PS, Sunnybrae PS, Tay Shores PS, Twin Lakes SS, Uptergrove PS, W.R. Best Memorial PS, Warminster ES, West Bayfield ES, Willow Landing ES and Worsley ES.

Two schools, Maple Grove Public School and Forest Hill Public School, have achieved Ontario EcoSchools certification for five years.

Twenty-one schools were certified as Ontario EcoSchools for the first time in 2017: Algonquin Ridge ES, Ardagh Bluffs PS, **Bear Creek SS**, Clearview Meadows ES, East Oro PS, Eastview SS, Elmvale District HS, Georgian Bay District SS, Guthrie PS, Harriett Todd PS, Hyde Park PS, Innisdale SS, Minesing Central PS, Oakley Park PS, Pine River ES, Portage View PS, Regent Park PS, Tay Shores PS, West Bayfield ES, Willow Landing ES and Worsley ES.

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Ministry of Education Seeks Online Engagement Regarding Implementation of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework

The Ontario Ministry of Education is working with researchers to gather feedback and input to inform the development of the Third Progress Report on the implementation of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework. Students, parents/guardians and families, teaching and nonteaching staff, Indigenous communities, organizations and partners, and school boards are invited to participate in an online survey and/or online focus groups to capture successes and help to identify promising practices and opportunities to provide further support to enhance the achievement and well-being of Indigenous students. To learn more, visit the SCDSB website, click on ‘About Us’, ‘News’, and look for the article entitled “Ministry of Education seeks online engagement regarding implementation of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework.”

June is National Aboriginal History Month – check this very informative site at <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1466616436543/1466616481533>

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Calling All Textbooks (and Library Books)

You would be surprised at the number of students who forget to turn in their textbook when then come to write their final exam. Each semester, we potentially lose several thousand dollars' worth of texts and library books. We would like to ask all parents to look around the house and see if there are any textbooks, library books or other school property tucked in closets, or under beds, or in the trunks of cars. If you see something that looks like it belongs to the school, please send it back to us. Remind your teen to bring his/her textbook to the final evaluation. Every returned textbook saves the school more than \$50! The less money we have to spend replacing lost text books, the more money we will have to support student activities.

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U of T, McGill, UBC, UAlberta in Top 100 For QS World University Rankings 2018

QS Top Universities has released its QS World University Rankings 2018, and four Canadian institutions have made the top 100. The University of Toronto (#31) and McGill University (#32) were in the top 50, with the University of British Columbia (#51) coming in narrowly afterwards. The University of Alberta was tied for #90 with Korea University. Institutions are ranked on six performance indicators: academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty/student ratio, citations per faculty, international faculty ratio, and international student ratio. QS states that one trend of note this year is the continued improvement of universities in areas of the world that have not historically been included in the world rankings, such as Argentina and Brazil.

Source: [QS Rankings](#)

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13 Ways to Modernize Youth Employment in Canada: Federal Report

The federal government has released the report from its Expert Panel on Youth Employment, which lays out 13 ways to modernize youth employment in Canada. Among its recommendations, the report calls for an expansion of the Canada Summer Jobs program to offer a wider breadth of year-round employment options, including part-time jobs. The panel highlights the need for better data collection on youth employment and calls for the elimination of all unpaid internships, except those that exist as part of an academic or community program. "We know that having paid work experience in your field of study is one of the best ways a student can improve their chances of finding gainful employment post-graduation," says Shifrah Gadamsetti, president of the Students' Association of Mount Royal University. "If implemented, the panel's recommendations should help to provide more of these opportunities for students, therefore ensuring smoother school-to-work transitions."

Source: [Canada | CASA](#)

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York Receives \$127M From ON For Markham Centre Campus

I thought this would be interesting as it is sort-of in our neighbourhood - TW

York University has received a \$127M commitment from the Ontario Government to open a Markham Centre Campus. The campus will be built on a five-acre site that was contributed by the City of Markham, and will serve an estimated 4,000 students. An ON release states that York will offer undergraduate and graduate programs at the new campus, and will offer several joint academic programs in partnership with Seneca College. "The \$127M in funding from the Government of Ontario will ensure we are able to meet the growing demand for access to leading-edge post-secondary education in York Region, partner with local businesses and industry to provide unique experiential learning opportunities for our students, and contribute to the expansion of the Region's major economic clusters," commented York President Mamdouh Shoukri.

Source: [ON](#) | [York](#) | [CBC](#) (CP)

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Ryerson Receives \$1M For Hockey Program

This may coincide nicely with our Bear Creek Hockey Canada Skills Academy! Or open up some doors for post-secondary education and hockey! - TW

Ryerson University's Rams hockey program has received a \$1M donation from Al Kavanagh. "What this money will do is create a lot of 'wow' moments to help attract people to our hockey program," commented Ryerson's director of athletics, Ivan Joseph. The funding is reportedly the largest gift ever received by the Ryerson Athletics. "It shows people have seen what we're doing and they want to contribute," added Joseph.

The funding is to be divided between the men's and women's teams. It will reportedly be used for recruitment, scholarships, player development, coaching, equipment, travel, and food.

Source: [Toronto Sun](#) | [Ryerson](#)

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Lakehead, Georgian Formalize Partnership

Lakehead University and Georgian College have signed the Lakehead-Georgian Partnership, which will see the institutions work together to bring more degree options to central Ontario. The partnership will see students complete both a university degree and college credential in only four years. At the signing of the agreement, the institutions also announced two new combined programs: An Honours Bachelor of Science in Applied Life Science Degree with Biotechnology – Health Diploma and an Honours Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with Computer Programmer Diploma. "With the Lakehead campus in Orillia and Georgian's main campus in Barrie, we are proud to serve students and employers with innovative, collaborative programs for today's economy," stated Georgian President MaryLynn West-Moynes.

