



DECEMBER 2014

*Character
Matters!*

From The Office



December's

Character Trait is

EMPATHY

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Leo Buscaglia



For the safety of our students, no peanuts or nut products please!



The Sutton Stinger

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Parent's Corner—Reading

What makes someone a good reader? Research tells us that good readers use strategies to make sure they understand the author's message. Readers reread, visualize, make connections, infer, and synthesize to make sure they understand the meaning of the text. A text can be a book, a recipe, a sign, instructions, a song, a poem, a picture and much more.

You can help your child become a better reader by helping him/her make sense of what is read. By asking questions such as, "What is the story about so far?", "What is the author trying to tell us?", "What is the main idea of this article?" you are helping your child THINK while reading. By following up with "What makes you think that?" you are helping your child support his/her thinking with proof.

Now is a great time to help your child understand the difference between explicit information (what the text actually says) and its implicit meaning (the hidden meaning) because there are so many advertisements and sales. Asking your child to notice the difference between what the ad says and what he/she interprets it to say is an important life skill.

Holiday Celebration:

The Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 10th starting at 6:00 pm in the gymnasium. The school will be opened for entry at 5:30 pm so parents can bid on our Holiday Baskets which are being auctioned off by the school council. Thank you to our community partners and parents for their donations for the baskets. During the concert there will be songs and skits presented by our students. Parking is always a problem during this time of year. Please plan to car pool and there is extra parking available at Sutton District High School.

Happy Holidays to our Families:

Warm greetings to the families celebrating during this holiday season! This is the time for families to get together to appreciate the memories of the past and to build future memories. People celebrate the holidays in many different ways. Love warms our hearts and hope promises us a bright future. The staff at Sutton PS wish the families of their school community a peaceful holiday season and happiness in the New Year.

Kind regards and **happy holidays** from Sutton PS P+ team,

Roxanne Hibberd
Principal

Gillian McDowell
Vice Principal

Terry-Cariglia Bull
P+ Teacher

Aimee Coulter
P+ CYW

Greg Jaski
Literacy/Numeracy Teacher

Events



December

Gr. 7\8 Immunization	5th
Christmas Hat Day	5th
Parent Council Meeting	8th
Holiday Concert	10th
Red and Green Day	12th
Glitter Day	15th
Christmas Character Day	16th
Christmas Sweater Day	17th
Candy Cane Day (Red and White)	18th
Pajama Day for JK's and Mrs. Craven's Class	19th
Winter Break	22nd to 5th
January	
1st Day Bay	5th

York Region Mission:

To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

What's Happening @ Sutton P.S.

2014 Volunteer Award of Merit—Georgina

Pam Hambley, Sutton PS Healthy Schools Coordinator, was recognized on Tuesday, November 25th at the ROC Chalet for her contributions to the betterment of our Georgina community. Pam, a long time resident of Sutton, is an inspirational woman who exemplifies the character traits of the school board and the community. Pam is a strong voice in our school community. When she feels that either the students or staff require more support from the board or community she is ready to write a letter, make a phone call, or attend a meeting. She promotes the positive spirit of the school as she works toward getting the best for our students and, in turn, she expects the best from them. She believes in the students and staff at the school!



Pam starts at 7:00 am every weekday morning to prepare the breakfast for our students and stays until noon making lunches so that they are available for those who need this service. She is here every day and has organized a great team of volunteers to help her. She shops weekly and completes the accounting for the program. She also runs the pizza lunch and ensures the food she brings into the school complies with the *Healthy Schools* requirement from the board. When grants become available she applies for them so we receive the help needed for our students.

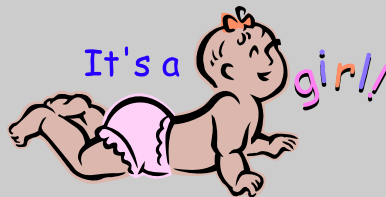
Pam is such a positive role model for what a community member should be. She cares about the students, staff and our school but she also cares about the Georgina community. She has a strong character and work ethic that engages others around her. Obstacles don't stop her enthusiasm and vision of succeeding at any challenge. The lady does not give up! Her intelligence and prolific voice opens many doors because she makes a strong case about what is equitable for our community.

