
Director's Blog: Perspectives Along the Path of Learning
~ *By Kathi Wallace, Director of Education, SCDSB*



I am honoured to serve Simcoe County's public education system as Director of Education. Our dynamic learning and teaching community has been an integral part of my life journey, both as a student and as an educator. Thank you for letting me share my thoughts and ideas with you. Feedback is welcome through the email address: webadmin@scdsb.on.ca (While I won't be able to respond to all comments, I will read every one of them.)

Our place along The Simcoe Path, an update

The Simcoe County District School Board's Multi Year Plan, *The Simcoe Path*, was approved just over a year ago. Since that time, staff have created and implemented action plans to support our system's student-focused goals and directions. Over the past year, these plans have been presented to our Board of Trustees and posted on our public website. I invite all members of the SCDSB community to [click here](#) to view these plans and see the steps we are taking along *The Simcoe Path*.

As a system, we are making great strides in meeting the priorities we set out for ourselves. Everyone in the SCDSB has a role in our progression along *The Simcoe Path*, and I thank everyone for helping to implement these action plans on behalf of students.

To review many SCDSB accomplishments since the launch of our multi-year plan, please read our [Report to the Community](#) for the 2010-2011 school year.

ECE and Child Care Worker Appreciation Day

October 26 is designated as Early Childhood Educator (ECE) and Child Care Worker Day in Ontario. In its 11th year, this day brings awareness to the work ECEs and child care workers do every day to support children.

I thank all of our Designated Early Childhood Educators for your dedication and skills you bring into the classroom. The work you do is an integral part of our goal of supporting student achievement and well-being for all of our students. Thank you!



United Way Campaign Begins

Every year, United Way campaigns take place across the SCDSB. The United Way of Greater Simcoe County reaches many families and individuals who are in need in our school communities. Every United Way dollar raised by our schools and facilities stays in Simcoe County to help people close to home. The SCDSB Education Centre and school communities are hosting United Way events over the next few months. Keep your eyes posted for information about future events, and enjoy taking part knowing that you're helping someone in our community.

SCDSB Events and Meetings

We have so many great initiatives going on across the SCDSB. Remember to check our public website's [News & Events](#) section and [meeting calendar](#) to see what is happening at our board.

Some upcoming meetings and special events include the [School Council members welcome session](#) on October 25, the [Skilled Trades Networking Dinner for Women](#) on November 15, the [Barrie Central partnership meeting](#) on November 15, and a variety of board and committee meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at any of these upcoming events, during my school visits or around your school communities!

All the best,

*Kathi Wallace
Director of Education*