Source: [Barrie Examiner](#) | [Georgian](#)

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Western Formally Opens New Nursing Building

This ties in nicely with our Health and Wellness SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) program. Don't know what that is? Contact Mr. Hawes in Guidance or Ms. Richardson, in Co-op. - TW

Western University has formally opened its new nursing building, the Arthur Labatt Family School. The \$42M four-storey building features an atrium at the nexus of its two wings. The wing containing the nursing-education facility houses several new learning and research areas, as well as new 16-bed simulation suites. "We are preparing students not only for practical skills they will need, but equipping them for the comprehensive layers of problem-solving, critical thinking and evidence-based decision-making that are required components of nurses' daily roles," said Associate Professor Vicki Smye, director of Western's nursing program. "We believe that this – coupled with a focus on research, leadership, information management, communication and innovation —helps make us unique among nursing programs in the country."

Source: [UWO](#) (1) | [UWO](#) (2)

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A Net Tuition Bill Should Land a Bigger Catch - ON's Net Tuition Bill Should Increase PSE Participation: Jones

A student funding system in Ontario that brings together sources of financial help will be watched closely by other provinces seeking to increase access, says Glen Jones

Access is the central issue driving higher education policy in Canada.

Higher education is the responsibility of the provinces under the country's federal arrangements, but while there are considerable differences among these provincial systems in terms of structure, tuition fee levels and funding approaches, increasing participation is a core policy objective across the country. In that light, a new national study and a new Ontario initiative are receiving considerable attention.

The study, [Postsecondary Enrolment by Parental Income: Recent National and Provincial Trends](#), was published by Statistics Canada in April. While Canada has had very high participation rates in post-secondary education (meaning universities and community colleges) for quite some time, the study – by Marc Frenette, a highly respected researcher – illuminates how these rates have continued to rise during the 21st century.

Overall, the participation of 19-year-olds increased from 53 per cent in 2001 to 64 per cent by 2014. But perhaps most surprisingly, Frenette finds that the greatest gains in participation rates have been among those whose families are in the lowest quintile for income. Their participation rates climbed by 25 per cent, from 38 per cent to 47 per cent, compared with an 8.3 per cent increase, from 73 to 79 per cent, among those in the top quintile.

But the study also notes that there have been major differences in the participation gains across the country. The eastern provinces have been far more successful than those in the west. The greatest overall gains were in Newfoundland and Labrador (19 per cent) and Ontario (16 per cent), while Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Quebec all had increases of more than 10 per cent. The greatest gains in the west were in British Columbia (6 per cent) and Alberta (4 per cent).

The differences between the provinces are even greater for students from low-income families. There were dramatic increases in Ontario and New Brunswick, while their participation rates actually declined in Saskatchewan, in the west.

What accounts for these disparities? The availability of high-salary, low-skill jobs in agriculture and natural resource industries in the west clearly influences participation in post-secondary education. But there have also been important differences in whether and in how provincial governments have supported enrolment growth.

Affordability is a key issue, but prospective students have frequently found it easier to obtain information about tuition costs than about the full level of financial assistance that may be available to them. One big reason for this is that student financial assistance often involves a number of different, independent mechanisms. Students have access to needs-based grants and loans from governments, merit- and needs-based funding from institutions and a range of credits available through the tax system.

The problem has been exacerbated by policy discussions that have tended to focus on tuition fee increases, rather than taking a more holistic look at affordability for low- and middle-income families. But things are finally taking a turn for the better in that regard. The government of Ontario is moving towards a new approach.

With full implementation planned for 2018, the province is introducing an integrated student funding system that will link provincial and some institutional mechanisms so that students will receive a net tuition bill at the

beginning of the academic year. Many students will learn that their tuition expenses will be wholly covered by government grants, and that they will have access to additional grants and loans to support living costs.

Implementation of the new approach is quite challenging because it involves a restructuring of funding mechanisms and the linking of government and institutional processes and data systems. But Ontario's initiative has tremendous potential to further increase participation rates, especially among low-income and other under-represented populations. For would-be students concerned about tuition costs and debt, net tuition billing will represent a new level of transparency in terms of understanding the real price of post-secondary education, allowing them to make more informed choices.

Other provinces are already considering adopting this approach, and there is little doubt that participation rates in Ontario will be closely monitored to assess its impact.

Source: "A Net Tuition Bill Should Land a Bigger Catch - ON's Net Tuition Bill Should Increase PSE Participation: Jones", Glen Jones, June 1, 2017, https://www.timeshighereducation.com/opinion/net-tuition-bill-should-land-bigger-catch?utm_source=Academica+Top+Ten&utm_campaign=700585ba0e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_06_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b4928536cf-700585ba0e-47835553

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Canada Launches Cancode, \$50M Coding Program For K-12 Students

The Government of Canada has launched a \$50M program called CanCode, which will allow 500,000 K-12 students to learn coding and other digital skills. The program also aims to encourage young women, Indigenous Canadians, and under-represented groups to pursue careers in the STEM fields; and will provide 500 teachers with the necessary training and tools to teach these skills. "Coding skills are highly relevant in today's scientific and technological careers, and they will only become more important in the future," stated Minister of Science Kirsty Duncan. "That's why it is essential that we teach these skills to young Canadians today so they have an advantage when they choose to pursue a career as a scientist, researcher or engineer."

Source: [Canada](#)

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Still Collecting Pop, or Any Beverage, Pull Tabs

I believe we have reached a million pop tabs this year. I will be contacting Robert Hampton to come and collect them next week. We are still collecting but will need to collect them in September. Thanks to everyone who has donated.

If you can, please collect pop tabs and have you or your teen bring them to school. They can drop them off at the office to be given to Nick/Aidan. If your teen sees me, they can give them to me as well, and I will see that Nick/Aidan gets the tabs.

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Bear Creek Celebrates Canada 150

If you walk through the halls of Bear Creek Secondary School, you'll see a display case filled with 150 items representing Canada. From Tim Horton cups, Roots apparel, maple syrup and Inuit carvings, this display case capsules Canadian heritage.

