



Sharon Flyer

September, 2014

A Message From The Admin. Team

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! We are pleased to welcome back our current families and extend a special welcome to all new families. We also welcome Mrs. Newman, Ms. Warren, Miss McGeachie, Mrs. Delmar-love, Ms. Korpikoski and Mrs. Cooper to Sharon P.S.

Our school is committed to high student achievement and engagement. We look forward to continuing our work in implementing the School Improvement Plan. Our areas of focus continue to be: improving student achievement in Literacy and Math; increasing parental engagement; and, maintaining a positive school climate. We will work as a school community on these areas of continued growth to continue improved student achievement.

Mr. White and Mrs. Gilbert will work at both Queensville PS and Sharon PS. You can reach either one of us by phone or email. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the School Council. We encourage parents to consider this type of involvement with their child's education. Please look for the School Council nomination forms that your child brought home in the September Start-Up Package.

This newsletter is posted on the school web site each month. Please visit the website for ongoing information about the school.

As you know, parental involvement has a direct impact on student success. We look forward to your partnership in this endeavour. Please contact us at the school at any time.

Sincerely,

S. White, Principal and S. Gilbert, Vice Principal



Meet the Staff, Welcome to Our School Evening

This year our Meet the Staff evening will be held on **Wednesday September 24th**, from 5:30-7:30p.m. This evening is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, visit his/her classroom and find out about the routines and expectations for the year. This will not be the time for an in-depth discussion about your child. If you wish to have such a meeting, please arrange it separately with your child's teacher.

There will also be a **Book Fair** in the Library from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All proceeds go to purchasing materials for the Library. **We look forward to seeing you on September 24th!**

Sharon Public School

(905) 478-4952

Principal:

Mr. Steven White

Vice-Principal:

Mrs. Stephanie Gilbert

Superintendent:

Mr. Chris Sarellas
(905-895-5155)

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Ms. Lorelea Carruthers
(905-953-0562)

School Council Chairs:

Carrie Drennan

Anna-Lisa Kinch

Upcoming:

- **Sept. 12** Mike Wade (Author)
- **Sept. 17** Bus Safety
- **Sept. 22** PA Day
- **Sept. 24** Meet the Staff Evening
- **Sept. 24** Terry Fox Run/Walk
- **Sept. 30-Oct. 4** Safety Awareness Week
- **Oct. 3** Picture Day
- **Oct. 8** QSP Magazine Fundraiser Kick Off
- **Oct. 8** 7pm First School Council Meeting

Character Matters!

September's Character Trait is: **Respect**

We respect ourselves and treat others with courtesy, dignity, and positive regard.

We honour the rights of others.

We respect their belongings, the environment and the world around us.

Parking

Please avoid movement or blocking the bus drop off before and after school.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Every morning we contact the parents of students who are absent from school and for whom we have had no prior notification.

If you know that your child is going to be absent for a medical appointment etc., please contact the school by note or phone call **the day before**. This reduces the number of calls we have to make to parents (often interrupting them at work). If your child becomes ill overnight, please leave a message on the answering machine which is turned on when the secretary leaves at 4:00 p.m. each day.

Thank you for your diligence!



Medication

Please remember that students are not allowed to carry medication at school.



Epi Pens and puffers are the only exception due to life-threatening reasons. If your child requires medication on a daily basis, you need to fill in a form entitled '**Administration of Medication**'. The office staff will keep the medication locked in the office and administer during the lunch break. All medications must be in a bottle from the pharmacy clearly stating the child's name and dosage.

Two Epi-Pens are required at school and for all school outings.

School Council

Thank you to all that were involved in last year's School Council. Your time and effort on behalf of the students at Sharon P.S. is very much appreciated. With the beginning of a new school year comes the process of getting our School Council in place for this coming year. Our first meeting will take place on **October 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. Please consider getting involved this school year. If you are a new parent to the school, this is a wonderful opportunity to become involved with the school. We welcome all parents at our meeting.

Hope to see you then!

Important Forms to Read, Sign and Return



During the first week of school, each student brought home a package of important information:

- **YRDSB Guide to the 2014 - 2015 School Year**
- **SPS Package** (all coloured pages are forms to be removed from the package, completed by parents and returned to the school as soon as possible for each child)
- **Office Index Card** (please initial, make any updates and return for each child - whether there are changes or not).
- **Informed Consent Agreement and FOIPOP form**

It is very important that the return forms and pages be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

ECO – SCHOOLS



We are pleased to announce that we have achieved **Gold** status in Eco-School Certification! Our Eco-team worked very hard last year to achieve this goal. We are a part of the green bin program as well! Every classroom has a green bin and there are large green bins available in common areas. We encourage and teach the children to use them appropriately to continue our Eco-Schools initiatives!

