



Sharon Flyer



A Message From The Admin. Team

Dear Families,

September and October have flown by and it is hard to believe that we are already into November! It was great seeing all of the amazing costumes in our Halloween parade - we had lots of parents show up for this event and they all took lots of scary pictures!

Our focus in reading, writing, math and school climate are at the forefront of our School Improvement Plan. This plan focuses on ensuring success for each student.

Throughout the year, teachers gather diagnostic, formative and summative information so that they can provide programs to meet the specific needs of each student. Teachers use this data to implement effective, intentional strategies that promote high student achievement. We continue to work to improve student achievement in all areas of the curriculum.

In mid-November, your child will receive their **Elementary Progress Report Card**. Students will not be receiving grades for each subject on the November Progress Report Card. It will indicate if your child is: progressing with difficulty, progressing well or progressing very well towards Term 1 expectations in each subject area. Term 1 ends in February and you will receive a report card with letter/number grades and again at the end of Term 2, in June. **Report cards go home on Tuesday, November 11th and will be followed by Student Led Conferences on the evening of November 13th and the morning of November 14th.**

If you have a concern or question about your child's progress, please contact the teacher at any time during the term. Interviews can be set up following the Student Led Conferences and a sign up sheet will be available in all classrooms.

The students and staff have been busy with many exciting activities this past month. We appreciate the efforts of staff and parents in making the school experience enriched and full. Read about the many events in the pages that follow.

Sincerely,
S. White and S. Gilbart



November, 2014

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Carrie Drennan

Anna-Lisa Kinch

Upcoming

- **School Council Meeting** - November 5th at 7:00 pm
- **Progress Report Cards Go Home** November 11
- **Photo Retakes** November 12th
- **Student-Led Conferences** (individually scheduled) Evening of November 13th and Morning of November 14th

Character Matters!

November's Character Trait is: *Courage/Confidence*

We face challenges directly. We seek help from others when necessary. We do the right thing even when it may be unpopular. We are able to recognize risks and danger and do not take unwise risks to gain approval of those around us.



Progress Report Cards

Progress report cards will be going home on November 11th.

Student-led conferences will be held on Thursday evening, November 13th and the morning of Friday, November 14th (PA Day for students). Confirmation of your conference time will be sent home with the report cards. It is an expectation that all teachers attempt to meet with all parents for this first report. We thank you in advance for taking the time to attend these interviews.

As the Colder Weather

Approaches



Winter is fast approaching and the weather is getting colder! Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor activities as they will still be going outside for morning and lunch recess. It is a good idea to send an extra pair of pants, mitts, socks and a hat in case children become too wet from outdoor play. Please be sure to clearly mark all clothing with your child's name.



Why Student Led Conferencing?

Student-led conferencing is a fantastic way to actively engage students and parents in the learning and assessment processes. During conferences, the student shares his/her work; discusses goals for further learning, and engages in open dialogue about achievement. Teachers help facilitate the discussion between parents and students.

The benefits to student-led conferencing include:

- Students learning to use exemplars to assess their own work
- Students learn to set specific goals for improvement
- Students develop organizational and oral communication skills
- Students, parents and teachers engage in open dialogue with regards to learning expectations and student achievement.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

The Sharon Public School Website will be updated on a consistent basis. It is an excellent communication tool for students and parents. Please make sure that you check the site for new updates. Newsletters are posted to the site monthly.

www.sharon.ps.@yrdsb.ca



Remembrance Day



On Tuesday, November 11 beginning at 10:30 a.m. we will have an assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day. As always, families in our community are more than welcome to attend our Remembrance Day service.

Earlier in the day, children will be given poppies to wear to honour our country's soldiers; past and present. It is hoped that each child will contribute what they can in exchange for the poppy. Please consider sending a small donation with your child to place in the poppy box.



The Sharon P. S. ECO Skyhawks

Our 4 committee's are up and running: Energy Conservation, Waste Minimization, School Ground Greening and Environmental Stewardship.

The Eco Reps for each classroom are working hard mentoring the younger students.