Since the beginning of the year, Bear Creek has been celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary with some impressive projects!

One of the most extraordinary things the school has done is arrange an “Eat Together” event. Inspired by a President’s Choice commercial, over 60 participants gathered to share a meal in the front foyer of the school. The event was so successful that the organizers are considering hosting another Eat Together event in the fall to welcome Grade 9 students and their families to Bear Creek.

Some of the other projects include:



150+ pounds of food donated to the food bank



\$150 in Canadian Tire money donated to Jump Start



150 pints of blood donated to Canadian Blood services



\$150 raised from the Winter Ball, all proceeds going to Life Skills



150 books written by Canadian authors read by staff and students



150 bowls of soups prepared by cooking classes donated



150 minutes of spin class completed by staff



150 pillow cases made by fashion classes to be donated to Sick Kids



150 pounds’ staff weight loss challenge



150 coats donated to Barrie Out of the Cold



\$150 raised for FNMI Grade 7/8 trip to Toronto



150 blankets/food items donated to Humane Society

Bear Creek will continue their celebrations into December until Canada’s 150th year comes to an end.

Go Canada!

Source: “Bear Creek Celebrates Canada’s 150”, [June 7, 2017](https://sharingsimcoe.com/2017/06/07/bear-creek-celebrates-canada-150/) By [Communications Team](#), <https://sharingsimcoe.com/2017/06/07/bear-creek-celebrates-canada-150/>

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Canada 150 Challenges

To honour our great country's sesquicentennial celebration, we at Bear Creek have put out some challenges: 150 donations of blood (see below); 150 jackets for Out of the Cold; 150 pairs of new socks; 150 laps of our indoor track; accumulated 150 pounds of weight off. Mr. Limoges has 150 Canadiana artifacts (I contributed 6 Canadian themed ties and a BC Lions Tim's card) in the front foyer. He put up some Canadian Tire money and we came up with another idea – \$150 of Canadian Tire money that we can donate to the Jumpstart program. Check out the following link to see the challenges: <http://bit.ly/Canada150Challenges>. I have added a few to this list as well: 150 pounds of pet food for the Barrie OSPCA, 150 pounds of food to the Barrie Food Bank and read collectively 150 books (<http://bit.ly/read150bookschallenge>). If you would like to donate, please bring the donations to the office and we will distribute them as appropriate. If you can think of other "150" challenges, please let me know and I'll put them out there for everyone to participate.

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Bear Creek Secondary School Saves Lives!

Dear Staff, Students, Parents and members of the Bear Creek community,

Have you ever donated blood before? It's easy to do, takes about an hour, and you'll have a direct impact on the life of a hospital patient in need.

Did you know?

- ☞ 52% of Canadians say that they or a family member has needed blood or blood products
- ☞ There is no substitute for human blood and it can't be stored for long. In fact, some components of the blood have a shelf life of only 5 days.
- ☞ Leukemia patients can use up to 8 units of blood per week during treatment and 50 units of blood could be needed to help just one car accident victim.
- ☞ Canadian Blood Services collects blood every day of the year, except Christmas Day, because it is used every day.

Will you join our team of Life Savers?

As an exciting initiative celebrating "Canada 150", Bear Creek Secondary School would like to donate 150 units of blood in 2017, and we invite you to help us reach our goal.

Not sure if you are eligible to donate?

Take the online quiz [Click HERE](#) or call 1-888-2DONATE (1-888-236-6283).

Find a clinic near you and book an appointment!

The Barrie blood donor clinic located at 231 Bayview Drive, Suite 100 is open:

Tuesdays & Thursdays : 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays : 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Visit their website www.blood.ca to find other community clinics near you and to book your appointment, or download the GiveBlood app

How to make your donation count towards our goal?

Bear Creek Secondary is a proud Partners for Life organization and to make your donation count, you must be a member of our team. [Click HERE](#) to join our team.

When you have finished entering your details, click "Submit". This is a one-time registration. Once registered, all past and future donations for the calendar year will automatically count towards the annual donation goal.

Thank you for saving lives!

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Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) Provincial Scholarship

Deadline: June 30, 2017

Value: \$1,000

Selection:

This scholarship is provided for students furthering their formal education as a full-time student at a post-secondary institution (in their first year). For scholarships to be awarded, proof of enrolment must be received by the FWIO Provincial Office by September 30th. Scholarships are forfeited after this date and will be awarded to the alternate.

Eligibility:

1. For the 2017 scholarship, students must complete a 500-word essay, answering the question:

"Canada's Sesquicentennial and the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario's 120th Birthday are both in 2017. What good qualities brought our great country and FWIO this far and how can these same qualities continue to lead us into the future?"

2. Awarded on the basis of academic achievement upon entrance into the program. A transcript of marks for the most recent academic year showing the numerical grade average in percentage form for the complete year (e.g. 85%).
3. Three signed reference letters from community organizers and/or high school faculty (no more than 2 from the school).
4. Applicant must be a Canadian Citizen, a resident of Ontario, and a prospective high school graduate. Previous winners are not eligible.
5. Full-time students entering their first year of studies at a post-secondary institution.

Conditions:

1. Candidates may apply only once in any one year.
2. When only one application is received, a grade point average of 75% must be attained for the full scholarship award. Half of the scholarship amount will be awarded for a mark under 75%.

Go to <http://fwio.on.ca/fwio-scholarships> for more information.

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Sports

Congratulations to all our athletes who were able to attend our Bear Creek Athletics Banquet. Special recognition to our major award winners. **Ella Amon** the **Junior Girl Athlete of the Year**, **Braydon DeGrace** the **Junior Boy Athlete of the Year**, **Clare Wilson** and **McKenna King**, **Senior Girl Athletes of the Year** and **Matthew Courtenay**, the **Senior Boy Athlete of the Year**.

Mr. Chomyc, **Matthew Courtenay**, and **Clare Wilson** were also recognized by OFSAA for their contribution to Athletics and Leadership by receiving the **Colin Hood** Award.

