From the Desk of Mr. Peck

Summer is suddenly upon us and students’ minds, in many cases, are not focused on school. However, there are still twenty days of instruction remaining – but who’s counting. Please help us keep your children on task and happy and safe at school. Remind them each evening to complete homework; ask them what they learned about during the day; remind them in the morning to dress according to our school dress code, and be sure to send them with a hat and sunscreen. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

During the last week of school, a final newsletter will come home with some important information regarding the beginning of school in September. Please watch for this final newsletter and keep it for reference.

School Council

Thank you to all those parents who faithfully attended our School Council Meetings this year. Your support has been appreciated by the school community. Our first meeting for next year will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2011 in our school library at 7:00 pm. Details will be shared in our first newsletter in September.

Summer Advantage

"Summer Advantage" is a fully coloured, 192 page activity book designed to maintain and extend all Kindergarten to Grade 7 students’ academic learning over the summer months. There is one activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. All books are aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations. The cost of each booklet is $19.05 plus GST. Order forms are due in the office on Monday, June 6.

Meet the Teacher Night

Meet the Teacher Night will take place on Thursday, September 22, 2011. More details will follow in our opening newsletter in September, but please mark the date on your calendar.

Balanced Day at W. H. Day

Beginning the first day of school in September, our school will be joining nearly every other school in our board – we are going to organize our school day on the balanced schedule. This will take some getting used to but it will allow us to use the time we have more effectively. You may remember that earlier in the year our School Council approved the change and your input was requested in our annual school survey. Start
and end times do not change, but the way the day is divided does change. Concerns raised in parent input will be addressed. Students who normally go home for lunch will still be able to do so, and there will be a modest increase in time devoted to formal physical education. A schedule will be coming home with our final newsletter.

**Get a Healthy Start with Free Dental Care**

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has a new no-cost dental program for eligible children and teens ages 17 years and under. Healthy Smiles Ontario offers a full range of dental services including checkups, cleaning, fillings, x-rays, scaling and more. The program is available three different ways:

- Through a full-service clinic at the health unit’s Barrie 80 Bradford Street office,
- By visiting a participating dentist or dental hygienist or
- By visiting the health unit’s mobile dental clinic that travels to communities in Simcoe Muskoka.

To find out more about the program, eligibility requirements and how to make an appointment, call Your Health Connection Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).

**Pizza and Milk Orders**

Thank you to parents who supported our Pizza and Milk program this year. We hope to be able to offer similar programs next year. These programs act as a service to parents, but also help us raise money for the school, money which this year was used to bring the very successful and well received Moving Arts Program to our school. Part way through the year we changed the ordering for milk. Several parents who had ordered milk for the year were affected. As food orders are for fundraising, those of you who would like to consider money owed as a “donation”, thank you. If you would like a cheque from the school to make up for the difference owed to you, please contact the office and we will look after your request. Thanks to the parent volunteers who made these programs successful.

**Parking and Related Items**

Thank you to the many parents and students who completed their “Parking at School Homework” and returned it to the school. We had our draw and presently are in the process of buying a bike for each of our two winners, a grade two student and a grade five student. Also, as part of improving safety, we are handing out positive “tickets” to parents who are parking in the right places. If you get a ticket, please complete it and return it to the office. You may win a Tim Hortons gift card. Thank you to everyone who has changed their parking, dropping off and picking up behaviours to help make our school safer for everyone.

**School’s in for Summer!**

Join us for summer school, where you will improve your **Numeracy** skills in an interactive and engaging environment. **Students entering grades 7, 8, or 9 in September 2011** may be interested in attending summer school in order to prepare for the up-coming school year. The program runs Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, August 15-26, 2011. Summer school sites are established in six locations throughout the county and limited bussing is available. Register online at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca). Please
contact your child’s teacher or school administrative staff for login information. Contact your school or local learning centre for more information.

**Important Upcoming Dates**

- PA Day, no classes      June 3
- Spirit and Fun Day; 10 AM to 2 PM       June 4
- Grade 6 EQAO begins          June 6
- Sportapalooza (D.S. Class)    June 7
- Grade 7/8 Immunization       June 13
- Parks and Rec. visit classes June 13
- BDHS Cheerleading Presentation for 7/8 June 13
- Area Track and Field          June 14
- Grades 5/6 to McMichael Art Gallery June 16
- Grade 2 to Zoo; Int. Girls Baseball June 21
- Int. Boys Baseball            June 22
- Grade 8 Graduation            June 27
- Report Cards Go Home          June 28
- Last Day of Classes           June 29

Don’t miss a fun **W. H. DAY SPIRIT DAY** on Saturday, June 4th from 10 AM to 2 PM. There is a cost for food – hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, freezies and chocolates – but everything else is FREE including:

**Jumping Castle**

**Mini Putt**

**Rock Climber**

**Simple games for younger kids organized by some of our grade 8 students**