OUR NEWSLETTER IS PAPERLESS!!

Please visit the Sharon PS Website and click on the **Parents & Guardians** icon near the bottom of the page. You can complete the on-line form to receive our newsletter and calendar as well as other important notices throughout the school year via email. Our newsletter will also be posted on our website monthly.



Communication

Early communication between home and school is an important step in assuring that your child gets off to a positive start in his/her educational year.

The Sharon Flyer Newsletter will be posted on our website at the beginning of each month and the calendar will be sent home on the last school day of each month. Classroom teachers will also be sending home monthly newsletters to keep you informed about your child's program and special events. If you have questions or concerns that require a meeting with a

School Organization and Staff 2014-2015

JK/SK DECE	Miss Katherine Hopkins Ms. Lisa Warren
JK/SK, Literacy DECE	Ms. Ashley LeBlanc Mrs. Dawn Hall
Grade 1	Mrs. Patti Brown
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Deb Bechberger
Grade 2	Mrs. Sheryl Diakos
Grade 3/4	Ms. Carina Korpikoski
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Sherry Cooper
Grade 5/6	Mrs. Stephanie Martin
Grade 7/8	Mr. Daryl Baxter
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Coretta Godden
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Jasmine Bick
Primary Prep	Mrs. Mathilda Delmar-love
SERT - CC	Ms. Aneesa Motiar

SERT - CC	Mrs. Michelle Patenaude
CYW	Mrs. Carol Parks
CYW	Miss Laura McGeachie
SERT - SSC	Mrs. Michelle Jones
Sp. Ed. Asst	Mrs. Renee Guitard
CYW	Mrs. Sharleen Snitman
French	Mrs. Dawn Claxton
Music	Mrs. Darlene Nagy
Reading Recovery	Mrs. Rosemary Mayhew
SERT, Library	Mrs. Cindy Galpin
Secretary	Mrs. Judy Giles Ms. Emily-Ann Smylie
Caretaking Staff	Mr. Paul O'Neil Mr. Dan Rhodes
Principal	Mr. Steven White
Vice Principal	Mrs. Stephanie Gilbert

The School Day

Entry and Attendance

8:55-9:00

Period 1 9:00 - 9:40

Period 2 9:40- 10:20

Period 3 10:20-11:00

Nutrition Break/Recess 11:00-11:30

Period 4 11:30 -12:10

Period 5 12:10-12:50

Lunch/Recess 12:50 -1:50

Period 6 1:50 - 2:30

Period 7 2:30 -3:10

Period 8 3:10-3:30

Dismissal 3:30



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 and add it to your favourites .

www.sharon.ps.yrdsb.ca

Picture Day!

Lifetouch will be at Sharon on Friday, October 3rd for School Picture Day!



Freedom of Information and Protection of Individual Privacy

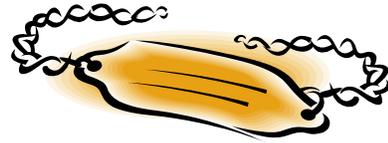
A reminder that activities throughout the school year may require the use of student names, age, grade etc. Please discuss any restrictions you may require with this information being released to the principal and inform the principal if you **do not** want your child's artwork displayed in the classroom or halls, or their picture to appear outside the school, published in the school newsletter which is posted on the school website.

Terry Fox Run/Walk

Once again this year, students and staff will participate in the Terry Fox Run-Walk in support of finding a cure for Cancer. This year we will recognize and support the efforts of the Terry Fox Foundation by holding our school run/walk on Thursday, September 24th. If you are able, please send in a Toonie for Terry.



**CREATING SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS
FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES
Re: Students with Anaphylaxis**



There are students in our school who have a life-threatening allergy to nuts which can cause an anaphylactic reaction.

Anaphylaxis is an allergic reaction that is so severe that it can cause death. The throat closes and the child cannot breathe. This allergic condition differs from any other allergic reactions in that it is life-threatening. Even contact with trace amounts of the nut allergen (through ingestion or touch) can trigger this type of reaction. The **ONLY** way to ensure a safe environment is to avoid bringing nut and nut products onto the school premises. To do this, we need everyone's cooperation.

Isolating students with anaphylaxis from the rest of the student population during lunch time does not solve the concern because upon their return to class a reaction is possible. For example, since children tend to play in such close proximity to each other, contact from someone's sticky peanut butter covered fingers is possible. As well, peanut butter or crumbs from cookies or chocolate bars, etc., can be left on rugs, desks, chairs, books or other school equipment, and no matter how hard we try to clean these areas. When the child returns to class, a severe reaction is possible.