Awards of Excellence were presented to **Celia Martensson** for **Rugby**, **Matthew Courtenay** for **Track**, **Tyler Webb** for **Rugby**, and **Jillian Banks** for **Hockey**.

Katelyn Smith was awarded the **Heart of the Bear Award**.

Our Life Skills Students headed to St. Catherines for the Provincial Special Olympics. AND they brought home the hardware! Twenty-three medals!

Dallas McGill - gold
Aidan Stoner - 2 gold, 2 bronze
Ethan Doutre - 2 golds, 1 bronze
AJ Doutre - 2 gold, 1 silver
Troy Caterer - 3 gold
Leah Coughlin - 2 gold
Doug Taggart - 2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze
Jonathan Fair - 2 gold, 1 silver

We would like to give a huge thank you to our EA's, **Lisa Caccia**, **Michele Russell**, and **Gerald LeClair** and **teacher, Mrs. Debney** for donating their time to support our Life Skills athletes at Brock University for the Special Olympics Ontario Provincial School Championship this week.

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Volunteer Opportunities

VOLUNTEER!
GET INVOLVED!
BE A PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY!

Do you want to volunteer or get a summer job? Not sure where to start? Check out Bear Creek's volunteer and student job opportunity board located outside of the Guidance office. It is updated weekly with fantastic opportunities! Still not sure what to do? Make an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor for some further suggestions.

Remember, EVERY student must complete a minimum 40 hours of volunteer work to graduate.

Please submit your "Completion of Community Involvement Activities" sheet (this sheet can be found either on-line or at the Guidance office; I also have attached it) to the Guidance office as soon as it is signed by both you and a parent.

1. Do you need community service hours? Do you enjoy watching sports? Do you want to get involved in the sporting community at Bear Creek? Then the Home Game Crew might be for you! The home game crew is a group of people who help to set up for and score keep all the various sports that happen at Bear Creek. If you are interested, please see Mr. Wilkey in Student Success room 110.

2. **Barrie's Heart & Stroke Triathlon**

Come help out with the Heart and Stroke Foundation at the Barrie Triathlon!

August 12th and 13th!

Earn at least 10 hours!

Contact hsfobarrie@hsf.on.ca if you are interested in helping out!

3. **Sorter - Glowing Hearts Community Give & Get**

ACTION: Volunteers needed to accept donations; sorting through donations; distribute items to display floor.

IMPACT: Volunteers receive lunch and beverage. For every 4 hour shift your name is entered into our monthly draw for a 50.00 gift card to a local supermarket. Volunteers can select items from the donations for themselves. You are giving back to your Community, and meeting new people. Paying in forward is a feel good feeling.

CONTACT: Victoria Potter, victoriapotter369@msn.com, 705-719-8063

4. **Store Associate - Glowing Hearts Community Give & Get**

AGE: 16+

ACTION: Volunteers needed to hang/organize clothing and linens; do light cleaning (sweeping, dusting, etc); shelve new merchandise; greet and thank customers.

IMPACT: Volunteers receive lunch and beverage. For every 4 hour shift your name is entered into our monthly draw for a 50.00 gift card to a local supermarket. Volunteers can select items from the donations for themselves. You are giving back to your Community, and meeting new people. Paying in forward is a feel good feeling.

CONTACT: Victoria Potter, victoriapotter369@msn.com, 705-719-8063

5. Youth Volunteer Options - More opportunities at www.CommunityReach.ca

6. Want to make an outstanding difference to the life of a senior? Be a Friendly Visitor to a Senior at Roberta Place. Volunteers 12 & older are needed to:

- Visit residents in Roberta Place's long term care residence
- Assist by playing games, providing hand & hair care, baking, doing some arts & crafts, puzzles & reading
- Help with taking residents for walks outdoors, Zumba/exercises

Develop customer service skills. Must complete intensive orientation; undergo a Police/Criminal Reference check for Vulnerable Sector Population, supply 2 personal references. 2-step tuberculosis skin test will be done at Roberta place at no charge.

CONTACT: Sheila MacDonald PHONE: 705-733-3231, ext. 501 Email: smacdonals@jarlette.com

7. **Lesson Volunteers – Hope Haven Riding Centre**

AGE: 14

ACTION: Horse Leaders assist riders prepare horses for lessons and lead the horses during the lessons. Side Walkers walk beside the horse and rider providing support and stability. Our Winter and Summer sessions are 8 weeks long; Spring and Fall sessions are 12 weeks long. We provide volunteer training.

IMPACT: Volunteers help special needs children learn basic, fundamental movement skills, while making a profound and life-altering difference for youth and adults with special needs.

CONTACT: Julie Brown program@hopehavencentre.org 226-909-0558

8. Mr. Wilkinson is looking for students to be part of the Breakfast Club. Please see him at the Breakfast Club table any day for more information and to sign up.

9. Need volunteer hours but want to have fun at the same time? Join the “Youth Involvement” program as a Peer Volunteer with Simcoe Community Services!

From September to June, high school-aged youth from all over Barrie come to attend “Wednesday Evening Bash” events. Youth participate in bowling, craft and games nights, dance classes, movie nights, and have the chance to connect with friends.

All volunteers are required to submit a Criminal Reference Check and complete a volunteer orientation.

If you are interested in becoming a Peer Volunteer, please contact:

Jamie Hall, Stakeholder Relations Manager
705-726-9082 extension 5280
jhall@simcoecommunityservices.ca

10. **Clothing Sorter – Dress For Success**

ACTION: volunteers 14+ are needed to sort donated clothing, take inventory, & keep the store organized.

IMPACT: after school & weekends you can get your community hours and earn a reference for you resume. Most importantly you will enjoy meeting new people & have the satisfying experience of helping women return to the workforce.

