



# GATOR NEWS

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**CENTRAL Weather Zone**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

June 2-5th: retrieval of student belongings

June 23rd: virtual graduation available

June 25th: last day of school

## COVID-19

We want to assure you that the health and well-being of our students and staff remains a top priority for the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). We are in regular contact with our local health authority, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), and continue to take their direction on all matters related to COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus).

Please check our board website [scdsb.on.ca](http://scdsb.on.ca) for regular updates, as well as our Goodfellow website [goo.scdsb.on.ca](http://goo.scdsb.on.ca) and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health unit.

[www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org)

**GFPS is a SCENT FREE and NUT FREE school**

## From the Desk of the Principal

Goodfellow Families,

The staff at Goodfellow has truly missed seeing all of you. What a challenge this has been. We acknowledge all of the things that parents and students have achieved while schools have been closed. While we don't know exactly what the fall will bring, we are looking forward to our next school year with great optimism.

Ms. Walma is joining the ranks of the retirees. We wish her the very best of "all things good" in retirement. Next year, Mr. Cappadocia will be joining us as Principal of Goodfellow. He is currently principal at Boyne River in Alliston and has lots of experience in Simcoe County Schools. You will enjoy his sense of humour. Welcome Mr. Capp!

In this newsletter, you will read information pertaining to protocols for picking up student belongings, distribution of report cards and returning technology, texts and library books. Together, we can do this!

Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Merkley



"Hello" from Mr. Cappadocia:

I am truly excited to be joining the staff, students and the school community as the Principal at Goodfellow P.S. in September.

Along with my experience as a vice principal at Hillcrest PS and Algonquin Ridge ES, I worked as the Principal of Baxter Central for three years in concert with overseeing the construction and building of Boyne River Public School in Alliston. I know that my experience in creating a new school culture and vision alongside the staff and students at that school will benefit the community of Goodfellow P.S. as well. I'm looking forward in continuing my life-long journey with all of you in learning how we can continue to provide the tools for student achievement in a safe learning environment at Goodfellow P.S.

Be sure to pop in the office and introduce yourself in the fall. Je suis franco-phonie, donc vous être libre a me parler en français aussi. I'll thank you in advance for your patience as I make the transition to Goodfellow P.S. over the next few months.

Sean Cappadocia  
Principal  
Boyne River Public School

### **Grade 8 Virtual Graduation**

We are busily preparing for our virtual Grade 8 graduation! The virtual graduation will be available from June 23, the original date of our graduation. Grade 8 teachers will be in contact with families about how to access the virtual graduation. Teachers are organizing drop off times for students to receive their graduation gifts. Be on the lookout for communication from your Grade 8 teacher!



### **Grade 8 student information transfer to Secondary School**

As students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under the Education Act. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact Dean Maltby, Superintendent of Education, if you would like more information about the transition process at Goodfellow P.S.



### **Retrieval of personal belongings**

We are working hard this week to go through student work and personal belongings in the classrooms. Goodfellow office staff will be in the school on a rotating basis and you will be receiving a Synervoice call about curbside pick up as these belongings are organized.



### **Retrieval of borrowed tech devices**

Please bring SEA equipment and Chromebooks back to the school during the scheduled time when you come to pick up personal belongings. Please put this equipment in a box or bag with your child's name and kindly ensure that charger cords are included. There will be a large table for tech return.



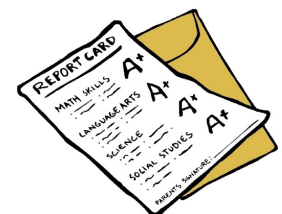
### **Library Books and Textbooks**

When you come to the school at your scheduled time(s) to pick up student belongings, please return all library books and texts in the large wooden bin at the curb side pick-up. Thank you for helping us to ensure that we take good care of our resources.



### **Report cards**

Due to the factors associated with Covid-19, report cards will be sent out through School Messenger email.



**School playground**

Dear SCDSB Families, In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, school communities are not to use playground equipment until further notice. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time. For ongoing updates please visit our website at [www.scdsb.on.ca/covid-19](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/covid-19) or follow us on social media (Twitter: @SCDSB\_Schools or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SCDSB](https://www.facebook.com/SCDSB))

**PC Children's Charity**

Goodfellow PS would like to recognize the generosity of the PC Children's Charity, whose substantial donation to our daily food program this school year helped us to provide nutritious snacks everyday for students in need. We were also able to give back to the community through Foodbank Donations during school closure.

**Character Trait award**

Every year the SCDSB accepts nominations of students, staff and volunteers who demonstrate excellent character. Award winners are randomly selected from the nominees. Congratulations to Allissa N, in Mme. Burgoyne's grade 5 class who is a recipient of the award this year! What an accomplishment Allissa!

**Goodfellow staff**

With a new school year comes changes in Goodfellow staff. We wish everyone the best in their new roles.

**Welcome**

Ms Beckenbach  
Ms Brassard  
Ms Breckon  
M. Clement  
Mme Farquhar

**Welcome back:**

Ms Ewert

**Goodbye:**

Mme Burgoyne  
Mme Fournier  
Ms John  
Ms Misener  
Ms Walma