The child who suffers an anaphylactic reaction must be administered an EpiPen® and transferred immediately to the local hospital. If the ambulance is delayed, a second EpiPen® must be administered.

Avoidance is the key in preventing the occurrence of these reactions. It is for this reason that we asked for your co-operation in refraining from sending peanut products and by-products to school. We hope that you will be able to support us in this regard to reduce the risk factor.

Please check the ingredients label on any food you may send with your child for lunch or snack. Ensure that peanuts/tree nuts are not listed in the ingredients. Also ensure, that there is no warning of "may contain traces of peanuts/tree nuts" or "manufactured in a facility that handles peanuts/tree nuts". The warning may vary between manufacturers but they will identify if there is a risk that the food product contains nuts. Examples of tree nuts are almonds, pecans, walnuts, cashews etc. If there is no warning on the ingredients label and no peanut/tree nuts listed, then you may send the food item for your child.

Celebrating Birthdays—We appreciate the excitement children have around celebrating their birthday with their classmates. Due to the number of food allergies in the school, we appreciate that families **find alternatives to sending food into the school** to celebrate their child's birthday. Some ideas for sharing are stickers, pencils, etc.

Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:



All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

LUNCH TIME PROCEDURES

According to the York Region District School Board Policy 335.0, “Students are encouraged to go home for lunch wherever the length of the lunch hour and distance makes it practical.” At Sharon Public School, some students can take advantage of lunch at home. The exercise and the break from the school are viewed by the school as beneficial to students.

It is recognized that many of our students need to have lunch at school regularly and others on an occasional basis. To accommodate these needs, the school has School Assistants who supervise the students during this time. Students must have prior written permission from a parent/guardian to leave school property during the lunch hour. For safety reasons, students are not permitted to walk South along Leslie Street. **If you are interested in being a paid School Assistant (12:40—1:00 p.m.), please contact Mrs. Giles at 905-478-4952.**

For students who eat lunch at school, it is expected that

- They will eat lunch in the designated area at their own desks
- They will remain on school property unless otherwise directed
- They will observe all school behaviour expectations



Healthy Schools—What’s In Your Child’s Lunch Bag?

On average, many children consume too much fat, sugar and salt and not enough vegetables, fruit or whole grain foods. Unhealthy lunches at school may be contributing to poor eating habits.

The next time you pack your child’s lunch, keep the following tips in mind:

1. **Involve your children** in planning what to pack for lunch. Use [Canada’s Food Guide](#) to show children how much of each food group they need for a healthy diet. Include three out of four food groups in every lunch.
2. **Don’t cave** to your kids requests for pre-packed commercial lunches. These lunches miss many of the food groups and are often very high in salt, sugar and fat and low in fibre. Instead, use a plastic container to pack your own food. Include whole grain crackers or bread, low fat cheese and fruit, or soft whole grain tortillas, lean meat, salsa and lettuce to make a taco.
3. If you include lunch meats, and are seeking those that are preservative-free, **don’t fall for the natural varieties**. These contain celery extract which is naturally high in nitrates. Nitrates, whether they come from vegetable or synthetic sources, have the potential to form cancer-causing nitrosamines. A healthier alternative would be to plan ahead and make roast chicken, beef or pork for dinner and use the leftovers to make sandwiches that you can freeze and pull out first thing in the morning.
4. **Can the pop!** One can of pop has 9-12 teaspoons of sugar. Purchase 100 per cent juice rather than pop, cocktail, drink or “ade”. You could also join the school milk program which will ensure cold milk every day.
5. **Remember that treats aren’t the enemy!** Although not an everyday fare, an occasional one packed in a lunch can be a nice surprise. A treat doesn’t always have to be food! Surprise your child with a note inside the lunchbox - a riddle, rhyme or even a reminder of a fun event coming up.
6. Last but not least, before packing any food in the lunch bag, **always read the food labels** and be sure that ingredients do not contain nuts or peanuts.
Start the day with a healthy breakfast. Skipping breakfast or eating something like a doughnut will not provide the energy they need for the day and can also affect their grades.

Finally, end the day as well as you started it. If your child is successful in trading away their whole-grain sandwich for their friend’s cake, make sure what is on the dinner plate makes up for it!

For more information:

[Nutrition Matters: Packing Healthy School Lunches](#)
[Nutrition Matters: Snacks that Make the Grade](#)

Do you have questions on nutrition and healthy eating? Contact *EatRight Ontario* at 1-877-510-5102 to speak to a Registered Dietitian.

Healthy Measures: Eat Well, Be Active and Be Yourself!

PROMOTING SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS OF FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT ANCESTRY

The York Region District School Board provides an opportunity for students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit ancestry to self-identify. The process is voluntary and the information gathered will be kept confidential.