CONTACT: Linda Reid orilliaandbarrie@dressforsuccess.org (416) 568-0766 (705) 324-7323, ext 163

11. **Recreation Assistant – Coleman Care Centre**

AGE: 14+

ACTION: Enrich in our resident's lives by providing social, mental, spiritual and physical involvement. Participate in our programs and special events, outings, parties, Bingo, Music Events & Crafts.

IMPACT: Being part of our organization offers you the chance to meet new and inspiring people, develop fresh ideas, use your skills or learn new ones, but most of all you will be an important part of our community.

CONTACT: Andrea Boddy andrea.boddy@schlegelvillages.com (705)726-8691

12. Theatre Volunteer – Talk Is Free Theatre

AGE: 14+

ACTION: We have various positions to fill, including ushering, bingo, set up and tear down of sets, data entry, assisting with administrative duties and assisting with inventory of costumes and props. There are also opportunities to help with one time special events.

IMPACT: We can't offer the quality of performances that we do without our volunteers! When you usher, you get to watch the performance!

CONTACT: Cara McRae admin@tift.ca 705-792-1949 ext 21

13. Cody's House - Youth Mental Health Centre www.codyshouse.org

Cody's House is seeking Volunteers to assist with our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament.

Everyone is welcome to participate.

Duties include prep, setup, running and tear down.

Light lifting, standing for extended periods of time and organizational skills an asset.

Please contact Samantha Murray smurray@keymindset.com (705)241-9241

14. Ducks Unlimited Canada – Barrie

AGE: 13+

ACTION: You can get involved with fundraising activities and events such as: administration & record keeping | advertising and promotions | bookkeeping & financial management | cashier duties at events | data entry | event planning | Organizing tasks & people

IMPACT: Become one of our over 5,300 volunteers nationally and gain a sense of pride and accomplishment by assisting Ducks Unlimited to preserve and protect Canada's important wetlands

CONTACT: Joanne Barbazza du_barrie@ducks.ca (705)721-4444

15. St. John Ambulance Youth Group Barrie

AGE: 9 – 17

ACTION: St. John Ambulance's Youth Program is a structured health-oriented program that provides young people with opportunities for social, educational and personal development through training, community service opportunities, leisure activities and participation at special events.

IMPACT: Youth volunteers are given the opportunity to learn first aid and volunteer in their communities, fostering their personal development and commitment to service.

CONTACT: gbacn@on.sja.ca (705)726-0991

16. **Innisfil Farmer's Market**

Volunteers needed for the Innisfil Farmers' Market! Are you looking for community service hours for school or perhaps you would like to be a little more involved in the community? The Innisfil Farmers' Market is looking for volunteers on Thursdays, starting June 8th. There are various time slots available. Please contact our Farmers' Market Coordinator, Megan McLaughlin, if interested, at (705) 436-3740 ext. 4314 mmclaughlin@innisfil.ca.

17. **MEC Barrie Paddlefest – June 17th**

AGE: 9 – 17

ACTION: Help MEC with this event that celebrates the fun with floating. Learn new things, meet new people, and help MEC deliver a great event. Lots of positions are available so why not get in touch with Sarah to find out more!

IMPACT: MEC helps make sure our community has Good Times Outside – safely! Why not volunteer and participate in this fun experiential event.

CONTACT: Sarah Donnelly barriepaddlefest@mec.ca 705-792-4675

18. **2nd Annual Volley For Johnny – June 24th**

AGE: 14+

ACTION: There are lots of volunteering options including registration, marshaling, helping with lunch & more. Contact Alexis to find out how you can help!

IMPACT: This event raises funds for Parkinson Canada and shows support for Johnny Farrell who was diagnosed with Parkinson's about 7 years ago and raises awareness and funds for this disease.

CONTACT: Alexis Farrell alexis.farrell@live.ca 705-229-0618

19. **13th Annual MS Beach Volleyball Tournament – July 15th**

AGE: 14+

ACTION: There are lots of volunteering options including registration, marshal, food server, cheerleader, signage, set-up/tear-down and more!

IMPACT: Events further the MS Society's mission to be leaders in finding a cure for multiple sclerosis and enabling people affected by MS to enhance their quality of life.

CONTACT: Jessica Rapson Jessica.Rapson@mssociety.ca 705-733-0488

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Important Dates

Sunday, June 18
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Father's Day
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Positively Speaking

There are no manuals to be a parent. It is a job where you are learning every day and hope that you know enough to provide guidance. The following are positive pieces of advice for fathers. I hope my children see me as doing most of these. How many do you follow?

10 Things to Teach your Son about True Manhood

In the book, **Season of Life**, Joe Ehrmann says there are three false ideas of masculinity: athletic ability, sexual conquest, and wealth accumulation. Instead, true masculinity is defined by two principles. One is relationships...to love and be loved by your family. The other is to live for a purpose bigger than yourself. Great advice.

So, how are you doing on being a true man? And, are you teaching your son about being a real man? Here are the 10 things you must teach your son about true manhood:

1. Being a gentleman is still worth the effort:

- Hold the door.
- Stand up when a woman leaves or joins the table.
- Walk on the “splash” side of the sidewalk.
- Attempt (gently) to pick up the tab.
- Go get the car when it's raining.
- Offer your hand...

2. At the same time, be respectful: All the above “gentlemanly” actions must be offered subtly, and – if necessary – set aside graciously when refused.

3. Take responsibility: In a word (well, two), “step up.” True manhood takes responsibility for its actions, choices, values and beliefs. And – while taking responsibility, manhood is also willing to admit – with grace – when it is wrong.

4. Don't be afraid to be vulnerable: Real strength allows other people in. Manhood is honest about feelings and not afraid to be known. True manhood never builds a wall where there should be a window, or a fortress where there should be a sanctuary.

5. Actually “being” a man is more important than “talking” like one: Real men don't just stand up and speak up – they “put up” too. Loud talk and tough posturing don't cut it. True manhood involves finding a need and doing something about it. Real men don't complain about social problems – they go out and do something about them. Real men don't point fingers – they work for solutions. Real men get calluses on their hands – not from flapping their lips.

