



The Last First Day

Back to school is always met with mixed emotions.

It signifies the end of summer vacation—the wonderful, carefree days spent with our children. The late mornings, the long days, the adventures, and all those little moments we know we'll miss once the routine begins again.

It brings me back to when I had to go back to school as a child. Those same butterflies I remember so well—excitement mixed with nervousness and a little fear of the unknown.

But as a parent, no one tells you that you'll feel those butterflies even more.

Will my child be in a class with her friends? Will she like her teacher? Will she make new friends? Will this be a great school year for her?

I don't think there's any book you can read or any parenting advice that can truly prepare you for that kind of angst. And I don't even think our children realize just how much we feel it for them.

I feel it every year.

And every year, it works out.

Yes, she has friends. Yes, she loves her class. Yes, she's a good student. And somehow, despite all those worries, we always find ourselves looking back and realizing that everything turned out just fine.

But here we are.

Approaching the first day of Grade 8.

Her very last first day at the only school she has ever known.

She graduates this year.

And suddenly, this feels like a really big deal.

Because this isn't just another first day of school. It's the beginning of the last chapter of something that has been such a huge part of her childhood—and mine.

And I think we all feel it.

So here's to a great first day to all the amazing parents out there, and to your kiddos.

May their backpacks be packed, their lunches be eaten, their nerves settle quickly, and may this be a year filled with friendships, growth, laughter and memories.

And if you're feeling those butterflies too, just know you're not alone.

Sometimes the hardest part of watching our children grow is realizing how quickly they're growing right in front of us.

Here's to Grade 8.

Here's to the last first day.

And here's to soaking up every single moment.
~Linda



Our Listings



Featured Listing

5406 CNTY RD 56,
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- ✓ 0.84-Acre private lot with mature trees.
- ✓ Light-filled sunroom stepping out to your private backyard deck.
- ✓ Primary suite features dual walk-in closets & a 5-piece bathroom.
- ✓ Finished walkout lower level with massive rec room with fireplace.
- ✓ Garage with walk-up access, 200-amp, propane heating & heat pump.

2+1 Bed | 3 Bath | 1,500-2,000 SQ. FT.

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Market News



Is Angus officially outpacing Barrie in home values?

The August 2026 real estate data is in, and Angus seen a massive recovery! After hitting a summer low of **\$629,918** in July, the average sold price in Angus bounded back up to **\$689,250** in August—outstripping Barrie's August average of **\$669,600**.

While Barrie's market continues a steady, reliable trajectory, Angus's rapid price shifts signal strong local buyer demand and major opportunity for home sellers looking to list.

Thinking of buying or selling in Simcoe County before the fall market heats up? Let's [chat](#) about what these numbers mean for your property value.



The Myth: You have to wait until spring to list your home if you want a successful sale.

The Reality: Spring certainly brings out a flood of buyers, but it also brings a massive wave of competing sellers. This means that listing in the winter or late summer allows your property to stand out to the most serious, motivated, and pre-approved buyers who aren't just "window shopping" and are ready to make a move quickly due to lower overall inventory.

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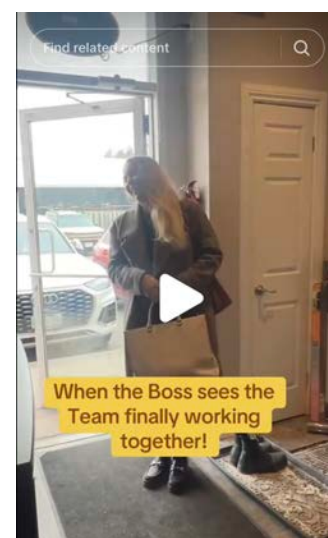
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