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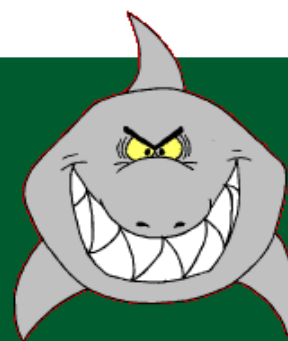
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Administrators' Message

We have begun our final month of the 2014-2015 school year and, as always, we are amazed at how quickly the year goes by!

May has been a flurry of activity which included our outstanding Junior Spring Concert and Intermediate Drama Night, Track and Field for the Junior and Intermediate students, and our Welcome to Kindergarten evening for our new Junior Kindergarten students and their parents.

June will be an equally busy month beginning with our Fun Fair on Thursday, June 4, at which we hope to see all of our families! Soccer teams are in full swing and we have over 65 students attending the Regional Track and Field Meet. Teachers are working hard to finish this year's curriculum and prepare final reports of their students' achievement and we hope that our students will persevere and stay focused on their studies so that they can finish the year successfully. With the onset of summer and all of the extracurricular activities going on after school, it is easy to let some of the attention to homework slide. We would ask that parents/guardians keep encouraging your children to keep up with their work in the classroom and at home. Needless to say, as we work our way through what promises to be a positive and exciting final month of the year, we are all looking forward to the lazy, hazy days of summer!

Character Trait For June

~ Perseverance ~

We stick to a goal and work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges. We complete all tasks and assignments.

Yvonne West

Principal

Shelley Anand

Vice-Principal

Inspire Learning!



Character Matters - Integrity

May's character trait was Integrity. "We are truthful and sincere. We ensure consistency between what we say and what we do as well as between what we believe and how we behave."

Congratulations to our Integrity winners:

Mrs. Neate	FTJSA	Saariga, Sophia, Jamai
Ms. Llewellyn	FTJSB	Annika, Braden, Shwetha
Miss Halliday	FTJSC	Amelia, Rajeesh, Amanda
Mrs. Gertsakis	FTJSD	Shanugen, Aijaey
Miss Eng	FTJSE	Jay, Donn
Mrs. Hudspith	FTJSF	Aswitha, Sinthiya
Ms. Hall	FTS/1A	Shaila
Mrs. Barovier	1/2A	Sean, Simran
Ms. Wood	1A	Rayyan, Cairo
Mrs. Tsiampouris	1B	Nityan, Matthew, Abia
Mrs. Sambrook	1C	Ranavi
Mr. Hwee	2/3A	Anojan, Ali
Miss Chan	2A	Saad, Alyssa
Mrs. Clements	2B	Shanjai, Shaumya
Miss Steele	2C	Shazia, Dhruvi
Mrs. Arumugam	3/4A	Thenuja
Mrs. McMichael	3A	Nila, Zayan
Mrs. Nedelkovski	3B	Angad, Vishnu
Mrs. Cooper	3C	Ajay, Riya, Ashmi

Congratulations!





SUZUKI SHOUT OUTS!

On Thursday, May 21st the York Region District School Board in association with the Markham Tamil Organization, Inclusive Schools and Community Services, and the Association of Sri Lankan Graduates of Canada held their annual awards of excellence ceremony to recognize the achievements of Tamil students in throughout York Region. At the ceremony, 100 elementary students from across the Board were recognized for their achievements in the areas of citizenship, perseverance, academics, arts, and athletics.

We would like to congratulate three of our grade 7 and 8 students who received awards at this prestigious event.

Congratulations to **Umen Sugirthan** and **Sanjay Ketheeswaran** for being recognized for their high academic achievements, and to **Luckshana Thiruchelvam** for her high academic achievements and for demonstrating outstanding citizenship as a member of the Suzuki community.

Your hard work and dedication to all that you do is commended.



SUZUKI SHARKS PLAY BADMINTON VERY WELL!

This year saw yet another fantastic season for the Suzuki Senior Badminton Team!

After a series of exhibition matches, a resounding tournament win, and a 2nd place overall finish at Area's, the team had a fantastic season.

Congratulations to all team members for their incredible dedication, hard work, sportsmanship, and team spirit throughout the entire season!



Suzuki Invitational Tournament Champions

On Friday, May 15th the Suzuki badminton team travelled to Milliken Mills High School to compete in the East Area Badminton tournament.