The self-identification process is the first step in providing:

Culturally specific learning opportunities or activities;

Additional support for academic achievement and well-being, including designated support staff;

Communication between schools, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education staff, Aboriginal students and their families;

Connections to post-secondary institutions, community groups, service providers and other partners;

More learning opportunities for all members of the school community to develop a greater understanding of Aboriginal perspectives, cultures and histories.

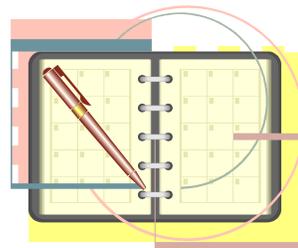
New students can self-identify when they register with the Board. Current students can complete an Aboriginal Self-Identification Form which can be obtained from their school.

For further information, please see the Information for Parents and Students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry brochure available from the school or speak with the school principal.

School Agenda Planners

Please note that students have received school agenda planners this school year. The school information that was included in these planners in past years has also been included in the SPS Start -Up package and is posted on the school website.

Thank you to Sharon School Council for supporting the purchase of this years planners.



Visitors and Volunteers in Our Schools

For the safety of our students and staff, **ALL VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS** must report to the office and sign-in. If you are picking up your child from school early please wait at the Office while a staff member calls your child from class. Visitors and volunteers working in the school must wear a visitor's or volunteer's badge which is available at the office when you sign-in.

All volunteers must complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening Form (Criminal Background Check) through the York Region Police specifically for the YRDSB (or an Annual Offence Declaration Form if you are a returning volunteer that has a VSS form on file with the school).

Please help us by saving your magazine orders and renewals for our Magazine Fundraising Program

S.O.S.!

(SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS)



OUR FAMILY READING MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER IS RETURNING SOON - AND THIS YEAR IT IS BIGGER AND BETTER! INTRODUCING MAGAZINES & MEMORIES - NEW THIS YEAR – PHOTO PRODUCTS!

Each year, we hold our magazine subscription fundraiser to raise money to benefit our students while also encouraging more at home reading. The success of the program depends on your participation.

“To Remember This” – New this year! Make your own photo keepsakes! Choose from cards, calendars, stickers, posters, photo books, chore charts, and more! You can create your own keepsake, share your keepsake online, or give as gifts. You make the memories and this program helps you keep them!

Please save your magazine subscription renewals for our sale. It is only when you renew directly through our program that our school receives any profit from your order.

If you are anxious to renew before the official campaign begins, you can support us today by shopping online! It's easy . . . visit www.QSP.ca! All early orders will count towards your child's rewards.

Plan Ahead and Help Even More.....



Think ahead of photo invitations, holiday cards, etc., you may need. Order now and create them when you need them.

Consider giving magazine subscriptions as gifts this year!
Each issue acts as a reminder of your thoughtfulness!

Order a subscription for your child! Children love receiving mail and it's proven that reading print material benefits children far greater than reading material online.

Let friends and family know about our upcoming fundraiser. Send them an email using the email service at www.QSP.ca and your child will receive a thank you reward

Thank you in advance for your support. We count on your participation!

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation



This letter is to inform you about the introduction of Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL), which takes effect on July 1, 2014. CASL prohibits the sending of any type of electronic message that is commercial in nature unless the recipient has provided specific and informed consent.

As a result, York Region District School Board and Sharon Public School **requires your consent to receive any electronic messages which contain advertising or promotions regarding school fundraisers, lunch programs, field trips, the sale of yearbooks, purchasing of student photos, books, prom or dance tickets, athletic events with an entry fee or similar events and offers.**

Please take a few moments to visit our school website at www.yrdsb.ca/schools/sharon.ps. At the bottom right-hand corner of the school website, you may enter your e-mail address to subscribe to electronic communications of a commercial nature. You may choose to unsubscribe at anytime.

A screenshot of the Sharon Public School website. The header includes the York Region District School Board logo, school name "Sharon Public School", address "18532 Leslie St., Sharon, ON L0G 1V0", phone "(905) 478-4952", and fax "(905) 478-1015". There are dropdown menus for "Staff" and "Students" with "--Select an Application--" options. A "Google Custom Search" box is also present. The navigation menu includes "Sharon P.S.", "School Information", "News & Events", "Classrooms", "Students", "Parents", "Library", and "School Council". A "You Are Here" breadcrumb trail shows "Schools : Sharon P.S.". A "Google Translate" button is in the bottom right of the header area.

Parents/Guardians: Enter your e-mail address to **subscribe** to electronic communications of a commercial nature.

You may also choose to [unsubscribe](#) at anytime.