6. Listen respectfully, disagree politely and never exclude women from conversation: True manhood is inclusive. It may be strong, but it's unfailingly polite. Men who equate bluster or machismo with strength are typically covering something up. Men who think women have nothing to contribute to the conversation need to wake up and smell the 21st Century.
7. Love is stronger than muscles: True manhood understands that brute force is less compelling than self-giving love. The best solutions to difficulties involved applied love.
8. The first shall be last: True manhood puts others first. Most spiritual and corporate leaders are quoted more than once as saying something like this: If you want to be a leader, then the place to be is serving others before yourself.
9. Manhood is – sometimes – more about what you could do but didn't than what you could have avoided but did anyway: There's a lot of restraint – a great deal of "Quiet Strength" in true manhood. Real men tend to always have something in reserve.
10. True manhood is more about giving than about getting: Our culture often touts a "men see what they want, then they go out and get it" view of manhood. But true manhood is more along the lines of "see what the world needs, then go out and do it." Strength leveraged for the benefit of others.

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8 Things A Girl Needs From Her Father

I'm not a father and I never will be. But I am a daughter, and I have two dads: one biological, the other, by marriage.

Over my short 23 years on this Earth, I have come to understand that the daddy/daughter bond is something special. So special, that a father's actions and love have a pretty strong chance of molding who his daughter will become.

Inspired by writer [Roxane Gay's response to a nervous father of a daughter](#), I've compiled a list of the things I believe all dads of daughters should know to make sure his influence is the best possible kind, from my personal experiences and through the many experiences of other daughters.

As someone on the receiving end of this dad-love, I can tell the secrets of daughters that fathers of newborn baby girls crave to know. And I can promise, it's not as scary as you think.

1. Know that from day one, she'll always be your little girl. But you have to put in the effort to keep it that way.
2. Don't assume or influence what her interests will be because she's a girl. Don't just point out flowers and dolls. Show her cars and LEGOs, too.
3. Let her help you around the house or with your work. She'll grow up to be a woman who feels confident stepping up in the workplace, no matter the job.
4. Talk to her mama like an equal, not an inferior, and she'll someday expect the same.
5. Show her your sensitive side. She'll see that if she's sensitive, too, it doesn't make her weak.

6. Have inside jokes or games, just between the two of you. Trust me, she'll remember them forever.
7. Encourage her to do the things that scare her, because you'll always have her back.
8. Make her promises, and then keep them. The only heartbreak in her life should come from others who don't know how special she is.
9. Show her the skills that you know well.
10. Ask her to show you the skills that she knows well and you don't.
11. Attempt to understand her interests even when you don't. You'll teach her that no matter what her talents are — ballet, art or wrestling with the boys — they matter.
12. This is especially true if her interests are more "girly." Teach her that her interests are just as important no matter what they are.
13. If you wouldn't say it to a son, don't say it to your daughter.
14. When she comes to you with a problem, don't brush her off or tell her to go to her mother. Listen. She'll come back.
15. Don't talk about her changing body, or interest in sexuality, with disgust. You'll only teach her that she should be ashamed of it.
16. Don't talk about other's women's bodies in an objectifying or demeaning way. She's listening, and then examining her own.
17. Talk about strong women in front of her, not just strong men, and she'll aspire to be them someday, and will know she has a chance.
18. Work stuff out with her mother in front of her. She'll see that women deserve a voice in relationships and will look for someone who will appreciate hers.
19. Don't joke about having a shotgun when boys come over. You'll only teach her that you don't trust her judgement.
20. Stand up for injustice and the oppressed. Believe the oppressed when they say they're oppressed. You'll show her compassion and that there's nothing unmanly or inferior about doing what is right.
21. If you lead by example, you won't need to scare the bad boys away. She'll want better.
22. If there is a bad boy in the bunch, make sure you're there if her heart should break. Chances are, it will. Make yourself available for her to turn to, and not back to him.
23. Tell her that the only person in charge of what happens to her body is her.
24. Compliment her, and her mother, often.
25. Tell her you love her. Text her about the game. Let her know that no matter what, you'll always be there.

Parent's Corner

It's Father's Day on Sunday. If you would like to see a really cool video involving a father's love, please watch: <https://www.facebook.com/westjet/videos/10155453061308552/>

Fathers differ from Mothers! There's my profound statement of the year. Last week, I mentioned that there should be no difference in tasks between spouses, except childbirth. Dads have roles that aren't inherently obvious (it's been my experience at least) – coach/sports, disciplinarian, “wait ‘til your Father comes home”; “don't tell Dad”, really bad comedian, peacemaker/mediator, model maker, etc.

I believe my role as a Dad is really simple: be a good role model for your children. I hopefully have taught my son about how to treat his partner. I hopefully have taught my daughter how she should be treated by her partner. My wife and I have simple goals for our children: be good people!

One thing I'll always remember is my daughter bringing home a sheet describing her parents, in Kindergarten. For my wife, it was all the things she does and she's nice; for me, it was, “My Dad is funny; he makes me laugh”. I love that.

Speaking of funny, I hope you enjoy the below article.