Throughout a long day of games against some very stiff competition from 9 different schools the Sharks finished with and a **2nd PLACE OVERALL TEAM FINISH!**

Special recognition goes out to the following pairs who had outstanding team performances in their respective divisions of 18 teams:

Mackenzie & Haran for finishing 3rd in the mixed division;

Osmund & Faizan for finishing 3rd in the boys division;

Urooj & Layla for finishing 3rd in the girls division; and

Ashley & Sharmiga for finishing 4th in the girls division;

Special thanks also goes out to Mrs. Ming for her support at Milliken for the day and to Mr. Kawnik for helping coach throughout the season.



2nd Place at Area's



East Area Ribbon Winners

Track and Field

On May 26th students in grades 4-8 participated in David Suzuki Public Schools annual Track & Field Day. The weather was perfect for competition and enjoyment! Teachers and students performed events as planned and students did extremely well. A group of students who won their events will be competing at the York Region District School Board Area Meet on Monday, June 8th in Stouffville. We wish them all luck as they represent our school. Mrs. Carter would like to thank all staff and student volunteers for their cooperative involvement in making our track and field day a great success.





Lost and Found

Please be sure to have your children check the Lost & Found boxes (located on each floor of the school) by June 25th, for any items they may be missing. After June 25th, all remaining items will be donated to charity.

Thank you.



Traffic Loop

Parents familiar with morning traffic know just how congested traffic can be in the morning in front of the school and in the drop off loop in the parking lot. **We strongly encourage students to walk to school.** However, if you must use the loop in the morning, please **be patient, drive slowly and be careful.** **The loop is for drop off only, not parking.** Parents should not leave the car or wait in the loop at any time. Once dropped off, students should proceed directly to the schoolyard or Kindergarten fenced area. There are two lanes of traffic in the loop. Children should not be exiting the vehicle between the two lanes of traffic as this is very dangerous! The lane closest to the school is for stopping and dropping off, **not parking.** The other lane should be left clear for cars to exit the loop. **There should be no stopping in this lane.** If you wish to park and walk your child to the schoolyard, **please park on a side street.** The Town of Markham parking enforcement will be making visits to the school area and we do not want any of our families being ticketed for parking illegally in the loop or in handicapped parking spots by the loop.



Thank you for your cooperation.

Kindergarten Yard

The Kindergarten teachers and students are looking for outdoor toys for the Kindergarten yard. If you have any gently used toys (ie. Playhouses/kitchens, cars, Fisher Price basketball nets etc.), we would love to have them! If you would like to donate any gently used outdoor toys please drop them off in the Kindergarten yard at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for any donations!



Mrs. Barovier's and Ms. Wood's Class Trip to Bob Hunter Park

On May 14, we went to an amazing field trip with our class and Ms. Wood's class. First we got on the school bus. The bus was very noisy. When we got to the park, a girl named Leigh told us about the park and told us the park is named after Bob Hunter, an environmentalist. We walked on rocks for a while and then we entered the grass. We passed lots of trees flowers and some animals like birds, blue and yellow butterflies, swallows and snails. We learned that they built a hill for privacy for the deer and that deer come at sunrise and sunset. We stopped walking because Leigh wanted to show us trees that people planted and some flowers called Prarie Flame. They were a beautiful shade of fuchsia. We walked and then we stopped for a break and Leigh told us why they have wooden poles for the birds to perch. Then we sat on boulders and we felt some milkweed. It felt so soft and smooth like hair and it looks like it too. When we were walking we saw wild strawberry flowers. They were white and small but tall. We saw plants, pine trees, and lots of other things. We both really liked it because it was so peaceful and quiet. When we were walking back to the bus Mrs.Barovier showed us some purple lilacs and we smelled them. The bus back to school was very noisy. Finally we came back to school. It was such a fun trip! We both wish we could go back!



Revised Health and Physical Curriculum

The Ministry of Education has recently revised the Health and Physical Education Curriculum and has established an implementation date of September 2015. Like all components of the curriculum, these revisions will be implemented in a professional, caring and age appropriate manner by our highly skilled staff.

The revised document is available online at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/health.html>

If you have questions about the content within this new curriculum, please contact the Ministry of Education at:

416-325-2929 or 1-800-387-5514

14th Floor, Mowat Block, 900 Bay St, Toronto, ON M74 1L2

Junior Concert Raises Spirits and Funds

On May 6th the Junior Division held a wonderful evening of music, dance, and drama celebrating the Pan Am/Parapan Am games.

All classes from the Junior Division participated as well as the Junior/Intermediate Concert band. All the acts were of exceptionally high quality. Special mention goes to Nathan Khan and Emma Bacchus who did a great job as emcees.

Thanks to the generous support of our parents we raised \$790!

\$400 has been donated to the Canadian Cancer Society (to remember all the staff and students from DSPS whose lives have been affected by this terrible illness) and \$390 will go toward our Toonies for Trees (schoolyard restoration) initiative.