Welcome Olivia!

The staff and students would like to welcome the newest member of the Sutton Public School family.

Olivia Keslick was born on December 3, 2014, weighing 9 lbs 8 oz.

Congratulations Mrs. Flynn and family!!!



For Your Information...

French Immersion

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Keswick P.S. on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2015, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Keswick P.S. to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2015

Kindergarten registration will commence on **January 16, 2015** for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

Dreambox

Dreambox is an interactive online math game. The game adjusts to your child's strengths and next steps. Our school's free trial period has been extended until September 2015. If your child would like to access the game from home, the website address is <https://play.dreambox.com/login/pwte/suttonps>. Students need to click on their classroom icon and enter their personal logins in order to play. If your child is using an iPad, a Dreambox app can be downloaded. The school code for the app is pwte/suttonps.

Enjoy the learning!

No Parking in the Kiss and Ride Zone

Despite signage stating the area is a Kiss and Ride Zone, cars are parking to drop off or pick up students. The driveways are fire and evacuation routes. We need to keep the flow of traffic moving through our parking lot and keep our students and community members safe. Please remember to enter the parking lot staying to the right. Drop off your child(ren) in the KISS and RIDE zone and circle around and exit. If you are coming into the school or need to get out of your car to help your child, please follow the flow of traffic and park in a designated parking spot. Parents are having difficulty getting into the parking lot and are caught waiting on the road for cars to exit. Please don't park and get out of your car in the Kiss and Ride. Another way to help with the traffic flow is to walk your child to school. Daily physical exercise for your child before school starts gets them ready and alert for learning. Sometimes, as parents, we forget that big hill we had to walk up (going to school and going home) in the snowstorm as we navigated the five miles.

Recess—Elementary

All students are expected to go out for recess and lunch hour, weather permitting. If a student is well enough to attend school, then he or she will benefit from short periods of outdoor exercise. Schools do not have supervised health room facilities. Recess, entry and dismissal times, and lunch time are supervised. Students should dress comfortably and appropriately according to weather conditions.

Recess Playground Expectations:

Each school's code of conduct outlines acceptable behaviour for students. During playground time, the code of conduct applies and includes the following:

- ♦ Harmful behaviour toward others is not acceptable (eg. Play fighting, piggybacks, pushing, rock/stone/sand/snowball throwing, etc.).
- ♦ Show respect for students, staff members, visitors and volunteers.
- ♦ Swearing is not permitted.
- ♦ Spitting is not acceptable, whether playing sports or not.
- ♦ All students are responsible for keeping school property clean and tidy.
- ♦ Students must only play in designated areas.
- ♦ Only Kindergarten students are allowed in the Kindergarten play area.
- ♦ Tag games and ball games are prohibited on playground climbers.

Parent Council

The school council provides advice on school matters. The council includes parents/guardians, school staff and community members. School council involvement gives you the opportunity to be part of a team working to ensure a high quality of education. All parents/guardians and members of the school community are welcome to attend meetings.

www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/getinvolved.html

**The Next Parent Council Meeting is December 8, 2014
6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**



THE FAMILY PLACE

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Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday

9:30am-1:30pm

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THE YORK CENTRE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES PRESENTS ITS

25th Anniversary

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 21, 2014

4:00 p.m.

Unionville Alliance Church

**4898 16th Avenue, Unionville
(just west of McCowan Rd.)**



Special Guests

Michael Burgess

Jackalyn Short

Mark Masri

Toronto Mass Choir

Young Singers Children's Chorus

*For tickets call: 905-887-5896 or
905-294-5230 (evenings)*

Ticket Prices: General admission: \$25

Group rate: \$20 (groups of 15 or more)

Reserved seating also available - \$40 & \$50