31 Times Our Dads Were the Funniest People on Earth

Funny dad: The world's most tireless dad

On a brutally hot day I walked past a miniature golf course and saw a dad following three small children from hole to hole. “Who's winning?” I shouted. “I am,” said one kid. “Me,” said another. “No, me,” yelled the third. Sweat dripping down his face, the dad gasped, “Their mother is.” —Tom Lappas
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Funny dad: The world's most sentimental dad

The family was viewing old slides and one flashed on the screen that caught everyone's attention. My father, wearing his favorite golf shirt, was holding me at the tender age of three weeks. The look on his face told all. “There's my prize possession,” my father said. Touched, I smiled at him as he continued, “I wonder whatever happened to that golf shirt?” —Jeanne Graves

Funny dad: The world's most sympathetic dad

Four students walked in halfway through the American history test my father was giving at the community college. “Sorry,” they said, “We had a flat tire.” An understanding man, dad said that if they could all answer just one question correctly, he would give them each an “A” for the exam. They agreed. So dad handed each one a piece of paper, placed the in four separate corners and said, “Write down which tire was flat.” —Kurt Smith

Funny dad: The world's most level-headed dad

My uncle was driving to a hockey game with his two sons when their car hit a low-flying duck. After absorbing the shock of what just happened, Uncle Mike broke the silence with, “Well, there’s a bird that didn’t live up to his name.” —Jason Bulbuk

Funny dad: The world's most perfectionist dad

In the frozen-foods department of our local grocery store, I saw a man shopping with his son. As I walked by, he checked something off his list, then whispered conspiratorially to his son, “You know, if we really mess this up, we’ll never have to do it again.” —Janet Campbell

Funny dad: The world's most smooth-talking dad

After an explosive argument with our mother, my little brother pasted a sign reading “I hate Mom” on the door to his room, and slammed it shut. My dad, a school psychologist, came home to this standoff. “I’ll take care of it,” he said, then went into my brother’s room. Minutes later, Dad came out. “He doesn’t hate you anymore,” he reassured. Sure enough, my brother had crossed out “Mom” on his sign. It now read “I hate Dad.” —Michele Pecoraro

Funny dad: The world's most heroic dad

Our family sheltered in the basement after hearing a tornado warning. My husband told everyone to stay put while he got his cell phone from the car, in case the lines went dead. He didn’t return for the longest time, so I went looking for him. I was upstairs calling his name, when I heard our phone machine click on. “Hi,” a voice said. “This is Dad. I’m locked out of the house.” —Laure Jorges

Funny dad: The world's most thorough dad

When my dad ran out of gas, he called mom to pick him up in her car. They went to a gas station, filled a can, and returned to his car. After a few minutes, he got into her car again. “We need to go back to the gas station,” he said. “One gallon wasn’t enough?” mom asked. “It would have been if I’d put it in the right car.” —Kent T. Critchlow

Funny dad: The world's most samurai dad

The black lacquer stand holding his prized samurai swords was dusty, so my husband left our cleaning lady a note, reading, “Check out my swords.” That evening, he found the stand just as dirty as before but with this appended to his note: “Nice swords.” —Eleonore Bode-Lemming

Funny dad: The world's most practical dad

Dad is old-school: he keeps all his money in the underwear drawer. One day I bought him a personal safe in the shape of a paint can with a false bottom, so he could keep his money in the workshop instead. Later I asked Mom if he was using it. “Oh yes—he put his money in it the same day,” she said. “No burglar would think to look on the work shelf!” I gloated. “they won’t have to,” mom replied. “He keeps the paint can in his underwear drawer.” —Judee Mulvey

Funny dad: The world's toughest dad

I was on my way out of the house to meet with a cantankerous client, and I was dreading it. The look on my face must have given me away because my four-year-old daughter asked what was wrong. “I’m going to meet a woman who always yells at Daddy,” I told her. “Oh,” she said. “Say hi to Mom.” —Bart Key

Funny dad: The world's most amenable dad

After my second year in med school, I moved back home. One night I was up late studying for my clinical exam. Because my father woke me every morning at seven, I put a note on my door: “DO NOT DISTURB. Studying until 3 a.m.” Dad, a doctor himself, showed no sympathy. He left a note attached to mine: “The hotel management hopes you’re enjoying your stay. We’d like to remind you that checkout was at noon—approximately six years ago.” —Varghese Abraham

Funny dad: The world's most understanding dad

“Does anyone in this room need to be dismissed from jury duty?” my father, a judge, asked the prospective jurors. A nervous young man stood up. “I’d like to be dismissed,” he said. “My wife is about to conceive.” Slightly taken aback, Dad responded, “I believe, sir, you mean ‘deliver.’ But either way, I agree. You should be there.” The man was dismissed. —Beth Duncan

Funny dad: The world's best rebound dad

Our 17-year-old daughter was going by bus to a soccer tournament in Delaware and she’d packed more baggage than Noah. As I was hauling it out of the trunk I remarked, “Oh, Erica, we forgot the kitchen sink!” Another father instantly chimed in: “It’s okay. Ashley has one—they can share.” —Andrew W. Dencs

Funny dad: The world's most technical dad

Before I took the old family car to college, my father loaded the trunk with soft-drink bottles filled with oil, coolant, and transmission fluid. Sure enough, my car overheated. Scolding myself for not listening to my father’s instructions, I looked at the engine and saw how well he knew me. The oil cap was labeled Dr Pepper, the transmission stick, Coke, and the empty coolant container, Diet Pepsi. I finished the trip safely. —Charlotte G. Alexander

Funny dad: The world's proudest dad

On my parents’ 50th anniversary, I remarked to my father that he and Mom never seemed to fight. “We battled,” he said, “but it never amounted to much. After a while one of us always realized that I was wrong.” —Gary Markman

Funny dad The world's most capable dad

My father was completely lost in the kitchen and never ate unless someone prepared a meal for him. When Mother was ill, however, he volunteered to go to the supermarket for her. She sent him off with a carefully numbered list of seven items. Dad returned shortly, very proud of himself, and proceeded to unpack the grocery bags. He had one bag of sugar, two dozen eggs, three hams, four boxes of detergent, five boxes of crackers, six eggplants, and seven green peppers. —Joan Flood

Funny dad: The world's most giving dad

My mom had always wanted to learn to play the piano, so Dad bought her one for her birthday. A few weeks later, I called and asked how she was doing. “We returned the piano,” said Dad. “I persuaded her to switch to a clarinet. I asked why. “Because,” he explained, “with a clarinet, she can’t sing along.” —Don Foster

Funny dad: The world's most thankful dad

One year my dad was in and out of the hospital. Each time, his tireless neighbors stepped in—mowing the lawn, shoveling the driveway, taking Mom to the hospital, picking up prescriptions. After Dad recovered, mom wanted to thank the neighbors by doing something they'd really appreciate. Dad suggested, "Tell them we're moving." —Mark Reilly