Playing on the Schoolyard After School Hours

With the warm weather here, we are noticing that many of the students are lingering at the end of the school day to play or just hang out with friends. It's wonderful that the students are spending time outdoors (far better for them than sitting in front of a screen), however, we need you to be aware that there is **no supervision outside at the end of the day**. We have teachers supervising the Kiss and Ride and in the Bus Loop only, until 3:50, so children playing on the schoolyard after school are doing so at their own risk, but, hopefully with your knowledge and your permission. We again remind you of the construction occurring on our site and the caution that needs to be used in that area.



Tentative School Organization for 2015-2016

With the year coming to a close, we are now looking ahead to the new school year and so have begun the process of creating next year's classes and schedules. In our final newsletter, which you will receive at the end of June, we will include a tentative school organization. Please keep in mind that as a result of the complexity involved in this process due to the Ministry's Primary Class Size Reduction guidelines, it is possible for changes to occur. As with previous years, we have been instructed by the Board to withhold class teacher names until September and so teacher names will not be on the Report Cards, however, we will provide you with the tentative assignments of teachers who will be here next year.

Dress Code - Reminders

We have a dress code in effect with regards to appropriate wear during the warmer weeks. We ask that students refrain from wearing clothing that shows bare midribs, low cut tops or short shorts/skirts. Students dressed inappropriately for a school environment will be asked to call home for appropriate clothing. If no one is available to bring appropriate clothing, we will provide replacement clothing that meets the dress code standards. We also encourage you to consider safety when selecting summer footwear (e.g. flip flops can prove to be hazardous when running and playing). We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a respectful and safe learning environment for all of our students.

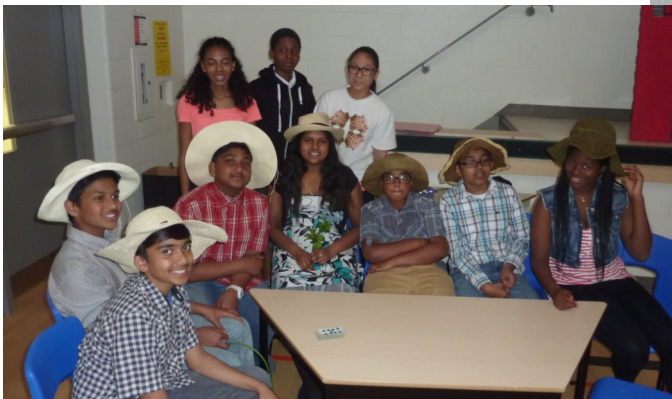


New Hopes! New Dreams!

New Ways!

On the evening of Thursday May 14th, our Intermediate Arts Team presented David Suzuki's second annual Drama Night. Performed, was a play composed entirely by students. The theatrical performance was based on the picture book: The Nutmeg Princess. Essentially, it was a story about how hope, optimism, integrity, and hard work can result in positive change. Over 100 students were involved in this creative process! Our Intermediate Arts Team consisted of a Lead Cast, Lead Choreography Team, Choreography Team, Backstage Crew, Usher Group, and Props Team. Response attained from parents, community members, fellow students, and teaching staff was one of praise and compliment. Executed, was an outstanding performance – seamless in transition and powerful in message.







Literacy Corner



Summer Vacation is right around the corner. Just because school is closed for the summer that doesn't mean that learning has to come to an end. Summer is definitely a time for fun, enjoyment and relaxation, but it is also important to keep your child engaged academically to avoid losing months of learning. Here are some activities you can do over the summer.

Read for about 30 minutes a day. Reading daily will help prevent "summer slide".

Reading will help your child keep and possibly improve on his/her reading skills instead of losing what he/she has learned this year.

- Visit the Markham public library-not only is it a great place to borrow books, but they also offer many free programs during the week
- Listen/read stories on free online websites or apps

Check out these free websites:

Storyline Online	www.storylineonline.net	Popular books read by actors/actresses
Fun Brain	www.funbrain.com	-Read books -Play word and Grammar games
Star Fall	http://www.starfall.com	Pre K-2 (letters, phonics, reading)
National Geographic Young Explorer	http://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html	-Listen/read non-fiction online magazines
International Children's Digital Library	http://en.childrenslibrary.org/	-Read books in different languages
We Give Books	http://www.wegivebooks.org/books	-Very popular favourites read online
ABCya!	http://www.abcya.com	-Language/math games



Write daily – writing about your summer adventures will keep your child's writing skills up

- Keep a summer journal
- Write letters to teachers, grandparents, cousins, classmates, friends etc.

