



## BIRCHVIEW DUNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

One of the goals in the Simcoe County District School Board improvement plan is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment that supports all students in being successful. From mid-November to late December, all students in grades 4 to 12 will be asked to complete an anonymous on-line survey at school about how they feel about their school. This survey provides students with the opportunity to say what is great about their school, as well as express their concerns. The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff and will help schools to develop their Safe Schools Plans. Students will not be asked to provide their names and all student responses will be combined to ensure confidentiality. Your child's teacher will supervise the class during the survey and can answer any questions or concerns your child may have.

Similar to the 2007, 2009 and 2011 surveys, the questions cover a range of topics including:

- the overall tone of the school, often referred to as school climate;
- perceptions of peers in terms of the Board's 10 Character traits;
- involvement in extracurricular activities and academic achievement; and
- experiences of school safety and bullying.

In addition to these topics, the 2013 survey will include 3 questions to assist the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in their Healthy Schools Initiative. These questions will ask students to identify the best thing about their school and the top issues in their school. A summary of the results on these 3 questions will be shared with the Health Unit to assist them in planning the programs they provide in SCDSB schools.

Should you wish to review the survey, a paper copy is available at the school office. Please call the school if you have questions about how this survey will be implemented in your child's class.

The information that is collected will be used to help guide our school in creating and maintaining safe, supportive learning environments for all students. Thank you for your support.

Mr. W. Floyd  
Principal