The Era Banner came in and did an interview (which was published in the paper) with students from our Eco Team. It consisted of our efforts to bring a Water Bottle Filling Station to our school and also of all the great things that our Eco Team have and are accomplishing here at Sharon P.S.

We have defined some goals we would like to accomplish this year:

1. To try and receive GOLD certification for a 4th straight year.
2. Installation of a Water Bottle Filling Station.

Please click on the link to vote <https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf21244>



Elf Day at Sharon Public School

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Saturday, December 6, 2014
9 am to 2 pm**

**18532 Leslie
Street,
Sharon ON**



Fundraising to support
school activities

www.spselfday.ca

School Council Corner



Sharon Public School's first School Council meeting for the 2014-2015 school year was held on Wednesday, October 8th. Thank you to those who attended. Your support and contributions are greatly appreciated.

During that meeting, the executive for the 2014-2015 school year was established:

Chairs—Carrie Drennan and Anna-Lisa Kinch

Secretary—Leslie Schultz

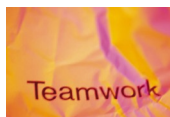
Treasurer—Cheryl Breckenridge

It's not too late to get involved. Our School Council is a partnership of Parents/Guardians, Staff and Community. Our goal is to support and promote parent, family and community engagement in support of student learning. We are always looking for new ideas and involvement on a variety of sub-committees such as fundraising, yearbook, ECO Schools, Healthy Schools, and more.

New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the SPS Library. **Hope to see you there!**

Upcoming Meetings Scheduled for the School Year:

- November 5th, 7:00 p.m.
- December 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
- February 4th, 7:00 p.m.
- April 1st, 7:00 p.m.
- June 3rd, 7:00 p.m.



School Council

The School Council is asking . . . Are you aware that donations in excess of \$25.00 made to Sharon Public School are tax deductible? The donation can be specified to support items like team jerseys, student agendas, or other programs not funded provincially. Donations can also be made unrestricted for general use.

We all enjoy renewing our favorite magazines through QSP and searching for that perfect gift on Elf Day but there maybe some of us that would like to show our support in a different way and so now you know that it's tax deductible too!

Three Pitch

Congratulations to the Junior and Intermediate 3 -pitch teams!

- ✓ Intermediate Girls
- ✓ Intermediate Boys 2nd place!
- ✓ Junior Girls
- ✓ Junior Boys

A special thank you to our student coaches Hailey F., Nyah P., Cooper J. and Theo F. for their leadership skills. Also a thank you to our parent volunteer Mr. Beetlestone for helping coach our Intermediate teams.

Thank you to our coaches Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Diakos, Ms. Korpikoski, Mrs Nagy and Mr. Baxter.

QSP Winners

We just wrapped up our Magazine Campaign as well. Thank you to all of our friends and families for their generous support!

The following students were winners during our QSP Campaign;

Grand Prize Winner - Lauren G
iPad Mini

Top individual sales - Claudia R. and Megan F.
sold 14 subscriptions

Top Money sold - Ryan Breckenridge

Top Class Sales - Mrs. Korpikoski class, followed by Mrs. Cooper's class and Mrs. Diakos' class

Spirit Days

Let's celebrate Sharon P.S. and have fun with these spirit days!

November 28th - Twin Day

December 19th - P/J Day

January 30th - Crazy Hair Day

February 27th - Stripes Day

March 27th - Jersey Day

April 24th - Hat Day

May 29th- Crazy Sock Day

June 25th - Red and White Day



School Bus Cancellation Notice



To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM 640 AM 680 AM 860 AM 1010 AM 1050 AM
1540 AM 1580 AM

88.5 FM 89.9 FM 92.5 FM 93.1 FM 94.9 FM
95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM 99.1 FM 99.9 FM
101.1 FM 102.1 FM 104.5 FM 100.7 FM 107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB on twitter.

Please note that school bus charters will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.

Lunch Cancellation

Please remember, if buses are cancelled all Lunch programs will also be cancelled.