Funny dad: The world's most attentive dad

One night about 10 p.m. I answered the phone and heard, "Dad, we want to stay out late. Is that okay?" "Sure," I answered, "as long as you called." When I hung up, my wife asked who was on the phone. "One of the boys," I replied. "I gave them permission to stay out late." "Not our boys," she said. "They're both downstairs in the basement." —Lawrence M. Weisberg

Funny dad: The world's best planning dad

Both of my parents work and lead hectic lives. So my father was bound to forget their wedding anniversary. Remembering at the last minute, he sped to the stationary store and breathlessly asked the clerk, "Where are the anniversary cards?" To his surprise he heard my mother call out, "Over here, Bill." —Elizabeth Ransom

Funny dad: The world's handiest dad

Dad's satellite dish died. When I walked into his living room, I found him talking on the phone with tech support, the TV set pulled away from the wall and a mass of tangled wires spilling out in front of him. He looked completely overwhelmed. "Tell you what I'm going to do," Dad said to the technician, "I'm going to hang up now, go to college for a couple years, then call you back." —Dana Marisca

Funny dad: The world's most careful dad

Once my dad, a gravedigger, was told to prepare for a funeral. But on the day of the service, he accidentally dug up the wrong plot. Luckily for him, the deceased's daughter was very understanding. "Poor Dad," she lamented, "He always complained he could never find a parking space." —Emily Willmot

Funny dad: The world's most romantic dad

Shortly before our 25th anniversary, my husband sent 25 long-stemmed roses to me at my office. A few days later, I plucked all the petals and dried them. On the night of our anniversary, I spread the petals over the bed and lay on top of them wearing only a negligee. As I'd hoped, I got a reaction from my husband. When he saw me, he shouted, "Are those potato chips?!" —Sue Ater

Funny dad: The world's most supportive dad

On the day I received my learner's permit, my father agreed to take me out for a driving lesson. With a big grin, he hopped in behind the driver's seat. "Why aren't you sitting up front on the passenger's side?" I asked. "Kirsten, I've been waiting for this ever since you were a little girl," Dad replied. "Now it's my turn to sit back here and kick the seat." —Kirsten Wiley

Funny dad: The world's most clever dad

None of my grandsons share my corny sense of humor. When the family is eating lasagna, I say, "Lean over your plate, boys. You'll get less-on-ya." I say to the ten-year-old, "Don't yell through the screen; you'll strain

your voice.” And when I took another grandson to the zoo, I asked, “Do you know why that snake’s not pressed against the glass? He doesn’t want to be a windshield viper.” They’ll probably laugh later. —Homer Adams

{I am going to use these – TW}

Funny dad: The world's most resilient dad

My husband was bending over to tie my three-year-old’s shoes. I noticed my son, Ben, staring at my husband’s head. He gently touched the thinning spot of hair and asked in a concerned voice, “Daddy, you have a hole in your head. Does it hurt?” After a pause, I heard my husband’s murmured reply: “Not physically.” —Laurie Gerhardtstein

Funny dad: The world's safest dad

No one is more cautious than a first-time parent. After our daughter was big enough to ride on the back of my bicycle, I bought a special carrier with a seat belt and got her a little helmet. The day of the first ride I put her in the seat, double-checked all the equipment, wheeled the bike to the end of the driveway, carefully looked both ways and, swinging my leg up over the crossbar, kicked her right in the chin. —Zachary Gibbs

Funny dad: The world's most squirrel-savvy dad

When a squirrel slipped into my house, I panicked and called my father. “How do you get a squirrel out of the basement?” I shrieked. Dad advised me to leave a trail of peanut butter and crackers from the basement to the outside. It worked—the squirrel ate his way out of the house. Unfortunately, he passed another squirrel eating his way in. —Corinne Stevens

Funny dad: The world's most accepting dad

The day I knew my in-laws had finally accepted me: As we pulled into their driveway, my father-in-law was on the phone. "Oh, I have to run," he told the person on the other end. "My daughter-in-law and her husband just arrived." —Kathy Dierker

Funny dad: The world's happiest dad

I asked my brother-in-law, the father of four boys, “If you had to do it all over again, would you still have kids?” “Yes,” he said. “Just not these four.” —Sheila Lee

Source: “31 Times Our Dads Were the Funniest People on Earth”, Reader’s Digest compilation, <http://www.rd.com/funny-stuff/funny-dads/>

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Parent Pointer Calendar for the following week (June 19th – July 7th)

Monday 19th	Tuesday 20th	Wednesday 21st	Thursday 22nd	Friday 23rd
Visit the public library this week. Look for a book both you and your teen might enjoy.	Let your teen see you reading often. This teaches them that reading is important and fun.	Modified schedule: pd 1 8-8:35 pd 2 8:40-9:10 pd 4 9:15-9:45 pd 5 9:50-10:20 lunch 10:20-11:30	Period 2 exam 8:30	Period 4 exam 8:30

		Period 1 exam 11:30		
Monday 26th	Tuesday 27th	Wednesday 28th	Thursday 29th	Friday 30th
Period 5 exam 8:30	Conflict Day	Conflict Day	PD Day Commencement	PD Day
Monday 3rd	Tuesday 4th	Wednesday 5th	Thursday 6th	Friday 7th
CANADA DAY Holiday School closed	Credit Rescue	Credit Rescue	Credit Rescue	Credit Rescue School Office closes at 3:30 for the Summer and opens again August 28 th at 7:30

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Enjoy the weekend!

Go Jays!

Happy Father's Day!

Have a safe and great Summer!

Be well!

Terry Wilkinson

Vice-Principal
Bear Creek Secondary School

P.S. (Positive Statement):

“Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

~ Winston Churchill

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P.P.S.: If you like what you have read so far, please tell another parent/guardian, get them to e-mail me, and I'll add them to the e-mail list.

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