Play Math Games – find the math in daily activities and play math games

- Count cars of a certain colour during road trips
- Measure ingredients for a simple recipe
- Play card games/board games

Visit <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/> to download a ministry booklet with many great math games you can play at home

Review schoolwork – your child will be bringing home all of the work and assignments he/she has completed in class. Spend a few minutes with your child each day and review the skills and concepts that he/she has learned.

Literacy Corner Continued

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2015



Did you hear the music pumping? Did you see hundreds of staff and students skipping, hopping, jumping, and running all over our beautiful new tarmac and field? What on earth was all of that activity on May 20th??!! It was David Suzuki's annual Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart event!!!

This year was the 33rd year for the Jump Rope for Heart program and the 19th year for the Hoops for Heart program in Canada, and we were so excited to participate and be part of the team again. Your donations will go to the Heart and Stroke

Foundation which provides important funding to researchers, scientists, and doctors who are consistently finding better ways to prevent heart attacks and strokes.

So how did we do?? Well..... David Suzuki is VERY pleased to announce the results of this year's fundraising efforts. This year we have actually exceeded our daring goal and we've raised a grand total of over \$9,200.00!!!! A HUGE thank you goes out to all of the students and families who worked so hard to fundraise for this great cause!

And what now, you ask? Well, the donations have all been sent away and we anticipate that the prizes will be delivered within a few weeks. For now, our raffle prize winners have been enjoying their chance to use their teacher's chair, sing O Canada on the announcements, finger paint, spend recess at the park, salsa dance, choose morning music, and spend recess in the gym.

And the teachers won't get away that easy... look forward to a 'no homework day', an afternoon of crazy fun, and a day where the staff will come to school in their formal attire - that's right, prom dresses, tuxedos, top hats, and gloves!

Finally, congratulations to our top three fundraising classes!

In 3rd place, with a total of \$684 - Ms. Sambrook's class!

In 2nd place, with a total of \$815 - Ms. Orr's class!

And in 1st place, with a whopping total of \$1,041.35 - Mr. Kermally's class!

Thank you again to all of the David Suzuki families who made our fundraiser possible. On behalf of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, we can't thank you enough.

~ The Jump Rope Team



Are you planning on moving?

Each year at this time we begin to plan for the upcoming school year. It is important for us to know how many students to expect for the fall term. If your child(ren) in JK – grade 7 will not be returning to Suzuki in the fall, please inform Mrs. Koidis in the office as soon as possible. *Thank you.*



Reminder!

Library

The year is winding down so we would like to begin collecting library books from the students. All books must be returned to the library by

Friday JUNE 12th.

If books are lost or damaged the replacement cost will be required.

Thank you.

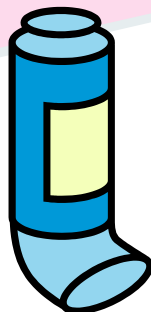


Student Medication

Pick Up

If your child has a supply of **medication** or an **Epipen** at school in the office, please arrange to pick it up on the last day of school.

Thank you!



Report Cards

Students will receive their report cards on **Thursday, June 25th.**

Regular Dismissal Reminder

A reminder that the last day of school for students is Thursday June 25th.

The students will be dismissed at 3:35 our regular time on that day. Report cards will not be given out prior to this time.

Thank you.



Environmental Corner

Hitting the brakes on Smog.
Carpool!



If your parents drive you to school, try starting a neighbourhood carpool by sharing a ride with friends who live nearby. Ask your parents if they would volunteer to drive you and the other students from your neighbourhood to school for a week. The next week, see if a friend's parent can do the driving. By taking turns, you're keeping more cars off the road and producing less smog.

Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING DATES

June 4	Annual Fun Fair
June 5	PA Day (no school)
June 16	Grade 8 Graduation
June 25	last day of school (Full day) Report Cards home
June 26	PA Day (No school)

Tuesday, September 8th
Return to school



The Kid's Summer Institute

The York Region District School Board's Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Weekly sessions are offered at eleven elementary schools throughout the region from **July 2 - 24 2015**

The York Region District School Board Summer Institute for Kids Program provides a variety of academic, recreation and sports activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum to reinforce skill development and curriculum expectations for students from kindergarten to grade eight.

Weekly sessions run at sites for either 4 or 6 weeks from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm with extended before and aftercare programs available at all locations.

Applications are available on line.

More information about summer programs and registration can be found using the links below:

Grade 7 & 8 – Literacy & Numeracy [Elementary Summer School](#)

Grades K-8 – Academics, Recreational and Athletic Activities [Summer Institute](#)

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/default.aspx>