PIANIST NEEDED



The Sharon School Choir is in desperate need of an accompanist. The Choir rehearses once a week, usually during the lunch hour (1:10 - 1:50 p.m.), but another practice time could be arranged if needed. If you, or someone you know, would be able to help the Choir out, please contact Mrs. Claxton at the school.

INTERNATIONAL FRENCH EXCHANGE FOR GRADE 7 & 8'S

Each year many Grade 8 students from across York Region participate in the International Student Exchange Program sponsored by O.I.S.E. We have had three of our students from Sharon P.S. take part in this amazing opportunity in the last few years. Students are paired with a French speaking partner, usually from France, Switzerland or Belgium. The exchange students are in Canada for the latter part of August through until Thanksgiving. The Canadian students live with their host family overseas from mid February to mid April. The application process takes place during the Grade 7 year with the exchange occurring during the Grade 8 year. A two month summer exchange program is also available. For further information about either of these amazing exchange programs, please contact Mrs. Claxton at the school.



Fundraiser

Shop at either the Toronto or Richmond Hill locations of Samko & Miko Toy Warehouse from **November 5 to November 16** and Samko & Miko will donate 10% of your purchase to Sharon Public School! Feel free to share with your friends and family.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

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SHOP

WHEN:

**November 5
to
November 16**

WHERE:

2 LOCATIONS

Toronto

**77 Fima Cres
M8W 3R1**

-or-

Richmond Hill

**60 East Beaver Creek Rd
L4B 1L3**

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STAMP

Inform the cashier that you are part of a fundraiser by providing the cashier with our group name:

Sharon Public School

They will then stamp the back of your original itemized receipt.

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SUBMIT

Submit your **ORIGINAL** itemized stamped receipt to **Sharon Public School** by **December 1, 2014**

****Keep a photocopy or scan of your receipt. Samko & Miko will accept a photocopy or scan of your receipt in the event that an item is defective and needs to be replaced****

Samko and Miko Toy Warehouse
60 East Beaver Creek,
Richmond Hill, L4B 1L3
905-771-8714

Breakfast Bin Program

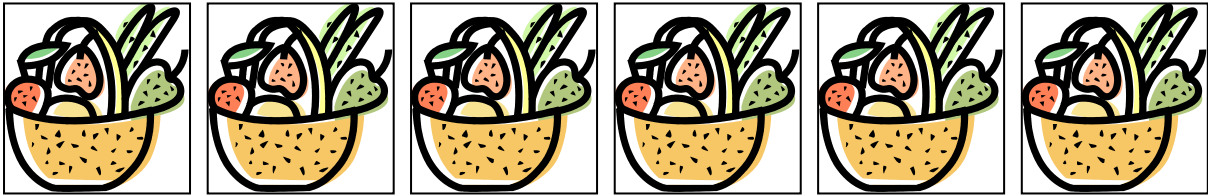
Sharon Public School has started a **Breakfast Bin Program** which provides a healthy breakfast option to all students, every day. Well-nourished students are ready to learn. They have more energy and are less distracted by hunger. The availability of free, universal school breakfast programs increases the probability that students will eat breakfast and, in turn, improve their learning.

The Student Nutrition Program of Ontario has provided partial funding to support breakfast programs; however we need **your** support to ensure program sustainability. It costs approximately \$1 per day to feed one student breakfast. As you can imagine, it is quite costly to run such a program.

Once a month, a classroom will be chosen and a letter will go home asking students from that class to bring in a box of cereal or other items needed for the program.

Also of importance is the donation of time. We are looking for volunteers. Parents and students are needed in the morning from 8:15-9:00 am to fill and deliver bins to classrooms. We need people to help with shopping for and preparing food. Also of importance is securing donations to the program from businesses within our community and from industry-provided grants.

If you are able to volunteer for the Breakfast Bin Program, please contact Karen Fletcher at kfletcher.jmhgroupinc@bell.net.



Sharon Public School Eco Team & Healthy Schools Cookbook



Thank you all Sharon P.S. Families for submitting your recipes for our Cookbook.

Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will be used to purchase a water bottle filling station for the school.